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Baptism, the Lord's Supper, and Leviticus

Thayer Salisbury

"Why do we fight over baptism and the Lord's Supper?" I am not sure that I have ever heard the question asked in just those words, but questions like that come up regularly. Some Christians, while knowing what the scriptures teach about these ceremonies, cannot understand why it matters if some people do not agree with the Bible's teaching. "Can it really matter," they would ask, "if people do not properly understand these ceremonies, as long as their hearts are right with God?"

I found an answer to this question in an unexpected place. I found the answer in Leviticus.

The book of Leviticus is one of the least studied books in the Bible. It is thought of as a book of rules for the Old Testament priests. It is not considered important for us today. Yet it is one of the books that Jesus quotes when he is asked about the greatest of God's commandments (Mt 22:39). We ought to study Leviticus.

Christians know that without holiness we will not see God (Heb 12:14). Yet few have studied the idea of holiness.

ness. Leviticus is a book about holiness. The exact approach to holiness given in Leviticus is not to be followed today. We are not under the Mosaic Law anymore, but we can learn some useful principles from Leviticus. Leviticus was written to help the Israelites be holy. Some of what they learned from Leviticus is useful to us. We can learn how they became holy and how they were to remain holy. Learning this will help us to live holy lives also.

Holiness: Ceremonial and Moral

The ancient idea of holiness is very different from the idea of holiness that is common today. When people today speak of holiness they normally mean morally upright. A morally upright person is considered holy. This is very different from the idea of holiness that

existed at the time of Leviticus. At that time holiness was a ceremonial matter, not a moral matter.

The root idea of holiness is separation. Persons or things, which are separated for special use, are called holy. Anyone or anything that has not been set apart is ordinary or unclean. The ordinary should not be used in the service of God. Only those who have been set apart should serve him. They should use only the objects that have been set apart in serving him. To make holy means to separate or set apart for special use. To remain holy demands that this separateness be maintained.

The root idea of holiness is separation

Before God gave the laws in Leviticus, the idea of separation was understood but the separateness was only a matter of ceremony. In most ancient religions the holy people and holy objects were made holy by ceremony. There was no moral element involved in the idea of holiness. Most of the religions in Canaan

before the Israelites arrived included acts of prostitution. The women (and men) who did these sins were considered "holy." There were also ordinary prostitutes who engaged in sex acts just for pay. But cult prostitutes were those whose immoralities were acts of worship to the gods. They had been set apart by ceremonies to perform fertility rituals to the pagan gods. The fact that they were constantly engaging in immorality was

not considered unholy, for their idea of

holiness was entirely ceremonial.

In the book of Leviticus the world was introduced to a new idea of holiness. The holiness taught in Leviticus still involved many kinds of ceremonial holiness but it introduced moral requirements as well. As we read on through the Bible we find less and less emphasis being placed on setting people apart by means of ceremony. In the New Testament our separation from the world is viewed mostly in moral rather than ceremonial terms. Second Timothy 2 tells us, "In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for noble purposes and some for ignoble. If a man cleanses himself

from the latter, he will be an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work. Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart." (2 Tim 2:20-22)

The emphasis here is on setting apart people rather than things. New Testament worship has none of the "holy" objects used in the tabernacle worship. The emphasis is on setting people apart by righteousness, faith, love and peace. Yet the ceremonial aspect never disappears from the biblical concept of holiness.

Even in the New Testament there is a ceremonial aspect of holiness. Since we are saved by grace there must always be a ceremonial aspect to our

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Haiti Second Mission Trip Report

'n the February 2003 issue of the Gospel Herald was a report of Jean Volcy's First Mission Trip to Haiti. Jean, who is a native of Haiti, and an elder of the Strathmore Blvd. Congregation in Toronto, returned to Haiti in December 2002 with a mission to establish a congregation of the Lord's Church in his hometown of Fonds-Parisien. With the aid of Jean T. Elmera, evangelist at Delmas 28 in Port-au-Prince, several brethren from that congregation, Voltaire Edouard, evangelist and some brethren from the Petite Place Cazeau congregation, and Yvon Beaudoin of Quebec City, Canada, a successful campaign was realized.

In Fonds-Parisien a place for worship that can seat about 100 people was found. The Building was under construction and the brethren helped to complete it to a degree that it could be used for the week of meetings. This included building benches for seating, finishing the floor, etc

During the 8-day campaign (December 15 through 22, 2002), attendance was approximately 200 and there were 12 baptisms including Jean's sister. With God's grace the church was established there as planned.

A year later, December 2003, Jean with his wife Marie, and their daughters Lutchelle, Vanessa, and Jennifer returned to Haiti to strengthen and encourage the new work. From December 17 through January 7 they visited with the new congregation and the people in the community, and distributed clothing and other items. They organized a party for the children in the community, distributed some toys and candies from the piñatas, etc. Food was prepared

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Jean Volcy at the party organized for the needy children of of Fonds-Parisien About 50 children received gifts.

and over 100 needy children and some adults were fed. The members of the new congregation received extra, uncooked cereals, i.e. rice as well.

Once again with the aid of Jean T. Elmera, evangelist at Delmas 28 in A meal was prepared for over 100 needy brethren from that congregation, Voltaire Edouard,



Port-au-Prince and several children. Food items were also distributed to the members of the new congregation.

evangelist and some brethren from the Petite Place Cazeau congregation another successful 8-day campaign was realized this year. There were 4 baptisms during this campaign bringing the total number of members to 17 (there was 1 baptism in September 2002).

There are some financial challenges that we would share with readers of the Herald. Any who would like to help can contact Jean Volcy at Church of Christ, 346 Strathmore Blvd., Toronto, ON. M4C 1N3. These needs are:

- 1. Support for workers expenses going to Fonds-Parisien from Port-au-Prince of \$ 200 U.S. per month
- 2. \$200 U.S. per month to help feed some of the needy children
 - 3. Rental for the church building of \$600 U.S. per year **Future Needs**
- 4. About \$20,000 U.S. will be needed soon to purchase land to build a place of worship and a combined orphanage type cafeteria/primary school building. The need is great!

We give thanks to God for this work and pray his blessings and guidance as this new congregation grows in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

EDITORIAL

Camping Near Sodom

Wayne Turner



hat was the most unforgettable moment in the 2004 Super Bowl? By now, you may not even remember (or care) who won or even played. But is there anyone who is not aware of what happened during the half-time show or of the reaction it caused? As Justin Timberlake and

Janet Jackson completed the final song of the show, Timberlake pulled a piece of Jackson's costume off, exposing her breast to an estimated 89 million viewers. Media and public outrage led to public apologies by both performers, with Jackson taking full responsibility for her "costume malfunction." The U.S. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has promised that there will be an investigation with possible fines. Television networks are suddenly taking great pains to cut potentially offensive, momentary indecent flashes of skin.

Some people could be reasonably surprised by this commotion. Over the past decades, television has been far from a bastion of decency and modesty. "Channel surfers" know that for some time, television, especially cable, has shown programs that include full frontal nudity, even in prime time hours. In light of this, the furor over Janet Jackson's display seems totally disproportionate. Should anyone have been surprised that such an act ended a song with the lyric "I'm gonna have you naked by the end of this song"? For many people, the whole half-time show was questionable. FCC chief Michael Powell said the whole show angered him, not just the Jackson-Timberlake ending. And, while many people are decrying the performance, others are applauding it and wishing that more had been exposed.

Given the amoral nature of North American culture and the immorality so prevalent in the entertainment industry, we may never know why this one event has received so much attention. As Christians, this should remind us of the need to continually be aware that the ungodliness of the world around us is continually working to desensitize us to sin and compromise our lives and examples. We need to remember the lesson from Lot and his family.

In Genesis 13, Abraham and Lot, his nephew, had come into conflict because their households had grown too large to remain together. Abraham gave Lot the choice of which direction he wanted to go. Ignoring the spiritual and moral bankruptcy of the cities of the plain, Lot chose the fertile and beautiful Jordan valley which was "like the garden of the Lord" and "pitched his tents near Sodom." (NIV) In chapter 19, when the angels warned him about the doom coming on the cities of the plain, Lot and his family were living in Sodom. His daughters were engaged to men of the town, who wouldn't believe Lot's warning and leave with his family. Against God's instructions, Lot's wife turned to look back. Later, in an "end justifies the means" strategy, fearing that they would never be married and have children, his daughters got their father drunk and committed incest with him. Later, Peter calls him "righteous Lot" and notes how distressed and tormented he was living in Sodom (2 Peter 2:7,8). Yet, despite Lot's pain,

Sodom obviously desensitized his family to sin and its consequences. How different would the story have been if Lot's choice had been based on the basis of the spiritual welfare of his family, rather than the beauty and desirability of the Jordan Valley?

In our world, entertainment has been both a leader of social values as well as a reflection of them. It has often pandered to puerile voyeurism. It has fed and empowered moral decline. Entertainment could only have gone where there was financial support, and life has followed art. Christians should not be surprised. Paul noted nearly 2,000 years ago that non-Christians do things so shameful that Christians should not even speak about them. We should be saddened by the insensitivity of any people who profess to know Christ but who are no longer grieved by sin and who have become non-combatants in the war against Satan. Neither they nor they families are concerned about what entertainment they watch, what places they go

or even whether or not they (or their children) marry a Christian. They live in the world and are no different from the world. To similar people in his day, Paul laments "I could not address you as spiritual but as worldly - mere infants in Christ." (1 Corinthians 3:1) The church at Corinth existed in one of the most immoral cities of the first century world. Paul noted that to avoid association with the immoral and ungodly people of the world would mean the impossible task of leaving the world. Similarly, we must recognize that, like Lot, we are camping near Sodom. In fact, we aren't just near Sodom, we live in it. Every day, Satan is bombarding us with words, ideas, pictures, and thoughts - anything he can to desensitize us to sin, to make us seek the selfish and carnal pleasures that draw us away from God. He is telling parents to stay quiet and passively allow (and even encourage) our culture to mold and shape their children's values and lives.

Standing up for what is right is neither easy nor popular. As God's people, we must have the courage to follow His word, set examples worthy of being followed and teach our children to shun the call of Sodom.

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Leadership for Congregational Growth

(Editors note: January 30 through February 1 I had the privilege of speaking at the 12th annual Ministry Couples' Retreat in Liverpool, New York. This weekend provides an opportunity for elders, preachers, and their wives, to spend time in study, discussion, and fellowship. The theme for the weekend was Leadership for Congregational Growth. I was impressed with the activity and recommend it as a way to encourage and build up church leaders. This month, I want to share with you some of the content of a presentation I used that weekend.)

Jesus came to earth to give himself for mankind and pay the debt owed because of sin. In his example one can see the perfect example of leadership that ought to be the model for all Christians who desire to lead in the church today. As a ransomed person the leader of today needs to be willing to lay down his life for the sheep. One does this by becoming like Jesus.

Jesus had to humble himself and come to earth to be our Saviour (Philippians 2:5 – 8). The leader of the Lord's Church must be humble as he takes on the task of leading people to a closer relationship with God. He, of course, has every reason to be humble since he himself is simply "a sinner saved by grace". Humility is the necessary motivation making one willing to pay the cost required in providing leadership.

The ransomed servant will be faithful in carrying out his leadership even when the "sheep" are under attack. In John 10 Jesus talks about himself as the "good shepherd". He says the "hired hand" runs away when the wolf comes. Of himself, however, he says, "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me – just as the Father knows me and I know the Father – and I lay down my life for the sheep" (John 10:14, 15).

Jesus told his disciples that he was sending them into the world to proclaim the good news and that they would suffer at the hands of evil men. If they would be good leaders they must be willing to pay the price of serving him. For the leader, then and now, part

of that suffering is bearing the burden of the churches. Seeing to the feeding and care of the flock of God; hurting with and binding up the wounds of those who are hurting; by walking in the example of the Chief Shepherd. Jesus came to give life and "life to the full" to his flock. The leadership of the church today must help the flock to find and enjoy this "full and abundant life" that comes from God.

This aspect of the leadership role is seen in Paul's instruction to the Ephesian elders in Acts 20. "Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. So be on your guard" (Acts 20:28 - 31a). Enemies of the Master continue to distort the truth in an attempt to lead disciples away from the true and living way of God. One of the major roles of leadership in the Lord's Church today must be keeping the pure teaching of God before the flock so they can walk the narrow way

The requirements for elders and deacons in Timothy and Titus show the importance of a leader being a man who has experienced the joy of being ransomed, and this joy of salvation makes him live his life in humble devotion and service to God. One of his main tasks is that of helping others learn to

live for Christ, therefore, he must display the "quality Christian life" in his daily dealings with all – those at home, his neighbours, those in the body, and those without who observe his lifestyle. Example will go far in establishing his worth as a leader of God's people.

Peter, who had left his nets to follow Jesus, understood the importance of example for those who would be leaders in the church. In talking to fellow elders he reminds them of the need to be "examples to the flock". (See 1 Peter 5:1 - 3). Leaders in the church must humbly show the proper example of devotion to study, prayer, and ministry. One cannot lead where he has not been and unless one is truly committed to personal growth and service in the Kingdom he cannot lead others there. Therefore, the qualifications of the elders and deacons are given to show the type of person needed to lead and feed the Church of God.

The leader does not need to "shine his light" by bragging about his work and service in the Lord. Rather, as people observe the life of the leader they will see the light shining by that life. A person should not be appointed to the work of elder or deacon until they have shown their commitment to the Lord and his church by their

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Committed to the Flames

Donald Perry

We sometimes hear brethren wording prayers of thanks for our freedom of worship without being molested. We can appreciate that more when we read reports of persecution and death of missionaries in our present day. This most frequently takes place in countries where other religions dominate. But in the history of Christianity we find many examples of committed Christians being persecuted and put to death for the courage of their convictions. And this took place in what we now referred to as enlightened and civilized countries.

I have been reading a booklet, published in 1927 on The Scottish Reformation, by D. Hay Fleming, published by the Scottish Reformation Society, Edinburgh, Scotland. This book records something of the opposition to reforms by a corrupt and ingrained form of Christianity in Scotland in the 15th and 16th centuries. It illustrates committed Christians who were committed to the flames. It illustrates something of what takes place when religions and politics become entwined. But first a little background history.

John Wiclif (Wyclif) (1320-1384) became the leader of a strong reformation movement that spread over England, into Scotland and certain parts of the continent. John Hus (1369-1415), a professor of the University of

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A considerable number of leading reformers were burned at the stake

people. Pope Gregory XI in 1377 condemned Wiclif. The English Parliament protected him at that time. His followers, called Lollards, numbered many nobles. But in 1401 when heresy was made a capital offence in England, the mere possession of Wiclif's writings was punishable by death.

John Hus, in the meantime, placed himself as the head of a reformation movement in Bohemia. He was a powerful preacher and occupied the most influential pulpit in Prague. The whole nation rallied behind him in the cause of church reform. Hus was excommunicated, first by the Archbishop of Prague and next by the pope. He was summoned before the Council of Constance where he was condemned as a heretic and burned at the stake. When his colleague, Jerome of Prague, was burned at the stake, it precipitated the Husite War.

The original Celtic Church of Scotland was gradually supplanted by Romanizing changes carried out by the princes and kings of Scotland. Great wealth was amassed by the church. It came to own half of the property of the kingdom. Magnificent cathedrals, luxurious abbeys, and beautiful churches were built. Money was sent to Rome. The poverty of the people increased

as the wealth of the church increased. The people lost faith in their religion. "True faith was not quickened by invoking saints, nor was genuine piety exalted by venerating images" (page 5). "In 1549 a General Convention and Provincial Council of the Church was held in Edinburgh, and the statutes it passed were prefaced by the humbling confession that the crass ignorance of Churchmen of almost all ranks was one of the causes of the troubles and heresies of the time" (page 7). Quintin Kennedy, Abbot of Crosraquel, said that a man might hold high office in the Church "although his mule, perchance, knew the duties as well." There were many indications that the body of the people had ceased to have any real regard for the old Church. One of the canons of the Provincial Council of 26th January 1551-2 "sets forth that, even in the most populous parishes, very few of the parishioners come to mass or to sermon: that in time of service, jesting and irreverence go on within the church, sports and secular business in the porch and the churchyard."(page 8).

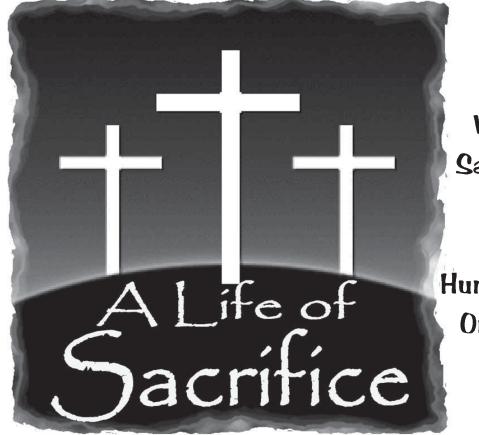
In 1329 the Pope gave permission for the crowning and anointing of the Scottish kings in the future by the bishop of St. Andrews, but he stipulated that the bishop should exact an oath from the sovereigns binding them to strive to their utmost to root out of their kingdom all whom the Church should denounce as heretics. Wiclif died on the 31st of December 1384. and when his disciples were scattered by persecution some of them fled into Scotland. James Resby was burned to death at Perth in 1407. He was described as an English presbyter of Wiclif's school. Nonetheless these "same heresies continued to be cherished in Scotland" (page 10). However, it is evident that the higher authorities did not cherish them. In 1416, at a Congregation of the University of St. Andrews "it was enacted that all who commenced masters of arts should swear, among other things, that they

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example of devotion to the word and way of God. A preacher should not be supported by the church unless he shows by his life his commitment and devotion to the cause of Christ and his willingness to serve rather than be served. (I use the example of elder, deacon, and preacher here because of their "high profile" in the church community.) However, understand that anyone who would lead must show, by his lifestyle example, that the Lord and his work are a priority in his life.

Jesus showed every day of his ministry that he was willing to serve. He healed the sick, raised the dead, gave sight to the blind, fed the hungry, etc., and often worked late into the night to minister. Much of his time was spent with crowds of people thronging around to hear his message and to get whatever they sought from him. It would have been easy to miss the individual hurting person while in the midst of this pressing crowd. Unfortunately leaders can get so focused on big projects and large numbers, which they miss those single hurting persons who are also in

need of the loving touch of God's love. Some of Jesus crowning acts of leadership involved his seeing one person and having a concern to the point that he was willing to share with them and minister to them one on one. For example, the woman at the well was in great need of love and support as well as direction for her life. Jesus took the time to talk with her and lead her to a better understanding of the will of God. (John 4)

In Luke 18 and 19 there are two outstanding examples of this ability of Jesus to see around the throng and see the individual hurting soul. One was a beggar, sitting by the roadside near Jericho, who called out to Jesus as he passed by. While those around this fellow were trying to shut him up, Jesus heard his call and

stopped to find out his need. What an example of seeing the poor as worthy of attention and of God's love. In Jericho he further shows this caring spirit for the individual as he reaches out to the tax collector... hated by all... Zacchaeus. Salvation came to Zacchaeus' house that day because Jesus was not blinded to the need of one by the pressures and demands of the many. These examples from the life of Jesus in serving the individual are worthy examples to all leaders today who would desire to serve like the master.

One of the great examples of Jesus in leadership happened near to the end of his life on earth. These events in the upper room (John 13) are perhaps the greatest challenge to leaders of his entire ministry, next to his actual death on the cross. It was a very powerful display of humble, servant leadership! Possibly there were others in the room who felt the same as Peter did as he saw the events unfolding. "He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?'" (13:6). Jesus answers

him in the affirmative and tells Peter he will understand in time. However, Peter then says, "'No,...you shall never wash my feet" (13:8a). Following some further discussion, Jesus goes ahead to wash the feet of Peter and the rest of the 12...by the way, this included Judas!! I expect there was a great stillness in the room during this exchange between Peter and the Lord. Finally, the task is done and Jesus putting his garments back on returns to his place at the table. At this point Jesus is ready to teach a great lesson.

"'Do you understand what I have done for you?' he asked them. 'You call me Teacher and Lord, and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you'" (John 13:12b – 15). They did not fully understand the implications of this statement at that time but surely did later. The truly ransomed servant will be willing to serve in whatever way is needed and will, by that example, be a great leader and

blessing among God's people. Someone has called this the ministry of the towel. It is a shame that sometimes people today want to get into long, loud discussions about whether this statement of Jesus means that we should have some sort of foot-washing activity in the worship. The message of this example for those who would be leaders among the Lord's people is that service in the name of Christ in whatever way is required, be it some physical task or in teaching a person the good news, is not unimportant or beneath the servants dignity.

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would resist all adherents of the sect of Lollards" (page 10). About this time several martyrs were burned at the stake. One in 1422 in the diocese of Glasgow. Paul Craw, another victim, was tried at St. Andrews on the 23rd of July 1433, found to be "an obstinate heretic, and thereafter condemned, brought to the fire, and burned to ashes" (page 11). From John Knox it is learned that a ball of brass was put into his mouth to prevent him confessing his faith to the people and vindicating himself. In France the same object was occasionally used, and sometimes the victims were silenced by cutting out their tongues.

Alarmed by the spread of Lutheranism on the Continent, the Scottish Parliament in 1525 forbade stranger to bring any books or works of Luther's disciples into the kingdom. From a letter of one of Cardinal Wolsey's agents, it is know that by this time several Scottish merchants were buying up copies of Tyndal's New Testament and carrying them to Scotland. On the 28th of May 1540, Sir John Borthwick, a confidential and favourite servant of King James the Fifth, was summoned before the Cardinal at St. Andrews. One of the crimes laid against him was that he had a copy of the New Testament in English. He did not obey the citation but was condemned in absence, and his effigy was burned "in token of malediction and curse." There was opposition to the vernacular New Testament and those who prized and read it were derisively called New Testamentares!

A considerable number of leading reformers were burned at the stake in the first half of the 16th century. In 1527 Archbishop James Beaton, having made "faithful inquisiton," found Master Patrick Hamilton, a member of the Faculty of Arts at St. Andrews University, inflamed with heresy. Hamilton fled to the continent. Upon his return to Scotland it is reported that "he spared not to lay open the corruptions of the... Church, and to show the errors crept into the Christian religion" (page 14). He was tried and condemned Saturday forenoon, the 29th February 1527-8, and at mid-day was led to the stake. Alexander Alane, a canon of the Priory of St. Andrews, strongly influence by Hamilton's teaching, after harsh treatment and imprisonment escaped to the continent. In 1531 Alexander Seaton, the Prior of the Black Friars in St. Andrews and Confessor to the King, gave offence by his outspokenness and the doctrines he taught, was glad to escape to England to avoid persecution. Henry Forrest, a Benedictine monk, was brought to the stake in St. Andrews in or about 1533. David Straton and Norman Gourlay were hanged and burned in 1534. On the 1st of March, 1539, five men were burned for heresy in the King's presence on the Castle-Hill of Edinburgh. The Governor accompanied the Cardinal to Perth, in January 1543-4; and there four men and a woman, namely, Robert Lamb, William Anderson, James Hunter, James Ranaldson, and his wife Helen Stirk suffered martyrdom. And so the sad story goes. (More specific examples of "commitment to the flames" in the Scottish Reformation next month, Lord willing.)

Beamsville, ON

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Reminder: In order to be published in the following months' news, each congregation's information should be sent to Walter Straker before the third last Tuesday of the month.

ANNOUNCEMENT: "What's Old and New in the Gay Movement?" April 5, 2004, 9 a.m.-12 noon, Michael Mazzalongo, Verdun, Quebec, at the Swiss Chalet, Milton, Ontario. Dutch treat.

NEW BRUNSWICK

Moncton: Since Royal Mailet has become an elder he has passed on the treasurer's job to Ken Woodman. On December 14, following the Sunday a.m. service, a group of children and parents remained to make a craft, stuff it with candy toys, and then take them to Moncton area hospitals for sick children to enjoy over the holidays. Twenty-three people brought in the New Year with chow mein and singing hymns.

ONTARIO

Ajax: Ken Mowat, son of Fraser and Darlene, was baptized in Beamsville by Don Smith in September 2003. He is the grandson of Al and June Langford.

Beamsville: Art and Ruby Ford planned to leave February 16 to be gone for a month and spend two weeks of that time doing mission work in Lai, and Mt. Hagen, Papua New Guinea. Under the leadership of Barbara Smith and Walt Cromwell, the congregation has made plans to begin children's worship for children from grade 4 through grade 8. It was to start February 8 and run through the end of the school year. GLCC Drama Night, March 5 and 6, was to be "Arsenic and Old Lace." On March 22 the Dofasco Chorus is to perform at GLCC.

Bramalea: Tina Hotte, wife of Andrew, was baptized February 8. The Canadian Consulate in Trinidad, after a year of silence, recently contacted Dominic Dos Santos and asked for more information. This has now been supplied and the congregation prays that Dominic will soon arrive in Canada to be its pulpit minister. The GLCC Chorus was to sing for the congregation on Sunday, February 15.

Brantford: Jamie Azzoparde led the young people on February 7, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in a major discussion of a very important subject: "Reclaiming Godly Sexuality." Thirty-one attended. (Your congregation may want to have Jamie present this for you. Editor's note.)

Cornwall: Jeremy Bojarski received his license to perform marriages for the province of Ontario. There is a picture in their bulletin of 19 people who brought in the New Year at the Bojarski home. Later, several went to Joel Masse's place in Alexandria where they had a devotional and further teaching.

Grimsby: Fred and Debbie MacDonald presented a financial seminar on January 17 entitled: "Becoming a Good Steward of God's Money." On Saturday, January 24, the brethren honoured the teachers with a dinner. The brethren recently had a game night with the residents of Bethesda Home "where they bring us as much joy as we bring them."

Meaford: A winter youth rally with the theme "In Moments Like These" was scheduled for February 27, 28, 29.

Newmarket: The ladies' class had a holiday party in Joan Ellis's home December 15. Sunday evening, December 21, the congregation had a special service with many visitors

attending. Nathan Pickard spoke Sunday, January 18.

North Bay: Frank Dion was recently baptized and welcomed into the fellowship here.

St. Thomas: In September / October, we had a community workshop on relationships led by Wil Maddeaux. Six people visited, one of whom has since come to worship. In November, we had a members retreat. On February 1, a visitor from the neighbourhood, David Wilson, was baptized into his Lord. – Wil Maddeaux

Stratford: In mid-January, the congregation began a new Sunday school program entitled: "Walking Through God's Word." The ladies' class decided to support the birthday program in Wunnumin Lake with Brian Cox.

Sundridge: "The Reality of God in the World Today "was the theme of the annual youth rally held the weekend of January 30 to February 1, with John Clayton as guest speaker. The 285 young who attended had lots of fun and were challenged and encouraged by the lessons. Sunday morning attendance was 325.

Toronto (Strathmore Blvd.): Recently welcomed to the congregation was Florence Aradanas, from the Philippines. In the first two weeks that Key To The Kingdom has been back on Vision (Friday mornings at 8:30 Eastern time) there have been over 50 calls for the Bible course. There were three

baptisms early in February: Elsie Acheson - who had been baptized in a denominational group many years ago and who came to see her first baptism was not scriptural. Piedad Vallejo - a Spanish lady who came as a result of the new Spanish outreach in the west end of Toronto. Wayne Bimm - a "neighbour" of the church building who has been attending for several months. The Strathmore congregation is 80 years old this year and a "Homecoming Day" is being planned for June 6. Hopefully many former members will be able to join in the worship and fellowship that day.

Waterloo: Following the morning service on February 8, the congregation was shocked when Garry Nutt, while talking to one of the Spanish couples, collapsed and was declared dead at the hospital. His funeral was planned for Friday, February 13. On January 25 the congregation had its first annual family gathering. After the potluck, they used an open mike format to share encouraging thoughts about someone who

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Our Chorus Is Coming!



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March 14 - Ice Lake

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(The help of Barbara Lewis in gathering news is appreciated.)

ALBERTA

Calgary: There was a teen retreat at Pine Lake Feb 13-15. The theme for the weekend was "Get a Life". "Dealing with change" is a class designed to understand change in the context of church from a Biblical perspective. The tentative topics are: 1) Introduction, History & Identity, 2) Form versus Function, 3) Church and our Changing Culture, 4) TBA, 5) Change...What are my responsibilities? and 6) Diversity and Unity. Pioneer Bible Translators Discovery Intensive weekend was held February 6-8. This was an opportunity to learn about translating God's word into a native language. Phil Callaway is scheduled to speak March 19-21. He is an award winning author and speaker, known worldwide for his humorous yet perceptive look at the Christian life. Callaway is editor of Prairie Bible Institute's Servant magazine.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Abbotsford (Central Valley): A Wednesday morning class for the ladies was initiated toward the end of January. Moms and tots from the community will continue to be invited. Norm and Jen Weir were flown to Monrovia, Al. Feb. 12 to participate in a "Heart for Missions" Sunday. Norm spoke for both the morning and evening assemblies on the work in Abbotsford, and the other opportunities which have come their way; 100 Mile House, Key to the Kingdom responses, and the open door to the far-North village of Fort Ware. The Monrovia church partially supports the work in Abbotsford.

Burnaby: Surrounded by well-wishing friends, Jesse Bone was baptized here on Jan. 31 A potluck dinner preceded the Annual General Meeting. Felix Yong was appointed to be a trustee in the place of Doug Beckett, whose death in December created a vacancy. The Annual General Meeting of the Spruston Road Bible Camp took place here on Feb. 7 with supporters coming from Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland. Needs and plans for the coming year were discussed. The camp, which has existed since 1971, has played an important role in the lives of many of the young people in B.C. Kirk Ruch was the principle speaker for

the Annual Interior Men's Retreat in Salmon Arm on Mar. 19-20.

City Church: We started a new series of English Bible classes, using the facility of the Oakridge church. Eleven students, most of them new, registered for the classes that began Jan 26. On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings, the group is studying an intensive language course, plus Bible, for three hours. Why so much time for English? Because this is the greatest need felt by our new immigrants from Mainland China and Taiwan. By offering this kind of teaching, tuition-free, we make friends who then come to our Bible classes - or who learn a lot about it during class time. One of the students is the wife of a man who brings his 13-year-old son every week to our Saturday night Bible study and to worship on Sundays. We hope to reach his wife through this means. On those same days, there is an afternoon class from 1 to 3 for more advanced students. Some of the writings of John Clayton, plus his video series on "Does God Exist?" is part of the curriculum. It is from these that we have gleaned those who want to study the Bible indepth. In addition to these six class meetings per week, a former student renewed a Bible study in her home with three of her friends. These ladies are housewives in their forties who are struggling to raise children here while the husband is often in China earning money to take care of them. This class meets on Monday evenings for two hours. A satellite course on Daniel is on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Saturday evening completes our week with a three-hour Bible study with eight students in the home of Alan (a recent convert) and Cherry.

 Steve Hasbrouck **Deep Cove:** The list of medical supplies needed by two large hospitals in Donetsk, Ukraine, arrived in February, and the church has begun the process of collecting. It contains everything that is needed in a hospital, from bed sheets and gowns to examination equipment and syringes. Some of the items might possibly be found as "extras" in our own homes, such as phones, irons, curtains and blinds. We are requesting that anyone who knows someone in the medical supplies industry, to get in touch with the Keerans by phone: 604 929-5449, email: jenniek@uniserve.com, or post: 1905 Cardinal Crescent, N. Vanc., B.C. V7G 1Y3. We are looking for used, or out of date items for which tax deductible receipts may be given. Dan Keeran is running an ad in the newspaper about having prayer in homes, and has created a web site to encourage internet users. It may be found at: http://www.prayerhomes.com "We're operating on the principle that people in society today, although not inclined to "religion", are inclined to exploring and increasing their spirituality. Since prayer is a spiritual act that is common to every form of faith,

we believe that if people start praying, it will open the door for the Holy Spirit to convict them, and put them in a frame of mind that is conducive to hearing the Gospel. Our hope is that evening prayer can become an alternative to evening TV." – Jennie Keeran

Delta: Our two elders, Jim Hawkins and Larry Hoff, were reaffirmed at our morning assembly on Jan. 25, and others are being trained to become future shepherds. By February 21, 75% of the congregation had completed the Christianity 101 course, and the remainder will finish it this month. Class 201 is expected to be offered in about six months.

Oakridge (Vancouver): Joyce Hooper, who, with her sister, left in early January on their annual trek to take clothing and other supplies to poor children in Northern Mexico, may be home by the end of this month.

Surrrey: Many things are going on in the Surrey church Family. We are learning to pray for each other like never before. Sometimes we seem to be the walking wounded, but God is the source of our strength, as he is with all who obey him. We rejoice at the baptism of Sandra Clarke and Perminder Gill. They both contacted us through the voice mail at the church building. They wanted to know more about the church and after much study they obeyed the gospel. This was a case where many of the members were part of God's team to make the connections, do the teaching and the baptizing. After over a year of paper work for the immigration, Pacita Mackie of the Philippines joined her husband, Charlie, here in Canada. Lilis, Chung and Kenny joined us a couple of months ago. Lilis is the sister of our Brother Jacob Suseyto. Brother Gerry Brandenburg was blessed with successful cancer surgery. Brother Frank McLure had another heart failure and is making slow, but steady, progress. We have had many visitors since the first of the year and for that we are grateful. God is truly blessing us. Sister Celia Beckett remains in a rest home in Vancouver. She will mark her 99th birthday in June of this year. - P. McLure

SASKATCHEWAN

Regina (Northwest): The congregation held its first annual Love Luncheon on Sunday, Feb. 8. The congregation met after services for a pot-luck meal containing many heart-shaped food items. Following the meal, skits, songs, and appreciations were presented on the theme of love and appreciation for each other. It was a fun and very encouraging time. Two of the young women in the congregation are training to go to Estonia this summer on a "Let's Start Talking" mission. The congregation will be assisting them financially, beginning with their cell groups and extending to the whole congregation if necessary. – Carolyn McMillan

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India: India has suffered another devastating cyclone. It hit Andhra Pradesh so suddenly that people lost everything they had, narrowly escaping with their lives. Many were members of the church, and missionaries Ron and Karen Clayton are now trying to raise \$100,000 to give them aid, some of whom are living on the side of the road. Please contact Church of Christ India Missions, PMB 1448, Hamilton, Alabama 35570 if you can help. India is considering granting dual citizenship to its citizens who live abroad or spend much time overseas. Some 15 nations, including the US, will be granted this special status. The spouses of Indians from these countries may also apply, although they are not natives. Last December, a large rebel group fighting for a separate country in the north-eastern state of Assam laid down their arms and agreed to quit all hostilities against the Indian government.

Finland: Of 133 countries measured in a "corruption perceptions index" for 2003,

this country was the least affected by corruption in the public (government) sector.

Africa: During the last week of Sept. 2003, 100,000 copies of Easyto-Read English Bibles arrived in four African ports. By having them printed in China to be shipped to Africa, the cost per Bible was \$2.50 (U. S.). They are now being distributed in 12 African countries, where only one in 30 Christians own a copy of God's Word, and often as many as 10 people may share a single Bible. These were the result of work by the World Bible Translation Center in Fort Worth, Tx., which has put 800,000 Bibles into African hands since January of 2001.

Sudan, E. Africa: A treaty ending the long civil war in this country is supposed to have been completed and signed in December. This means that many Christians living in Ethiopia will be able to return to their homes in S.E. Sudan, including 15 preachers who have graduated from the Preacher Training School in Nekemte, Ethiopia.

Vietnam: Government officials in Hanoi gave the WBSC permission

to print and distribute a Vietnamese New Testament. It marks the third time that a Communist regime has allowed distribution of the Scriptures. Some 20,000 copies were printed at a government printing house in Danang. This primarily Buddhist country has a population of 80 million people.

Philippines: A man who ran across a website in Salvador Carriaga in Cubu, wrote to ask if it was the same church that he had found at seminars he had attended a year ago. He had supplied several names and addresses of Filipino evangelists who should be contacted. These men had established 11 congregations and baptized some 700 people in the region in the last four years. A man, who had been a Baptist preacher for over 20 years, studied booklets printed by Mission Printing in Arlington, Tx. He was not only converted himself, but turned his entire congregation into "the church that Jesus built", to quote his own words. He wrote, asking for more copies to aid their gospel ministry.

Notes from Roy Davison: Three more articles by J.C. Bailey have been added to The Old Paths Archive: "Suffering," "The Holy Spirit" and "The Basic Error of the Protestant Reformation." You can find these articles at this address: http://www.old-paths.com/Archive/Bailey/John/Carlos/1903 Our thanks go to sister Nina Willett of

Weyburn, SK who input these articles for us. During January of 2004 there were 13,725 visits made to the Archive and 33,757 articles were consulted. On the average, more than a thousand articles are consulted each day. On Sunday, January 4, the congregation at Burcht had two 45minute sessions of advanced Bible study to which other congregations were invited. I presented an overview of what the Scriptures teach about 'Prophetic gifts in the time of the apostles.' Thirty-nine were present, coming from ten different congregations in Belgium and Holland. The group included three non-Christian visitors. The distinction between the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the gift of the Holy Spirit and prophetic gifts was clarified. An outline was provided with additional material for personal study. There was a separate class for young children, one session taught by Richard Amssoms Jr. and one session by my wife, Rita. Jim Krumrei from Haarlem gave the lesson during the worship period.

Sendai, Japan: Val Lane, Rose Mae Reed, Lorraine Carruthers, and Walter Straker from Ontario attended the first annual Mission Focus Japan day at Oklahoma Christian University held January 28. Several Japanese brethren also attended from Japan, as well as students from Oklahoma Christian and Abilene Christian.

Akira Hiroshe, chairman of the board of Ibaraki Christian University, was granted an honorary doctor of laws degree by OCU. An exchange program between the two universities has been in effect for 30 years. Linked with the team's downtown language study, Jon Straker and Joel Osborne were asked to participate in an international event with a group of 6-10 year olds on January 31 for two hours. They were to represent Canada and teach (in Japanese) about games and songs. The Sendai congregation planned to host the first-ever nationwide Young Adult Retreat the first weekend of March. Nao Fukushima, of the Tachikawa congregation, and Sugao Tadokoro, of the Hitachi-taga congregation, were the scheduled speakers. Prayers are requested for the growth of the church's new converts; for LST and other contacts with whom Pam Keesee and the team is studying; for Jonathan Straker and Michiko Umehara on their upcoming marriage on April 10; and for the challenges and transitions this marriage will bring to the team. Walter Straker

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The Congregation in Diriamba-Jinotepe (Pictured above is the church building and some of the congregation.)

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Testern Christian College and High School officially opened its new home in Regina, Saskatchewan on Sunday, October 12, 2003. Accompanied by the bagpipes, Miss Lillian Torkelson, assisted by Lowell Peterson, carried in the torch, symbolic of the spirit of the school. Miss Torkelson presented the torch to President John McMillan with the charge to continue the spirit, values and purpose of Western Christian. On behalf of all constituencies, John McMillan accepted the responsibility of pioneers who had the vision and commitment to bring Western Christian to this Ebenezer. Dwight Muller and the Western Christian chorus led "O Canada." Lowell Peterson led a prayer of consecration dedicating the new four million dollar campus to God's glory and work.

The audience then proceeded to the Regina Auditorium where greetings, welcome and encouragement were expressed from Mr. Larry Spencer (Canadian Government), Mayor Pat Fiacco (City of Regina), Mrs. Kay Hotchkiss (alumnus), Miss Rachel Helton (High School student), Mr. Cody Peterson (College student), Ms. Sandra Houston (Conexus Credit Union), Mr. Ernie Metz (Regina Evangelical Ministerial), Mr. Dan Wieb (Past President), Mr. Ray McMillan (Glen Elm Church of Christ), Mr. Wayne Bernakevitch (Canadian Bible College), Mr. Gary Zorn (Chairman of the Board) and Mr. Cecil Bailey (Founding Educator).

The symbolic key was passed from Wayne Bernakevitch to Gary Zorn to John McMillan. School founders Roger Peterson and Cecil Bailey led prayers. Dwight Muller led the school song and Vice president and Mrs. Jim Sedor hosted a reception. About four hundred people participated in a very encouraging afternoon.

Western Christian College and High School is committed to the following mission statement: "In partnership with the churches of Christ, Western Christian exists to provide Bible-centred education to develop servant leaders for the church." To accomplish this mission, Western Christian continues to offer Christian education through high school and college programs for day students and residential students.

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John McMillan

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separation from the world. We cannot just set ourselves apart morally. If we could there would have been no need for Christ to die. The Christian is set apart from the world not primarily by the way he lives but also by his baptism. Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the ceremonies that continually point to the fact that we are not earning our salvation. These two ceremonies show that our salvation was earned at the cross. It is not earned by our moral living - as important as that is. It was earned by the sacrifice of Jesus. Neglecting baptism, as some do, does not emphasize that we are saved by grace as they claim. On the contrary it leaves the impression that we can set ourselves apart by moral living. Insisting on baptism as a necessary part of God's plan is not a claim that we earn salvation. It is not an attempt to work for our salvation. It is an admission that our salvation is a gift given by the death, burial and resurrection of Christ.

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inspired them during 2003. Dave Knutson did a Sunday evening three-lesson series on "Gender Roles in the Church." GLBC's short course is scheduled for March 29-April 2 and is entitled: "The Psalms in Personal and Congregational Life," with Duane Stuart. It is a 2-hour credit course.

QUEBEC

Verdun: Mike and Lise Mazzalongo and Roger Samour were able to attend the lectureship at Oklahoma Christian University and visit some of their sponsoring churches. Upon their return, the Mazzalongos learned that their monthly support would be decreasing substantially beginning this summer. If anyone has leads for support, please contact them at their email: mazzalongo@videotron.ca. The congregation is offering an 8 week marriage enrichment course to the community. The sessions are on Sunday afternoons and are free. The congregation provides child care and refreshments along with sessions that have titles ranging from .."How to Know You're Ready for Marriage" to "Keeping Love Alive After its Gone". All sessions are bi-lingual and are being videotaped for use in classrooms after the series is over. Mike Mazzalongo and Roger Saumur, preachers for the Verdun congregation, are the principal organizers. The first week's session drew over fifty participants with many more from the community registered and scheduled to come for future meetings.

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Ray Lee Overton

esus is the ONLY AUTHORITY: "God who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son" (Hebrews 1:1,2). "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth" (Matthew 28:18). "For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A Prophet shall the Lord God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever He shall say unto you. And it shall come to pass that every soul which will not hear that Prophet shall be destroyed from among the people" (Acts 3:22,23).

He is the ONLY JUDGE: "For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ" (2 Corinthians 5:10a). "For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgement unto the Son" (John 5:22).

He is the ONLY SACRIFICE FOR SINS: "For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins" (Hebrews 10:26). "In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace" (Ephesians 1:7).

He is the ONLY SAVIOUR; "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

He is the ONLY MEDIATOR BETWEEN GOD AND MAN: "For there is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time" (1 Timothy 2:5,6). now hath He obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also He is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises" (Hebrews 8:6).

He is the ONLY WAY TO THE FATHER: "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me" (John 14:6).

He is the ONLY RESURRECTION: "In Him was life; and the life was the light of men" (John 1:4). "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he life" (John 11:25). "For as the Father raiseth up the dead and quickeneth; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will" (John 5:21). "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He that hath the Son hath life; he that hath not the Son of God hath not life" (I John 5:11,12).

No wonder the apostle Paul wrote the Ephesians, saying: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ" (Ephesians 1:3). That same Paul wrote, "I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life that I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me" (Galatians 2:20).

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OBIUARIES -

Susan Mary Williams Davidson



Susan was born April 20, 1965 in North Battleford, SK. She died after a sudden illness on January 5, 2004 at the age of 38 in St. Paul, MN. She was predeceased by her sister, Dawn Denman and her father, James Williams.

She is survived by her husband, Kent Davidson;

daughters, Alyssa, Tana, Kalai, and Malia, and son, D.J. Also survived by her grandmother, Pearl Orr of Saskatoon, SK, mother, Alice Williams of Saskatoon, SK, brother, Ralph Williams and his wife Twyla of Memphis, TN, brother-inlaw, David Denman and his wife Stephanie of Tempe, AZ, brother, Gary Williams and his wife Cheryl of Memphis, TN, sister, Carolyn Steiner and her husband Mike of Little Rock, AR, sister, Lorraine Williams of Saskatoon, SK, brother, Lyle Williams of Saskatoon, SK, brother, Leslie Williams and his wife Loopie of Alatau, Papua New Guinea, sister, Jennifer King and her husband Derek of Folsom, CA, brother, James Williams of Minneapolis, MN, brother, Timothy Williams of Montreal Lake, SK, sister, Trina Williams of Little Rock, AR, mother-in-law, Vineta Davidson. She also leaves her adopted parents, Stacy and Carol Sites, and a very large extended family, a large and close-knit church family and many, many friends.

Susan's family have been involved with Western Christian College since its inception, and she is survived by many relatives who are part of the Canadian churches of Christ. Her Father and Grandfather were both ministers of the gospel in Western Canada. Susan attended high school at

WCC and was a candidate for Homecoming Queen in 1983. She also attended Harding University, where she met her husband. Susan was a very active and beloved member of the Church of Christ in Woodbury, Minnesota. She was a loving wife, mother, homemaker and home-schooler who also found time and energy to run a Daycare business in her home. Her other activities included Camping, VBS (in her own back yard in Centerville), Flaming Pine Youth Camp, Eagles Wings Home School Co-op, and Girl Scouts Summer Camp.

Submitted by Ralph Williams

Raymond Douglas Beckett

Born Raymond Douglas September 8, 1935 in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan to Fred and Celia Beckett. He was the younger brother to Ron Beckett. Doug was baptized at the 12th Avenue Church of Christ in Vancouver in 1950.

He married his high School sweetheart Yvonne (Severson) in March 1956 with whom he celebrated 47 years of marriage. He became the proud and happy father of a daughter Wendy and later a son Murray and at his passing was a proud grandfather of five.

His careen in Emergency Health, which spanned thirty years, began in 1956 when he became an employee of Kingsway Ambulance Co. in Vancouver at the age of just under 21 years. By 1973 he was selected to pursue further training being offered at the Royal Columbian Hospital, and in 1975 he graduated with honours along with a group of skilled and highly trained colleagues known as "the first Paramedics of B.C." There were frequent newspaper stories of the Paramedics at the time and what their work entailed. We, the family, delighted in the fascinating stories and know that his efforts made a difference to the Ambulance Service, as we know it today.

Having been a Diabetic since the age of ten he was determined to make a life for himself and his family despite the difficulties Diabetes brought in those days and so he gave it his Herculean effort...day in and day out, year in and year out. He was a great cook and we all know when Doug stuffed the turkey it would be so good. There were some good years of travel for him and the family and even this past summer during August, September, and part of October Doug and Yvonne were away for some camping in the 5th wheel for a great time

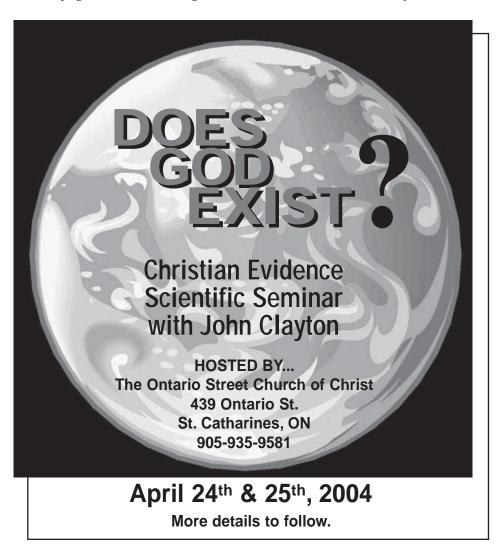
delighting in the outdoors in one of their favourite campgrounds in B.C. relaxing, reading, and taking pictures.

Above all Doug was a true gentleman, kind and patient beyond measure. His love of music began as a young boy and as he grew older he favoured the classics. He had a strong tenor voice and always sang the tenor part in the church service unless he was the song leader. He was an avid reader and we knew if there was anything he wished as a gift it was a good book.

In the last few years Doug suffered a series of serious ailment but he was a "survivor". We thought he would survive this one as well. He passed suddenly from this life December 19, 2003 in Eagle Ridge Hospital where there were aggressive measures to save him. He is survived by his 98-year-old mother Celia, his devoted wife Yvonne, daughter Wendy (Luc) Guenette, son Murray (Diana), his only brother Ron Beckett and their families, five grandchildren, nephews and many cousins and a host of living friends

He has gone safely home to be with the Lord he loved and served for decades. There is joy in knowing we will be together again where there is no pain and no tears. Peace at last.

Submitted by Yvonne Beckett



DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES

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PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

CALGARY: (Northside): 803-20A Avenue N.E., T2E 1S1; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; recorded message; 276-8088: Derek Chambers. ev.

CALGARY: 4030 Maryvale Dr. NE, T2A 2S8; (June – August) Sun. service 10 am, (Sept – May) Children's Bible Classes 9:30 & 11:15, Worship 9 & 10:45, Wed. 6:45 p.m. Small Groups (Fri – Mon, eve.) Phone (403) 272-2111; E-mail: info@calgarycofc.com

CAMROSE: 4901-42 St. T4V 1A2 Sun. 10:30 am. Wed. 7:00 pm 780-672-1220 (off).

EDMONTON: 13015-116 Ave., T5M 3C9. (780) 455-1049; FAX 454-9545; Sun. 9:30, 11:00; Wed. 7:00 class at the building & CARE groups in homes. Kevin Carson, ev 454-9097; Dave Friesen, ev 460-4258. Elders: Herb Anderson, Henri Bouchard, Vern Hibbard, David Hotchkiss, Walter Hreczuch, C.Eric Limb, Peter Ross. www.edmontonchurchofchrist.org, email: church5@telus.net.

FORT MCMURRAY: Centre Bareal School, 312 Abasand Drive.; Sun. 10-noon; Box 5094, T9H 3G2; Billy McMillan, ev, (780) 790-0109.

LETHBRIDGE: 2720 21st Ave. S., T1K 1H8; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7:00; Mike Gray, ev. (403) 328-0855.

MEDICINE HAT: Crescent Heights Church of Christ, 655 Stewart Dr. NW, 71A 7C2; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7; Jamie Lobert, ev. (403) 527-7346 or (403) 527-7311 (off)

RED DEER: 68 Donlevy Ave., T4R 2V8; Sun. 11:30, 10, (evening—call for information); Wed. 7; John Smith, ev. (403) 347-3986 email; <davenportcoc@aol.com>

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ABBOTSFORD (Central Valley): #5 – 2580 Cedar Park Place; Sun. 10,11; Tues. 7:30 at address above, Norm Weir, ev. (604) 850-8670 (off); 859-5973 (res). If no answer 852-5052; email: normjen@rapidnet.net; website: http://www.members.shaw.ca/allanin/cvcoc/

BURNABY (Greater Vancouver): 7485 Salisbury Ave., V5E 3A5; Sun. 10:45, 9:30; Midweek (groups meet in homes. Call for times & locations); Kirk Ruch, ev., 951-4102; (604) 522-7721 (off).

CAMPBELL RIVER: 226 Hilchey Road, V9W 1P4; (250) 923-5233.

CHILLIWACK: Senior Citizens Bldg. Br 24, corner of Cook and Victoria St.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7 at 9687 Windsor St; Mail P.O. Box 327, V2P 6J4; Al McCutcheon, sec. (604) 792-0046

CRESTON: Corner of 5th Ave. and Cook St.; Sun. 10, 11; 130 5th Ave. N. VOB 1G3; 250-428-7411 (off)or 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; Sun. 10; Midweek: Call for times; PO Box 18623, V4K 4V7: Darren Williamson, ev., (604) 943-0515 (off)

KAMLOOPS: 1295 Monashee Court; Sun. 10:00; Tues. 7:00; PO Box 2129, V2B 7K5; Dane Bengard, ev. (250) 377-3386

KELOWNA: 1317 Ethel St. V1Y 2X1: Building 250-861-9486, Sunday 10:45 a.m. Worship, 9:30 a.m. Bible Study (excl. July – Aug). Evangelist: Barrie Forman, 250-764-4313, sonlover@shaw.ca, cell 212-0080; Elders: Wayne Muirhead, 250-861-4008, marwayn@hotmail.com; Ted Windmill, 250-763-8445, edward_windmill@telus.net

NANAIMO: 1720 Meredith Rd., V9S 2M4; Sun. 10:00, 11:00, Wed. 7:00 meeting in homes, please phone for time and place; Grant Hannan, min. 758-9412 (off.); Les Beamish. sec. 758-6929: cell phone 729-1833.

NORTH BEND: North Bend Community Hall; Sun. 10; SS 1, Boston Bar, BC VOK 1C0; 867-9420.

PRINCE GEORGE: 4337 Ewen Dr.; Mailing Address: PO Box 2437, V2N 2S6; Sun. 10; For more information contact Grahame Somerville 562-6708, Leo Selzer 964-9102 or Office (250) 562-0502.

PRINCE RUPERT: 977 Prince Rupert Blvd.; PO Box 324, V8J 3P9; Sun. 4-5 pm, 3-4 pm; Thurs. 7; Dick Brant, ev. (250) 624-4449 (off), 624-5834 (res)

RICHMOND: 5800 Kartner Rd. V6V 1R9; Call Gary Marrs, ev. (604) 271-6197 or Carlos Castillo (604) 273-0506.

SALMON ARM: 2460 Auto Rd. S.E.; Sunday 10:00; Call for times and locations of other meetings: (250) 832-3828 or 804-4833; Box 51, VTE 4N2; Doug Kendig, John Murrey, Gordon Parmenter and Blair Robers, elders.

SURREY: (Greater Vancouver):15042 92nd Ave., V3R 5V8; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Ron Beckett, ev., 594-1796.

Vancouver (City Church): Trout Lake Community Centre, 3350 Victoria Drive, Worship 4:30 to 6:15 p.m., Bible Study 6:30 p.m.(mailing address, 483 East 51st Ave, Vancouver, V5X 1C8), Stephen C. Hasbrouck, Sr. ev., (604) 263-3470

VANCOUVER (Oakridge): 6970 Oak St., V6P 3Z6; English services: Sun. 10, 10:40, 5 (Spanish Bible Class 10 and Frl. 6:30); Wed. 7:30; Spanish services: Sun. 5; Frl. 6:30; Milton Diaz, ev., 432-1749 (res.).

VERNON: 4107 Pleasant Valley Rd, V1T 4M1; Sun. 10, 11; Murray Ververda, ev., (250) 545-5256 (res); 545-6892 (off).

VICTORIA: 3460 Shelbourne St., V8P 4G5; Sun. 9, 10:15; midweek in homes; (250) 592-4914 (off); website: www.churchadmin.@sscoc.bc.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. 7:30; Box 955, ROG 0J0; contact Ray Winkler (elder), 745-3226; Bob Norris, ev., 745-6969.

DAUPHIN: 378 River Ave. E. (Corner of River & Bond) R7N 0H8: Sun. worship 9:00 & 10:00; Sun. & Wed. nights call for details; Darin Ashby, min. (204) 638-6321 (off), 638-6025 (res.), Fax: 638-0872; email: <ddashby@mts.net>

MANSON: Bldg. in Manson Village; Sun. 10, 11; Box 2, ROM 1.J0; Wilf Rogers (204) 722-2293 or Lloyd Jacobs, (204) 722-2278, elders; Ken Starnes, sec. (204) 722-2085.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE: Contact Gerald Mccutcheon, 239-1817.

WINNIPEG (Central): 217 Osborne St. S., R3L 1Z4; Sun. 10 worship, 11:15 Bible School, Wed. 7; Office: (204) 475-6462 Fax: (413) 677-6165 web site: http://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 chad@winnipegchurch.ca

PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK

SAINT JOHN: Meeting in the home of FRED NELSON, 3 Charleston Court, Quispamsis, E2E 4W9: Sunday meetings flexible; Phone (506) 847-2802 or Tom Goud, 847-2199.

NEW YORK STATE

BUFFALO (Linwood): 2523 Main St., 14214; Sun. 9:30, 10:45, 6; Training Class 5; Wed. 7; John Smiley, ev. (716) 832-7171.

NIAGARA FALLS: 359 14th St., Niagara Falls, NY, 14303. Off(716)285-6534, Home (716) 886-2871. Sunday Bible study 10 am, worship 11 am, evening 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm. Minister Eddie J. Cornelius. e-mail BROCNFCC@juno.com

NORTH BUFFALO: 350 Kenmore Ave., 14223; Sun 10.11.7: Wed. 7:30.

SARDINIA: Rt. 39, (1 mile west of Rt. 16), Sun. 10 & 11, Wed. 7 PM, mailing address: PO Box 186, Sardinia, NY, 14134, Glen Mueller, ev., (716)-496-5143, Cell (716)-560-6304, gemsar@adelphia.net

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

YELLOWKNIFE: 516 Range Lake Rd., X1A 3A7; Sun. 9, 11; (867) 873-3875. Elders: Doug Ashby, Craig Robinson, Randy Straker; Steve McMillan, min.

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

HALIFAX: 48 Convoy Ave., B3N 2P8; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; ev. (902) 443-9628 (off), Wayne Taylor, sec. (902) 876-7402

DARTMOUTH: 19 Killikee Gate, Dartmouth, NS, B3B 1A7; Neil Prokop (902) 463-3629/430-9543cell, neillisaprokop@hotmail.com. Please call for Sunday worship times and midweek information

KENTVILLE: 177 Middle Dyke Rd. exit 12 off Hwy 101, Sun. 11, 10: Wed. 6; Box 26, B4N 3V9; (902) 678-8881 or Ray Fisher, ev; 582-3457; Toll free 1-866-236-7891

SHUBENACADIE: Mill Village Church, 3613 Indian Rd. 2 miles w. of Shubenacadie; Sun. 10:15, 11; Wed. 7:30; R.R. 1, B0N 2H0; D. Hallett (902) 758-2133; J. Mackey, sec., (902) 758-2633; 758-3215 (off.).

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

AJAX (Serving Durham Region): 1 Cedar St.; Sun. 9:45, 11. 7; Call for mid-week information; Box 162, L1S 3C3; Ph. (905) 683-2477(off); Malcolm Porter, (905) 668 3346 res,

AURORA: 15216 Yonge St. S.; (entrance beside Mac Flemming Paints); Sun. 9:30, Wed. 7:30; P.O. Box 71523, L4G IL9; Contact: Scott & Linda Harvey, (905) 473-5631 or leave message; e-mail r.r.sharvey@sympatico.ca> or Clare Preston, (905) 841-2272

BARRIE: 345 Grove St. E. (at Cook), L4M 2R6; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:00; (705) 722-7155 (off.); Claude Cox, ev. (705) 737-2272.

BEAMSVILLE: 4900 John St., LOR 1B6; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 6; Wed. 7:00; Don Smith, ev. (905) 563-7655 (off); e-mail: <don093@sympatico.ca>

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BRAMALEA: 750 Clark Blvd. (south of Hwy. 7 on Finchgate Boulevard), L6T 3Y2; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Thurs. 7:30; Walter Straker, ev. (905) 789-1632 (res.); 792-2297 (off).

BRANTFORD: 267 North Park St., N3R 4L2; Sun. 10, 11, last Sunday of month 6:30; Wed. 7; contact Ray Knight (519) 754-0401; office (519) 759-6630; Jamie Azzoparde, ev. (519) 770-4814 (res)

BRANTFORD: (Costain/Johnson Community Centre) 16 Morrell St., N3T 4J2; Sun. 10 & 11., Wed. 7; call for information on various other mid-week classes; 519-758-5673 (75-U-LORD); Rick Gamble (min.); 519-753-5353 (res.); www.followers.ca or e-mail followers@bfree.on.ca

BURKS FALLS: Seniors Building above library on Young St.; Sun. 6-7:15 p.m.; c/o Hubert Lawrence, R.R. #2, P0A 1C0; (705) 382-2026.

COLLINGWOOD: 494 Tenth St.; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7; C/O Peter Dale, 75 Peel Street, L9Y 3V5; (705) 444-0010 (office)

CORNWALL: 1702 Dover Road, K6J 1W1; Sun 10,11; Wed 7; Allen Bojarski, ev. Phone (613) 933-1825; Fax: (613) 933-2464; Emails: churchofchrist@cogeco.ca or abojarski@cogeco.ca; Website: http://home.cogeco.ca/-abojarski/abojarski

FENWICK: 765 Welland Ave.; Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; P.O. Box 416, LOS 1C0; (905) 892-5661; email <DonHipwell@AOL.com>

GORE BAY: W. Manitoulin church; (Gore Bay waterfront, past docks); Sun. 10:30; B14, POP 1H0; Contact John Robertson (705) 282-3499; Bill Baker (705) 282-2095.

GRIMSBY: 63 Casablanca Blvd., south of Q.E. exit; Sun. SS 11:05; Worship 9:45, 6; Wed. 7; Box 181, L3M 4G3; (905) 945-3058; Jeff Cobb, ev. (905) 309-1979

GUELPH: The Evergreen Senior Center, 683 Woolwich St.; Sun. 10:30, 11; Wed. 7:30 (phone for location); c/o 25 Keys Crescent, N1G 5J7; David Azzoparde, sec. (519) 821-9179.

HAILEYBURY/NEW LISKEARD: 554 Helmer Pedersen Drive, New Liskeard; Sun. 10:30; Wed. 7:30; Contacts: Jim Robertson, PO Box 1556, New Liskeard ON POJ 1PO (705)647-5488 or Mike Tinney PO Box 702, Halleybury ON POJ 1KO (705)672-9241

HAMILTON: 321 East 27th Street (at Fennell), L8V 3GB (Mt. Hamilton); Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:30, (905) 385-5775(off); Mike McCabe, ev., (905) 574-3022(h), mike_p_m@yahoo.com; Chris Gardner, sec., (905) 388-9174

HAMILTON (North): YMCA building, 79 James St. S.; Sun.10, 11 Wed. 7; Joe Sandassie, (905) 389-0714, 286 East 26th Street, Hamilton ON L8V 3E1

HAMILTON (West): Mohawk College, Fennell Ave./West 5th St.; Sun. 10, 11, (Please phone for Sun. p.m. and midweek information); PO. Box 78041 Westcliffe PO, L9C 7N5; Wayne Page (905) 648-5100.

HEATHCOTE: Sun. 11; Larry Elford, R.R. 1, Kimberley, ON NOC 1GO.

HUNTSVILLE: Huntsville Public Library,
7 Minerva St. E., Sun. 10:30, c/o Dave Preston,
(705) 789-7697, 491 Fowlers Rd., R.R.#5,
Huntsville, Ont., P1H 2N5. Other contacts:
Ken Smith, (705) 789-8292, Steve Watson,
(705) 788-2332.

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HUNTSVILLE: 36 Hilltop Dr. P1H 1C5 (off Hwy. 11BN); Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Wed. 8; Contact John H. Preston, sec., (705) 767-3237.

ICE LAKE (Manitoulin Island): 11/4 mi. S. of Hwy. 540; 9:45, 11 a.m. Sun. & 7:30 p.m. Wed.; Les Cramp, ev. (705) 282-0974; Peter Tallman, sec., R.R. #1, Mindemoya, POP 1SO, 377-4555. email s|jcramp@manitoulin.net>

KENORA: 101 Norman Dr.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; P.O. Box 2905, P9N 3X8; Earl Rattai, ev., 548-2245.

KINGSTON: 446 College St., K7L 4M7; Sun. 10, 11: Wed. 7; David Galloway, ev.; (613) 546-5409 (off.); e-mail: kingstoncofc@aol.com; associate preacher. Gordon Gibson.

KITCHENER SOUTH: Kitchener City Hall (Learning Room) 200 King St. W.;Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30 in homes; Julian Smith, sec., 6 Nipigon Pl., Kitchener, N2B 3N5, Ph: (519)742-8626. Other contact Hugh Pitcher, Ph: (519)669-5263.

LONDON: 1750 Huron St., N5V 3A2; (519) 455-6730; Sun. 9:30, 11; Call for mid-week opportunities. Harold Byne, ev., 645-0575; FAX 645-8088

LONDON (East): 380 Adelaide North, Tolpuddle Building Common Rm., entrance off of Adelaide at King St. S. Parking in Marshall Street Lot behind building. Sun: 9:45 a.m. Exhortation; 10:05 a.m. Bible Study; 11:00 Worship; Tuesday Afternoon at 1 p.m. in Board Room. Brian V. Sullivan, evangelist 905 892-6247 or bvsprchr@computan.on.ca Web site: http://www.computan.on.ca/-bvsprchr/

MEAFORD: 113 Nelson St.W. N4L 1G3; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6: Wed. 7:30; Randy Morritt and Scott Mansfield, evs; (519) 538-1750; e-mail: meafordcofc@bmts.com..

NEWMARKET: 230 Davis Dr.; Sun. 9:45, 11:00, 6:30; Wed. 7:30; Box 21581, L3Y BJ1; Clayton McLeod, sec, (905) 473-9447 895-6502 (off); Stephen Johnson, ev. 905-841-1812, (res) e-mail - Johnson@bible.acu.edu

MISSISSAUGA: Living Waters Christian Fellowship. Rody and Nancy Ostil; 2305 S Millway, Unit 108, Mississauga ON L5L 3P8; Bible study and prayer every Thursday 7:30pm.; Lord's supper offered on Sundays - call for time; 905-608-2508; cell - 647-887-7794.

NIAGARA FALLS: 3901 Dorchester Rd. N., L2J 3A8, (905) 356-3412 (turn E. on Thorold Stone Rd. from Q.E. and left on Dorchester Rd.); Sun. 10:30, Wed. 7:30; Henry Boland, (905) 356-0107 and Darrin Douglas (905) 371-1581, evs.

NORTH BAY: 73 Gertrude St. E.; Sun. 10:30; Wed. 7; Box 745, P1B 8J8; (705) 472-7040 (off.); David Lock, ev. 78-345 Mulligan St. P1A 3S3; (705) 475-0911, e-mall: davidrlock@acncanada.net; WebSite: www.northbaycoc.com.

OMAGH: 1412 Britannia Road W. at 4th line, Milton, L9T 2X8; Sun. 10, 11; Thurs. 7:30 in homes; c/o Harold Ellis, Sec., R.R. #3, Campbellville, L0P 1B0; (905) 878-7565; Bryan Meneer, ev. (905) 383-5259; 875-2939 (off).

OTTAWA: 1515 Chomley Cres., K1G 0V9; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Robert MacRury, ev., 733-2580 (off); 737-0701 (res.).

OWEN SOUND: 835 10th Ave. E., Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Thurs. 7; Brian Thompson, ev., (519)376-6702 (off.), 372-2155 (res.); email: <oscoc@bmts.com>

PETERBOROUGH: The Board Room., Parkway Place Mall Landsdowne St.W. Sunday: 10 & 10:45 Mid-Week Study contact Peter McPherson at 705-742-5349 or Fred at 705-741-4031.

PINE ORCHARD: 16716 Warden Ave (just south of Vivian Rd.) 3 km east of Newmarket; Sun. 10, 11; (905) 953-9386. Mailing address: Bruce Brandon, Sec., RR 2, Uxbridge, L9P 1R2 (905) 852-5026

PORT COLBORNE: 700 Steele St., L3K 4Z2; Sun. 11, 10, 6:30; Wed. 6:30; (905) 834-5775 (off).

ST. CATHARINES: 439 Ontario St. N., L2N 4M9; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 6; Wed. 7:30; Steve Cordle, ev.; (905) 934-3862 (res); 935-9581 (off.); Email: churchofchrist@on.aibn.com; WebSite: www.churchofchrist.n3.net

ST. CATHARINES (Garden City): UNF Hall, 77 Facer St.; Sun. 9, 10,11; Wed. 7; c/o Roy Diestelkamp, ev. 1231/2 Keefer Rd., Thorold ON L2V 4N1, ev. 227-8336.

ST. THOMAS: 60 S. Edgeware Rd. N5P 2H6; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7 Midweek meeting in homes. Call for location. (519)782-4902.

ST. THOMAS (Southside): 15 Hepburn Avenue, N5R 4J4, (519) 633-4180 Contact: David Langeman. Please call for times, email: langeman@bellnet.ca

SARNIA: 796 Errol Rd. E., N7V 2G7; Sun. 9:30, 10:45, 6:30; Wed. 7; David H. Dunn, ev.; (519)-339-1161 (off), (519) 542-4108 (res).

SAULT STE. MARIE (Eastside): 99 Melville Rd., P6A 5J6; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7:00; 705-942-9283.

SAULT STE. MARIE (Pinehill): 132 Cunningham Rd., P6B 1N4; Sun. 9:30, 10:50; call for Sun. pm time; Wed. 7; Roger Lansdell, ev., (705) 256-1977 (off/res), <r.s.lansdell@sympatico.ca>; Rob Whitfield, sec., (705) 949-7612, <rwhitfield@sympatico.ca>.

SELKIRK: 1/2 km. N. of village; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30; Box 13, NOA 1P0.

SMITHVILLE: 246 Station St. LOR 2A0; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7. Chris Nicholson, ev. (905) 957-6039

SOUTH RIVER: Jaspar St. S.; off Ottawa St. W.; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:00; Box 549, P0A 1X0; Jim Nicholson, ev. (705) 384-5215, church bldg. (705) 386-2551.

STONEY CREEK: 105 King St. E., L8G 1L1; (905) 664-1130 (off.); Sun. 9:45, 11; Sun.; Wkdy evenings call for time and place; Darrell Buchanan, ev., (905) 643-7853 (res); Robert Priestnall, sec. email: emailus@sccoc.ca; website: www.sccoc.ca email: emailus@sccoc.ca; website: www.sccoc.ca

STRATFORD: 478 Brunswick St.,N5A 3N6; Sunday Worship 10:00, Wed. Bible Study 7:30; voice mail (519) 273-5280; Larry Hoover (519) 271-9545; Paul Dale (519) 273-9063 email: pauldeb.dale@sympatico.ca

SUDBURY: 2663 Bancroft Dr. P3B 1T7; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:00; 566-2898; Wes Bailey, sec. 523-0933..

SUNDRIDGE: Hwy. 11 N.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; P.O. Box 927, POA 1Z0; (705) 384-5214, Steve May, ev. 384-0597.

THESSALON: 8 Albert St. off Hwy. 17; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; Eric White, RR 2, POR 1L0 (705) 842-6533.

THUNDER BAY: 501 Edward St. N. (at Redwood), P7C 4R1; Sun. 9:45, 11 (call for summer hours); Wed. call for information; Eric Bailey, ev. (807) 473-5353(res.), (807) 577-2213 (off.); email <ebr/>bailey@baynet.net>.

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

TIMMINS: 15 Cedar Street N..; Sun. 10, 11; Wed, 7:30: Box 1396, P4N 7N2; for more information call Larry Frost, sec./treas., (705) 268-4526.

TINTERN: R.R. #1, 4359 Spring Creek Rd., Vineland, ON LDR 2C0; Sun. 11:15, 9:45, 6 (call to confirm); Wed. 7:00; Jim Holston, ev. (905-563-6348 (res), 563-6311 (off).

TORONTO (Bayview Ave.): 1708 Bayview Ave., M4G 3C4 (1 block S. of Eglinton); Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30; Michael Hilborn, sec., mhilborn@rogers.com; 63 Campbell Ave., M6P 3T9; (416) 489-7405 (off.).

TORONTO (Scarborough): Scarborough Y.M.C.A., 230 Town Centre Court; Sun. 9 a.m., 10 a.m.; (Mailing Address: PO Box 47011, 300 Borough Dr., Scarborough, ON MTP 427); Devon Bennett, ev., 905-686-2486, cell: 416-522-6237, Fax: 905-686-0612; e-mail: devon.bennett@sympatico.ca; Steve Chubry, 416-783-6122, cell:416-801-2158

TORONTO (Harding Ave.): 47 Harding Ave., M6M 3A3; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7; Dick Forsyth, ev., Beamsville, 563-7874; Aikins Wiredu, sec., 242-8731

TORONTO (Strathmore Blvd.):

346 Strathmore Blvd. M4C 1N3 (across from Coxwell subway station); 416-461-7406; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Marvin Johnson (416) 752-0325, Stephen Gill (416) 265-2496, Peter Dwomoh (416) 462-3616; Jean Volcy (416) 267-6820, Elders; Max Craddock, ev. (416) 461-7406, e-mail maxc@strathmorecofc.ca; Fax (416) 424-1850; Santiago Molina (Spanish) (416) 751-6879, ev, website: www.strathmorecofc.ca

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WATERLOO: 470 Glenelm Cres., N2L 5C8; (519) 885-6330 (off); Sun, 9:30, 10:30, and 6:00 (except 4th Sunday), Wed 7:30; Javier Cuarezma, ev. (519) 743-2587 (res); Bill Schwarz, ev. (519) 571-1047 (res).

WALKERTON: Victoria Jubilee Hall; 111 Jackson St.; Sun 10 a.m. and 11a.m.; Gregory Smith (519) 392-8128; Mailing- RR2 Teeswater, ON NOG 2SO; email- gregory@gregorycnsmith.com

WELLAND: 72 Summit Ave., L3C 4G6; 11, 10, Wed 6:30 pm, call 905-732-2465 for alternate locations; David Steward, 834-5652; Harold Bruggen, ev. 732-2465

WINDSOR (West Side): 2255 Totten St., N9B 1X6 (E. of Huron Church Rd.): 254-6262 or 945-4851; Sun. 9:45, 11, 5:30; Wed. 7:30; Drew Chapados, ev., 3713 Shinglecreek Crt., Windsor, N8W 5T8; (519) 250-4407; email: wsidecoc@wincom.net; www.geocities.com/wsidecoc.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

Laval (French): 670, J.-J. Joubert, Laval, Quebec, H7G 4J1; Sun. 10:00, 11:00; Wed. 7:30 (French class); Sylvain Arseneault, ev. (450) 668-3133 eglise.laval@bellnet.ca

MONTREAL (French): 2500 Charland, H1Z 1C5; Sun. 10:15, 11:00: Wed. 7:00 (Fr. class): 1st Sat. 6:30 p.m. "Phoebe" women's class; last Sat. 6:00 youth meeting; Silvio Caddeo, ev., 387-6163 (off.); 337-9344 (res.); email: <caddeo@sympatico.ca>.

MONTREAL (English/French/Ashante/Ghanian): 598-5 th Avenue, Lachine; Sun. 10, 11, 6:30; Wed. 7:30 (English); Fri. 7 (French); PO Box 66 Westmount Station, H3Z 2T1; (514) 606 8777.

MONTREAL (Verdun - English/French):
503-5th Avenue, Verdun, QC H4G 2Z2;
(514) 765-8919; English: Sun 10, 11; Wed. 7;
Michael Mazzalongo, ev. (514) 694-0994;
email: Mazzalongo@videotron.ca
French: Sun 11, 10; Wed. 7; Roger Saumur, ev.
(450) 635-5105; email: rogersaumur@sympatico.ca

PLESSISVILLE: Centre Communautaire, André Côté, CP21, G6L 2Y6; Sun. 6 & 7 pm; Yvon Beaudoin, (418)728-5240; email: ybeaudoin@oricom.ca.

QUEBEC CITY: 2980 Verteuil, Ste-Foy (corner Jean-Noel): Sun. 9:30, 10:30 (French); Wed. 19:30; C.P. 9041 Ste- Foy, G1V 4A8; Yvon Beaudoin, ev. (418) 728-5240; office 418-651-3664; email: vbeaudoin@oricom.ca.

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

BENGOUGH: E. side Hwy. 34; Sun. 10:30, 11:15; Norman Kemp, Box 134, SOC 0K0; (306) 268-4522.

ESTEVAN: 1302 8th St., S4A 1H6; 634-3116; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7; Tim Pippus, ev., 634-8195, res.

GRAVELBOURG: 300-2nd Ave. E.; Sun. 10:30, Box 507, S0H 1X0; Wendell Bailey, ev (306) 648-3435; Marvin Bandura, Sec. 648-3629

HORSE CREEK: Sun. 10:30 (May-Nov.); 11 (Dec.-Apr.); Lonnie Goodwin, Box 58, McCord, S0H 2T0: (306) 478-2516.

LLOYDMINSTER: 56 Ave. and 47 St., Box 88, S9V 0X9; Sun. 9:30, 10:30; Rolland Bouchard, ev.; (780) 875-4056; email: lloydcoc@telus.net

MOOSE JAW: 901 James St. S6H 3H5; Sun. 10, 11, 2; Wed. 7:30 (CST); (306) 693-4064 (off.).

NORTH BATTLEFORD: 1462-110 St., S9A 2J2; Sun. 10, 11; Box 804, Wilkie, S0K 4W0; Contact: Owen Davies, (306) 843-2210

PERRYVILLE: Meetings in the home of Sheldon Perry; Phone (306) 835-2681; Mail to Box 496, Wynyard, S.

PRINCE ALBERT: 264-23rd St. W., S6V 4L6; Sun. 10, 11; 763-3057 (off.); Dean Hotchkiss, ev. (306) 763-2218. Contact Bob Jenkins, 764-6187

RADVILLE: in private Residence at (810 Mann Ave.); Richard Thuc, sec., Box 532, SOC 2G0; (306) 869-3103 (res.).

REGINA: 1825 Rothwell St. S4N 2C3; (306) 757-1825; FAX 757-5727; Please call for times; Ray McMillan, senior min., 949-0969

SASKATOON: Sunday, coffee & fellowship 9:30, Worship 10, Wed. 7; Office: 343-7922; Bob Parker, ev, 343-7884; Outreach: Bernard Krogsgaard 373-3651; location & mail, 134 Cardinal Cres. S7L 6H6; Fax: 343-1589; e-mail: stooncofcoffice@sasktel.net

SWIFT CURRENT: 400 2nd Ave. S.E., S9H 3J6; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 6:30; Susan Eidem, sec., 306-773-9043.

WAWOTA: Hwy. 48 W. of town; Sun. 10; Mid-week call; Box 454, S0C 5A0; (306) 739-2103 (off); Brent Olson, minister, 306-739-2546 or contact Cam Husband, 306-538-4585 or G. McMillan, (306) 538-4654.

WEYBURN: 1115 First Ave. NE (Hwy. 13E), S4H 0N2; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 7; Wed. 7; Scott Wade, ev., (306) 842-6424 (off); (306) 848-2032 (res).

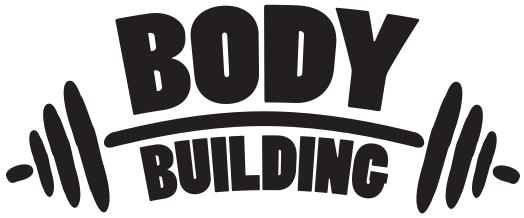
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All for One, One for All Finding My Place in the Body Leading & Serving Our Family

"... to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body may be built up ..." (Ephesians 4:12)



Peter Morphy: For the past five years Peter has been serving as the Involvement Minister in the Mesa Church of Christ in Mesa, Arizona. Before moving to Arizona, Peter preached in Sudbury, Hamilton and Toronto. His primary responsibilities in the Body include assisting, training, motivating and encouraging the deacons and ministry leaders who serve the church and encouraging and mentoring members to be more active in the work of ministry. Currently there are 30 different ministries led by at least one of our 28 deacons or ministry leaders. Peter's work predominantly involves teaching Bible classes, leading seminars, training for soul winning, and conducting personal Bible studies. Peter also helps the church cast and develop a vision and strategy for future growth and direction, which includes increasing spiritually, and adding souls. The Mesa church planted a new congregation in May 2003 with about 180 members just 10 miles away. Peter and his wife, Judy, have three children: Robert (13); Christopher (11); and Kaitlyn (9).

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