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The North West congregation in Regina, SK, is growing and are excited to have appoined elders recently. From left to right with their wives in front: Dennis Belliveau and his wife Marlene, Dwight Muller with his wife Karen, Leslie Williams and his wife Lavonna, Walter Pradzynski and his wife Ruth. God is so good!

THIS ISSUE'S THEME: God the Holy Spirit

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The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament

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The Spirit of God is referenced only three times prior to the **L** Exodus: at creation, "...and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters" (Gen. 1:2b; see also Psa. 33:6; 104:30); in Noah's time, "Then the Lord said, 'My Spirit shall not abide with man forever, for he is flesh" (Gen. 6:3); and with respect to Joseph in Egypt (Gen. 41:38). One might reasonably conclude that the references here to the Spirit of God are to the essential nature of God (cf. "For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except man's spirit within him?" 1 Cor. 2:11). However, in the many subsequent references to the Spirit in the Old Testament, the Spirit is identified in the extension of God's wisdom and life-giving power as a Person. Then with the revelation in the New Testament that the spoken word of God is indeed the Logos of God (John 1:1-2, 14), the eternal Son of God (Heb. 1:2), the understanding of God is complete, One God in three Persons. The Spirit of God is depicted in both Testaments as that Person of the Godhead who ministers directly to mankind in all phases of the developing history of salvation. The actions of the Spirit in effecting the plan of God, beginning with Moses and the Covenant and throughout the Old Testament record, are of great significance in understanding God's final solution, "in Christ."

Having delivered the Israelites from Egyptian slavery (later identified as entering into the care of the Spirit, Neh. 9:20; Isa. 63:7-14), God determined that the people should have a sacred place of meeting where their worship of Him might be focused. A nomadic

people for the next forty years, they would gather around a portable tent as their place of assembly for worship. There is evidence that their compulsory activities as slaves in Egypt engaged in the early stages of construction that required only rough building abilities and brute strength. Thus, the Spirit endowed certain workers (cf. Bezalel, Oholiab) with refined artisan skills so that the tabernacle might be exquisite in its fabrication (Exod. 31:1-6; 35:30-36:1).

Moses was blessed by the Spirit's presence and as well the seventy elders whom he selected to assist him in his leadership of the people (Exod. Num. 11:17, 25-29). Among the blessings the people received from God in their wilderness journey was the "good Spirit to instruct them" (Neh. 9:20) and to "give them rest" (Isa. 64:14). But the people were ungrateful to God "who put in the midst of them his Holy Spirit" (Isa. 64:11). Joshua. who replaced Moses in leading the people into the Promised Land, was also blessed with the Spirit's presence (Num. 27:18; Deut. 34:9). During the period of the judges, the Spirit specifically blessed certain of them: Othniel (Judges 3:10), Gideon ("clothing Gideon," 6:34), Jephthah (11:29) and Samson (great physical strength, 13:25; 14:6, 19; 15:14).

The Spirit's involvement among the kings of Israel is of interest. He entered the lives of only Saul and David directly but was present through the prophets to direct the remainder of the kings should they choose to respond. Samuel promised Saul at his anointing that the Spirit would enable him to prophesy (1 Sam. 10:6, 10). The Spirit moti-

vated Saul for battle against the Ammonites (1 Sam. 11:6). Then, because of Saul's failure, David was anointed to be king, and the "Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul" (1 Sam. 16:14; even though the Spirit caused certain soldiers of Saul subsequently to prophesy, 1 Sam. 19:20).

The Spirit of God was very much present in the kingship of David. At his anointing as king at the hand of Samuel, "the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David" (1 Sam. 16:13). In the "last words of David" he sang, "The Spirit of the Lord speaks by me; his word is on my tongue. The God of Israel has spoken: the Rock of Israel has said to me..." (2 Sam. 23: 2-3a). We thus appreciate more particularly the many psalms written by David and preserved in the Book of Psalms. David pleaded with God, "Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me" (Psa. 51:11). He acknowledged God's omnipresence, "Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?" (Psa. 139:7). David opened his life to God's leading, "Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!" (Psa. 143:10). (While not mentioning the Spirit directly, rather referring to the "hand of the Lord," David presented to Solomon the detailed plans for the construction of the temple, 1 Chron. 28:19.)

The prophets during the period of the monarchy conveyed God's will to the kings through the guidance of the Spirit. It was an "angel of the Lord" that directed Elijah in condemning king Ahaziah for inquiring

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The Holy Spirit in the New Testament

Tim Johnson

fter four hundred years of virtual silence from God, New Testament events burst into history in the Gospels with a refreshing pace, and with startling events that announced the arrival of the Messiah. What was once mysterious and incomplete about the workings of God's plan in the Old Testament was now not only accomplished, but open for all to consider and accept. The Holy Spirit's work too, in the age of the Messiah, was revealed as it had never been before.

Mentioned sparingly in the pages of the first covenant, the Holy Spirit is seen at work at the verge of the second: Mary "was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit" (Mt.1:18). He is mentioned regularly throughout the New Testament right up until John's final words of encouragement and warning in Revelation 22:17, "And the Spirit and the bride say 'Come.' This New Testament openness about the Spirit might be understood by some people to be a different Spirit altogether than what we see in the Old. However, His frequently mentioned work seems very much in keeping with the fulfilment of God's plan and His mysteries revealed—"...which in other generations was not made know to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit" (Eph.3:5). The Spirit revealed the mysteries—and in so doing revealed Himself! The Holy Spirit has always accompanied the administration of God in the world, right from the beginning of time (Gen.1:2). But now we see God's plan fulfilled in Jesus and the marvellous work of the Spirit for His people who have been bought with a price.

Joel's exciting prophecy spoke of something new God would do with

the Spirit in New Testament times: "I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind" (2:28). No longer only for leaders and kings, prophets and priests, God was about to pour Him out on the young and old, even on male and female servants! He would accompany the preaching of salvation and work through a whole range of people. The Spirit would be so abundant, it's as if God poured out and drenched the entire world in Him - thus baptized in the Sprit. Poured out once, Jesus would make Him available to all believers upon their water baptism (Acts 2:38). The Spirit's help seemed to be for a select few in the Old Testament, but in the New He is available to all who come to God. It was the experience of the early church to have many of its members endowed with miraculous gifts from the Spirit (1 Cor.12:4-11; Heb.2:1-4). Without a doubt these abilities were generously given through the ancient custom - now apostolically powerful - of laying their hands on them (Acts 6:6; 8:17; 2 Tim.1:6). While these are obviously not available to us today, the Spirit still works within us in other ways.

Beyond the external displays of the Spirit's power in miracles and wonders for the purpose of confirming the word in the first century, it is the work of the Spirit inside of Christians today that is most comforting and remarkable. Jesus explained that the Spirit who worked with His apostles through miracles would soon, incredibly, be "in you" (John 14:16-18). Described as "the Comforter," the Holy Spirit now lives inside of His people as a gift from the Father. While Jesus would soon leave them and return to heaven, the Comforter would come so that believers would not be left on their own. For the apostles, the Spirit would grant special abilities—such as an infallible memory of Jesus' words (John 14:26) and various degrees of inspiration (Matt. 10:19-20). But for every Christian the Spirit would be given as a down payment of our inheritance to come (Eph.1:13-14). He is now a "seal of sonship in our hearts as a pledge" (2 Cor.1:22). He works within Christians in our God-given quest to become sanctified (2 Thess. 2:13), and the need to possess power deep inside us to deal with the difficulties we face (Eph.3:16). These are not miraculous abilities, but bracing help from God daily for His struggling people. Sin is powerful, God is greater.

Surely the very presence of God the Spirit within us is cause for wonder, gratefulness and a desire to cooperate in every way. As the Corinthians struggled with the sin of fornication in their midst, they were reminded that "your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own" (1 Cor. 6:19). How can a Spirit-indwelt person ignore the presence of God within his own body and participate in the sins of the flesh? Paul's reasoning makes it powerfully clear that we have been called to live a sanctified life.

No longer for an exclusive few, He is available to all who would obey Him in faith. Not just a timelimited display of external wonders, He now works within us until the coming of Christ. The presence and work of the Holy Spirit in His people gives us cause for gratefulness and praise in this New Testament age.

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Perfect Power Within

Paul Birston

ow do you write about the awesome author of the best selling book of all time? How do you write about someone who was present at creation and every event in human history through the rise and fall of empires, the history of Israel, the life of Jesus, the early church and life of every faithful follower since? How do you understand someone who is perfect in every way and searches the depths of human hearts and knows the mind of God? To begin, sincere humility and deep respect come to mind. Then, by listening closely to what the Holy Spirit reveals about Himself through His marvellous book.

From Genesis 1 to Revelation 22 the Holy Spirit teaches us and invites us to know God. We are grateful to our five contributors in this theme edition who help us see some of the wonderful things Scripture teaches about God's Spirit. In "The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament," Geoffrey Ellis leads us through an overview of the person and early work of the Holy Spirit whom we first meet as "the Spirit of God" in Genesis 1:2. He is active at Creation, in giving people skills, in guiding God's leaders and correcting them through His prophets, and in inspiring their words, notably looking toward the coming of God's Messiah.

In "The Holy Spirit in the New Testament," Tim Johnson examines the Holy Spirit's work from the conception of Jesus, the Messiah, to His fulfilment of prophecy and revealing hidden mysteries, His outpouring on all mankind and work in believers as sanctifier, Comforter and seal of sonship and salvation. Roy Davison shows us how "The Outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Fulfilled an Age-old Promise of God." Back in heaven, Jesus received the Holy Spirit and He was poured out on all mankind as God promised through Isaiah and Joel. The Apostles received His power and He began to dwell in believers. Ed Broadus shows how in practical terms the indwelling Spirit gives Christians power over sin and freedom from the Law in "The Holy Spirit and Victory over Sin." The Spirit enables us, identifies us as God's children and helps us. In "The Spirit Helps Us," Thayer Salisbury writes about how the Spirit is present with us to help us in our weaknesses and prays for us in accordance with God's will.

Despite the wonderful things the Spirit does, He is frequently taken for granted and abused. Rationalism denies His existence. On the other extreme, many covet what they think are contemporary manifestations of His miraculous gifts above His spiritual fruits and truth. Ignoring Jesus' teaching about Him, some deny His personhood. Some say He is only present (conflated or blended) with the Word. This ignores what the same Word teaches about His ongoing work in the New Testament church and His world at large.

The Hebrew and Greek roots for His name, ruah and pnuema spring from the life-giving power of breath and wind. The Spirit moves to convict us of sin, God's righteousness and judgment (John 16:8-11). In the beautiful exchange of death for life in our immersion into Christ, the Spirit received as a gift then gives life to our bodies (Romans 8:11). He begins the life-long work of sanctifying us and transforming us into the image of Christ. The root of His adjective, hagios, is synonymous with holiness and saints (holy ones). He is our Teacher and Comforter and Helper (paraklete, the one who comes alongside to represent our cause, help and encourage). "The Lord is the Spirit," and His presence brings liberty (2 Corinthians 3:17). He works patiently producing His fruit of love, joy and peace in us. He restrains evil and guides us to God's culmination of history while sharing His perfect power within.

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The Outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Fulfilled an Age-old Promise of God – PART 1

Roy Davisor

Before His ascension, Jesus told His apostles: "Behold, I send the promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high" (Luke 24:49). "And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, 'which,' He said, 'you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now" (Acts 1:4, 5).

Within a few days the apostles would receive special power when they were baptized with the Holy Spirit.

The approaching fulfillment of this promise was announced by John the Baptist.

"I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him. I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit'" (John 1:32, 33).

"I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly purge His threshing floor, and gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire" (Luke 3:16, 17). [See also Matthew 3:11 and Mark 1:7, 8.]

The Outpouring of the Holy Spirit Was Promised in the Old Testament

In about 750 BC God revealed through Isaiah: "The Redeemer

will come to Zion, and to those who turn from transgression in Jacob,' says the Lord. 'As for Me,' says the Lord, 'this is My covenant with them: My Spirit who is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your descendants, nor from the mouth of your descendant's descendants,' says the Lord, 'from this time and forevermore'" (Isaiah 59:20, 21). God's Spirit would be upon the people of the New Covenant forever.

Isaiah said desolation would continue "until the Spirit is poured upon us from on high" (Isaiah 32:15). God told His righteous one (Jeshurun) not to fear: "For I will pour water on him who is thirsty, and floods on the dry ground; I will pour My Spirit on your descendants, and My blessing on your offspring" (Isaiah 44:3).

Also through Ezekiel, God said He would pour out His Spirit.

"Then I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within them, and take the stony heart out of their flesh, and give them a heart of flesh, that they may walk in My statutes and keep My judgments and do them; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God" (Ezekiel 11:19, 20). [See also Ezekiel 36:26, 27.]

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"'And I will not hide My face from them anymore; for I shall have poured out My Spirit on the house of Israel,' says the Lord GOD" (Ezekiel 39:29).

This promise was for all mankind: "And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions; and also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days" (Joel 2:28, 29).

On Pentecost This Promise Was Fulfilled

Two things happened that day that are often confused: (1) the apostles received power, (2) the Spirit was poured out on all flesh.

The Apostles Were Baptized with the Holy Spirit

"Now when the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:1-4).

This passage describes the outpouring of the Spirit on the apostles. 'They' refers to the apostles, mentioned in the last verse of chapter one. The apostles were Galileans, and according to verse seven all those who spoke in languages were Galileans. Verse fourteen states that Peter stood up with the eleven.

The baptism with the Spirit gave the apostles the divine guidance and power needed to establish the church of Christ. The mighty signs and the ability to be understood in many languages proved that they brought a message from God.

Later, the First Gentile Converts Were Also Baptized with the Holy Spirit.

Peter gave this report of the conversion of Cornelius and his household: "And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them, as upon us at the beginning. Then I remembered the word of the Lord, how He said, 'John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If therefore God gave them the same gift as He gave us when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could withstand God" (Acts 11:15-17).

Peter's statement "as upon us at the beginning" indicates that this was not an ordinary conversion.

'Them' refers to the Gentiles and 'us' refers to the Jews.

The purpose of this outpouring of the Holy Spirit was to prove to the Jews that Gentiles could become Christians. This is evident from the response of the Jewish Christians: "When they heard these things they became silent; and they glorified God, saying, 'Then God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance to life'" (Acts 11:18). They understood that this outpouring was for all Gentiles and not only for the household of Cornelius. Like Pentecost, this was a one-time occurrence with eternal consequences.

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Later, Peter refers back to this occasion as the time when God gave the Holy Spirit to the Gentiles: "And when there had been much dispute, Peter rose up and said to them: 'Men and brethren, you know that a good while ago God chose among us, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. So, God, who knows the heart, acknowledged them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as He did to us, and made no distinction between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith'" (Acts 15:7-9).

No other instances of baptism with the Holy Spirit are found in the New Testament.

The baptism with the Holy Spirit served to usher in the kingdom of God, first for the Jews and then for the Gentiles. In the first case, the apostles were empowered. In the second case, God confirmed that the Gentiles could enter the kingdom with 'no distinction.'

On Pentecost the Spirit Was Poured Out on All Flesh

Under the old covenant certain people were filled with the Holy Spirit but the Spirit was not available to every believer. Even during the ministry of Jesus, the Spirit had not yet come: "'He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.' But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified" (John 7:38, 39).

The Spirit could not come until Jesus was glorified. That is why Peter said on Pentecost: "Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear" (Acts 2:33).

The apostles were baptized with the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. But

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something else happened as well. The Holy Spirit was poured out on all flesh: "And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh" (Acts 2:17).

What does this mean? Did all people on earth receive the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost? Assuredly not. But because the Spirit came on Pentecost, the gift of the Holy Spirit became available to all. Since that day, the water of life can be obtained by anyone who comes to Christ: "And the Spirit and the bride say, 'Come!' And let him who hears say, 'Come!' And let him who thirsts come. And whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely" (Revelation 22:17).

Although he did not fully understand it himself, Peter proclaimed on Pentecost that the promise was also for the Gentiles: "For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many

as the Lord our God will call' (Acts 2:39). From a comparison of Isaiah 57:19 with Ephesians 2:11, 17 we know that those "who are afar off" are the Gentiles.

But this was difficult for Jews to accept, even for Peter. Thus God confirmed it by pouring out the Holy Spirit on the first Gentile converts (Acts 11:15-17; 15:7-9).

Since the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, the gift of the Holy Spirit is available to all who repent and are baptized in the name of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38, 39). The outpouring on the household of Cornelius verified that the gift of the Holy Spirit is also available to Gentiles (Acts 11:18).

Since Pentecost, the Holy Spirit continues to be with us, as Jesus promised: "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive. because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you" (John 14:16, 17).

This is why, after the conversion of Cornelius, the Holy Spirit was never poured out again as on Pentecost. The Spirit has come and is with us forever (John 14:16)!

When some people now ask God to pour out the Holy Spirit as on the Day of Pentecost, that is something like asking God to raise Jesus from the dead! He is already risen, He has already ascended to the Father, and He has already poured out the Holy Spirit on all flesh!

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The Holy Spirit and Victory over Sin

Edwin Broadus

The apostle Paul, in Romans 6-8, proclaims a three-fold freedom for the Christian: Freedom from sin, from the Law, and from condemnation. In Romans 6 he tells why the Christian should not continue in sin—he has died to it. In chapter 7 he discusses the sin problem—the Law of Moses, which is good and intended for good, is used by sin to enslave people and to condemn them to death, for on their own, though they want to do good, they all too often find themselves doing evil. In the eighth chapter he tells how God gives the victory over sin, so that "there is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus" (8:1).

In what immediately follows this exciting announcement, Paul explains how God has done this: "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit."

Before examining what God has done to empower us to live for him, an explanation is needed of the various uses in these verses of *nomos*, which is translated "law." Paul refers to "the law of the Spirit," "the law of sin and death," "the law, weakened by the flesh," and in 7:23 "the law of my mind." The only one that consists of a written code is "the law, weakened by the flesh." This is the Law of Moses, which, because of the weakness of the flesh, none could

live up to and which consequently could set no one free. In the other instances, law refers to a ruling principle that exercises control. In the case of "the law of my mind," our mind's attempt to control ends up in failure. With "the law of sin and death," its subjects are often tragically unable to escape its control." "The law of the Spirit" is the rule, the dominion, of the Holy Spirit over those who walk by the Spirit.

We can now return to what God has done about our sin problem. In 8:3-4 Paul says that God did what the law (of Moses) could not do by sending his own Son in human form to condemn sin. On the cross, "as a sacrifice of atonement," (3:25) Jesus dealt with sin's guilt and thus with its penalty, death (6:23). But sin's power also has to be dealt with, for as Paul recognizes in chapter 7, even though one might delight in God's law in his mind, there is another law at war with the law of his mind, making him captive to the law of sin. Paul should be understood here as describing one who tries to deal with sin on his own, and he gives this description to enable the reader to see his urgent need for the help God provides.

That help is identified in 8:2 when the apostle says, "The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death." When the Holy Spirit has control of our lives, we are freed from the domination that sin and death otherwise have over us, and we are empowered to live for God. Since we all have to deal with sin, these verses contain one of the most important assurances for the Christian life, and it is vital

for every Christian to understand and experience the Spirit's reality in his own life.

We need to know, first of all, that what the Spirit does for us in this way is done "in Christ Jesus" (8:2). When penitent believers are immersed into Christ, they receive the Holy Spirit as a gift (Acts 2:38; 5:32). Because the Roman Christians had received the Spirit when they were baptized, Paul could confidently say about them, "You are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you." (8:9).

Elsewhere Christians are warned that it is possible to "quench" the Spirit (1 Thessalonians 5:19). This is disastrous, for the Spirit is our source of life (which is why Paul, in Romans 8:2, calls him "the Spirit of life"). Thus, the apostle argues, in Galatians 5:25, "If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit." The word translated "guided" means "kept in line with." Since life comes from the Spirit, it only makes sense to keep in line with him, to accept his dominion over us. As Paul said in Romans 8, the "just requirement of the law" (what God intended his law to accomplish) is fulfilled in those who walk according to the Spirit and set their minds on the things of the Spirit (6-8).

Paul then tells us some of the practical ramifications of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. (This list is suggestive, not exhaustive. For example, the apostle does not here discuss the "fruit of the Spirit," identified in Galatians 5.)

1. The Spirit enables us ("by the Spirit") to "put to death the deeds of the body" (8:13). The significance of this is especially apparent when we recall what

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The Spirit Helps Us

Thayer Salisbury

e groan, the whole creation groans, but we do so in hope. That is the lesson of Romans 8:18-25. But is our hope only of "pie in the sky in the sweet by and by?" No, for we have not only a hope for the future, but a help in the present.

"Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God" (Romans 8:26-27).

Our Primary Weakness

One of our primary spiritual weaknesses is our inability to pray as we ought. It is a weakness that

most of us feel. If you are completely satisfied with your prayer life, you are a rare Christian. I suspect that you are also a very unhealthy Christian. The Christian fully satisfied with his prayer life is satisfied far too easily. Note that Paul says "we do not know what to pray for as we ought." Evidently, this problem with prayer was felt even by the apostle.

This passage is teaching us that there is hope for our anemic prayer life; but we are not told that the Spirit fixes this problem instantly. We are not told that we will be instantly taught how to pray better. Rather, the Spirit "intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words."

Someone has suggested that many of our needs cannot be expressed in human languages, because human languages may not have words for our deepest needs. I think that this may be correct. We, as humans, are beings marred by sin. And being marred by sin it is natural that the languages we develop will be deficient at expressing spiritual need.

We are not told that the Spirit fixes this problem. We are not told that the Spirit instantly teaches us how to pray. The Father and the Son dwell in us (John 14:23; Acts 2:38; 5:32; Eph 3:17). But although God dwells in us through his Spirit, he also inhabits eternity. There is still a need to appeal to him. Yet we will sometimes find it difficult to do so, as long as we are in our earthly bodies.

C.H. Dodd said that Christian prayer is "the divine in us appealing to the God above us." It is not talking to oneself, as so many understand it today. As Paul will go on to show in what follows, God is still very much alive and active outside of us. He dwells in us, yet we do not contain Him. We must beware of any teaching that emphasizes the idea of God within so much that the God above us is belittled. That is a Satanic teaching. We need to pray because God is not, in all his fullness, confined within us. We can pray, because God's Spirit is dwelling in us to help us do so.

According to the Will of God

The Spirit helps us "according to the will of God" (27). The Spirit is not going to give you a

quick course in "how to get what you want in prayer." That would not meet the weakness: it would rather give the weakness free reign to dominate and destroy us. But, if you are open to his help, he may teach you "how to want what you truly need to get."

Does prayer change God? Certainly not! If it did, He would not be God. If we could with our prayers change the being known as "God," we would be God and He would be our errand boy.

Does prayer change things? Can we be changed by certain means of grace, the work of the Spirit in our prayer among them? Certainly! "The Spirit intercedes for

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NEW YORK

Sardinia: Shawn and Marilyn Barnes and their daughter, Meghan, live nearby in Holland and are interested in learning about the Church of Christ. Pray for a study with them.

NEW BRUNSWICK

Saint John: In November, Tim and Diana Johnson, now ministering in Barrie, ON), visited Saint John. Tim presented a lesson and they shared in a fellowship meal with us. It was a great day for everyone and no one seemed to be in a hurry to go home. Rodel, a Catholic from the Philippines, joined us on three occasions for Thursday night Bible Study in December. We also had a separate Bible study with him. We had hoped this would go far but he received his temporary work permit and left to work in Nova Scotia. We continue to stay in touch through the emails and plan to send him the Kev to the Kingdom correspondence course. We started January with a newsletter mail drop. We have had four visitors so far. Three came out on January 29 and one came out on February 5. Please pray that our visitors will return. We have also started a new ad for Bible studies. Please pray that these efforts will bear fruit.

ONTARIO

Beamsville: On January 7, JoAnne Smith was baptized. JoAnne had immediate family and her small group church family, witness and celebrate her baptism at our church building. We praise God for this commitment that she has made. Our congregation is serving dinner to Community Care clients once a month. We have also collected, sorted, and packed medical supplies that were sent to Haiti.

Bramalea: On January 15, 2012, Roger Saumur, of the Ville Émard church of Christ in Montreal, QC, preached and reported on the work there. That evening Tony Bonsu (Ghanaian) and Pete Garnett (Filipino) presented interesting insights to the Bramalea congregation on their respective culture's activities. On January

29, the women of the congregation held their first 2012 planning session with 18 present. A follow-up meeting is planned for February 19, after the women have had a chance to complete a women's ministry survey.

Cambridge: January, 2012, marked the 5th anniversary of the Cambridge Church of Christ. We can hardly believe that it's been that long already! The Lord has done great things during that period of time, and of course continues to work. In consideration of the fact that January is not usually the most ideal time to be inviting people to come and help celebrate anything, we decided to set aside a Saturday evening in November to share a dinner, some singing and some reflection with each other and others who might be able to come and join us. We were grateful for the presence of those who came from far and near - Peterborough, Oshawa, Waterloo, Stratford, Beamsville and possibly other places that escape the mind just now. We are so grateful to have been allowed to work for the Lord in this corner of His vineyard. It is only by His grace - and the partnership of many of His children - that we have been able to be involved in the many good works that He has put before us. To all who have supported us, whether financially, in prayer or in such a wonderful variety of encouraging ways over the past five years, Thank You! We are truly blessed. May you be also!

Fenwick: Harold MacDonald is leading the Wednesday evening class in a survey of the Bible and the men's class has begun a study of the seven churches of Revelation. Phil Tanton spoke Sunday morning, February 12. Plans are in the works to have Max Craddock for a special meeting in April.

Hamilton (Fennel Ave): A series of video lessons entitled. "Elemental Living" by Jeff Walling was well received as the congregation watched a different session each Sunday evening in January. At a recent business meeting the congregation decided to have Art Ford continue his preaching work with the congregation on a part-time basis.

Stoney Creek: The congregation currently has two small groups meeting on Wednesday evenings. One meets at the home of Keith and Jane Wallace in Burlington and the other in various homes in East Hamilton.

Tintern: We are looking forward to Bible Day Camp 2012 (July 2 – 6, 2012).

A mission team from the Pleasant Valley Church of Christ in Little Rock, AR, will be assisting us with our program. A mission team from Tintern will be joining Living Water International from February 17-25 in Leon Nicaragua to help drill a water well. Roger and Caleb Perry, Geoff Taylor, Matt Walker, Patsy Vandriel, Lacy May, Katie Whitfield, Kathleen Manson and Richard Zila will be assisting a well drilling team and teaching food washing and other hygiene techniques. We pray for safety for the team and for the growth of the Kingdom of God. May God be glorified! The Tintern Teen Group TRUTH (Teens Reaching for and Understanding The Hope) will send Dylan Pyeatt, Brad Cook, Joanna King, Kalita Zila, Jewlee Horne, Becky Glas, Alysha Lansdell, Tom Kielstra, and Craig Nugent on a mission trip in Detroit, MI, from February 17 -21. At our Annual General Meeting the Tintern congregation affirmed our elders (Wayford Smith, Doug Tallman, Jim Book and John Stanley) for another year. We made a commitment as a congregation to memorize Philippians 2 during the year 2012. Women from the Beamsville and Tintern congregations began a Beth Moore Bible Study titled "James: Mercy Triumphs" on February 21.

Waterloo: The weekend of January 15, we held our 6th annual 20's Weekend. This event saw over 50 young people gather together for lessons, games and a time of worship. Many drove from out of town, the furthest coming from as far as Montreal. It was encouraging seeing so many young people gather for fellowship and learning while coming from a diversity of life situations, and a range of age. Greg Whitfield taught a series of 5 lessons covering faith, prayer, outreach and Christian living. These lessons were engaging and inspiring; many left feeling full of zeal and wanting more. January 29 we had a wonderful annual family gathering. There was a record turn-out, and we were presented with a review of 2011 and plans for 2012. One of the highlights of this excellent gathering was that we were able to see pictures of the past year's events during a pot-luck. It truly was a great day.

Windsor (West Side): We are going through the Missional Process. We pray for discernment for where God might be leading us, laborers to work in God's harvest, people of peace in our area of influence, and to discover God's plans instead of asking Him to bless our plans

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(BC news supplied by Barbara Lewis)

ALBERTA

Northside, Edmonton: Danielle Bohnsack was recently baptized into the Lord's family here. A warm welcome to Stephen & Kavlin Booker and son, Oliver, who have moved here from Houston. TX, and wish to be identified with this congregation. Jerry Bibaud, Walter and Cindy Hreczuch and Roland Latifi attended the 2012 Shepherds Network-Belgrade, MT. The weekend was well attended with brethren from several congregations. It was an excellent opportunity to listen to people who have experienced serving as Elders and Elder's wives and gain insights as to the rewards and challenges involved. The ladies' Bible study is "Breaking Free: Isaiah" written by Beth Moore, Fourteen are taking the Sunset course "James".

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Abbotsford (Central Valley): Supporters of the "Christian-Ministryat-Large" received an informative 2011 report from Norm and Jen Weir near the end of January. Included were pictures of the seven congregations they visit two or more times each year, depending on needs and circumstances, plus a full page of pictures of the Indian work in Ft. Ware and Tsey Key. British Columbia is geographically vast, our numbers of church workers continue to decline, and few are able to cover the distance and do what they can to meet the needs. In spite of the hardships of most of the trips, the Weirs find this work of giving fellowship and assistance to people in isolated locations a joy. They are called upon for weddings, funerals, counseling, encouragement and/ or physical help covering a large range of issues and often unexpected situations. In addition, both are always ready to engage in a personal Bible study, or teach in class situations. When at home, Norm continues to preach for Central Valley, but he is always teaching somewhere each Lord's Day morning, with Jen having a class for

children. In the First Nations Villages, evening meetings are usually in the form of devotionals, unless there has been a death or illness that calls only for prayer to comfort, reassure and encourage.

Burnaby: A member originally of the Coquitlam congregation, Ruby Mansell's death in her sleep in a nursing home on February 4 was unexpected. Memorial services were in the Burnaby building on Feb. 10, where she and her family have worshipped since the disintegration of the Coquitlam church several years ago. (See her obituary on page 16) A service was also hosted for Charles Dalziel on February 19. As her father was one of the original group forming the Burnaby church his daughter, Calee Jenke, felt it appropriate to remember him here.

Kelowna: The small group of Christians meeting here miss the presence and active participation of Charles Dalziel, whose sudden death from a heart attack after a day of skiing at Silver Mountain occurred on Jan. 23. A Memorial service here where Charles and his wife, Rita, have lived for many years, is being planned for July when driving conditions will be more favorable.

Oakridge (Vancouver): A Spanish—speaking service is now being held in our building at 4 o'clock on Sunday afternoons. Among the first members of the Oakridge congregation, Laura Sigurdson, at the age of 96, is still welcoming visitors, but now from a hospital bed at the University of B.C. Hospital.

Salmon Arm: A special offering to help two islands in the Philippines which were devastated by a hurricane in December was sent in February. Our preacher, Cliff Plummer, and his family were able to transfer their household to Salmon Arm near the beginning of the New Year. Our members offered extra help in the form of an old-fashioned "pounding" after their move.

Vernon: A seminar series of three DVD's titled "Dream Marriage" was shown immediately following services in February. A "Kids' Club" composed of two groups: those under Grade Four, and those over Grade Four., along with their friends, was begun on Feb. 18 to meet once a month for a devotional and variety of activities.

MANITOBA

Winnipeg; (Central): January 25, Rusty & Laura Campbell, missionaries from Ecuador, met with us and told us about

their work. February 3-5, the annual "Mountains of Fun on the Prairies" Ski Retreat was held. February 11, the men held a workday. February 12 the Birstons invited the college and young adult group to a pizza and salad supper. Blair & Susan Roberts also attended & they told about their mission experiences and their vision for their upcoming work in Belgium.

SASKATCHEWAN

Regina (Northwest): In 2011 we had 6 Baptisms: Matthew Ritsema, Karen Runns, Spenser (Carla Contrera's son), Renee Dufour-Contreras, Kelly Vance and Julie Zeimer. Justin and Melessa (Peterson) Gauthier were married. Born to Daryl and Kristin Steiner, a daughter, Scarlet, and to Ryan and Rachel Friesen, a daughter, Jane. Vicky Knutson and Kyle Lawrence both passed away. We are proud of our congregation and the steps taken to grow. Sister Triangle Ladies Retreat was held February 24-26. The theme was "This is my Story" and Roberta Davis was guest speaker. ((submitted by Mary Gurel)

Weyburn: We raised \$1,161.34 through a bottle drive and donations for the goat fund for the work of Salvador Cariaga in the Philippines. The winter festival was held February 11. All the children that came to the summer VBS were invited. Young Children's times was held January 25. It was a combined meeting with everyone and letters were written to kids in the Philippines, Ukraine and other areas.

Sad News From Western Christian

(The following is a news release from the Western Website)

Western Christian College and High School (WCCHS) has a 67-year history of changing lives one student at a time. On Saturday, January 28, 2012, the WCCHS board and society met to determine the future of our school. At that time, it was determined that the institution will close on June 30, 2012.

Thank you for your interest in Western Christian.

May God bless you.

Karen Cooper, COO (For the Board of Directors)

MISSIONNEWS

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TACOMA, WA.: The annual Spiritual Enrichment Workshop in Tacoma is being held from Mar. 9 to 11 this year. It attracts many Christians from Western Canada and the Northwestern part of the U. S.

HOUSTON, TX: There is no registration fee for those interested in the all-day conference on "Advanced Listening Skills" being offered on Saturday, March 10, between 9 am and 4 pm, at the Lifeline Chaplaincy Conference Center. Subjects which will be covered include "Life Commandments", "Story Listening" and "The Language of the Nervous System." Paul Riddle, Director of Spiritual Care for the Houston Lifeline Chaplaincy, will be the speaker. Registrations are requested by March

7 and may be made by calling Marlaina at 713-524-1055. Originating to help the families and patients of the M. D. Anderson Hospital in this city, members of the churches of Christ have spread the concept to other major places in Texas having well-known hospitals, such as Dallas, Ft. Worth, Temple and Austin. Many people do not like going into hospitals to visit because they feel they do not know what to say. The preliminary training given those who would like to serve in this capacity is not to teach them what to say as much as to teach them how to listen. Whether patients or relatives, most people are eager to tell their stories. Hospital personnel don't have time to listen, nor often, even their doctors. As is true in knocking on doors, the first fears of those who go soon disappear and they find this service to others making their

lives much more meaningful, as well as a blessing. The motto for Lifeline Chaplaincy is "Dedicated to providing compassionate support to the seriously ill, their families and caregivers, and to being an educational resource for crisis ministry". If you would like to learn more, the website is www. LifelineChapliancy.org. Virgil Fry is the Executive Director with Administrative Offices at 1415 Southmore Blvd., Houston, TX, 77004-5845.

WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL: Over the years, printed material in the form of correspondence lessons to reach the world has undergone changes from time to time as people involved in this outreach have felt there were ways to improve it. The last change was six years ago, but the WBS representative for the Eastern U.S. pointed out that since so many students fail to finish all of the courses, Rich Shur, felt that the Introductory Lesson was the most vital one. If it carried in it the message of salvation so that any student who dropped out later would at least have received the message of the Gospel and

had an opportunity to respond to it, it would accomplish a greater purpose. As a result, there has been a complete re-examination and revision of the study. The new Introduction keeps the same title, "The Way to Life", and the elements for attracting people, but, in addition, expands the meaning and intent of salvation through the use of Isaiah 53 and Acts 8. Even though the primary purpose is to lead to further lessons, the initial lesson can also stand alone. Samples may be ordered by calling 877-393-0211.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA: "This has been a very traumatic week for us, as a local passenger ship went down not too far from here last Thursday morning with 350+ people on board. Just under 250 were rescued with not much hope now of anyone else being found alive. One of the young men rescued fellowshipped with us on Sunday. I had seen him when he was very young but I think he's been living on New Britain Island for several years with relatives and going to school. He was coming down to Lae to do his Grade Eight here when

the boat sunk. He managed to get out of the ship before it went down and swam for some hours before he found some debris to cling on to. At some point he met up with another young man who was floundering so Matthias tied their wrists together and they both pledged to either sink or swim together until they were found. The boat went down before dawn and they drifted until late afternoon when they were discovered by a large ship searching in that area for survivors. It took three tries with a life preserver before the crew were able to pull them aboard. Matthias is okay and was with us on Sunday but his young friend is in hospital with an injured leg. The mayday was heard in Australia and the rescue planes came up from Cairns and alerted everyone to what was happening, threw down dinghies to the passengers,



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and directed the rescue operation along with the local rescue services. It is so tragic. Most of the passengers were students returning to the mainland for school." (Ed. Note: This is from a letter from Velma Forman in Lae)

PHILIPPINES: Disaster struck the islands again the first week of February with a 6.9 magnitude earthquake. With all lines of communication knocked out, it was awhile before the extent of the disaster became known a few days later. Sal Cariaga learned the epicenter was a province where we have a large concentration of churches of Christ, as well as 10 college students we are supporting for future expansion. The town's mayor is a member of the church and goat and worm

farms have been established. Several church buildings in our fellowship were destroyed. The preacher for the Tayasan church was conducting a funeral service when the earthquake struck. A wall of the building collapsed and his back was broken, and his daughter's collar bone and right leg. Although he needed removal to a city hospital for surgery, he could not be accepted without funds. The brother of the deceased was also severely injured and his daughter killed instantly. More casualties and damages were expected since many roads were not passable, bridges destroyed and communication limited. Brother Cariaga was in need of \$20,000 to aid in food and repairs before the end of February. (Part of a report in mid-February from Sal

Cariaga, who may be contacted at http://www.shepherdshill.org/)

JAPAN: Sasha Ingle (http://sashainsendai.blogspot.com/). She is currently seeking a congregation or individual willing to supply the \$700/month support she's lacking. She planned to return to Japan at the end of February to continue her work there. Joel Osborne (joelosborne4@ vahoo.com). Asia Mission Forum 2012: Joel will be organizing the AMF, July 28 - August 1, 2012. Pray that all will go well in planning and preparing for this spiritually refreshing event. Jonathan Straker (www.strakerhouse.com). The family arrived back in Japan on February 2 at Michiko's parents' home in Sapporo on the island of Hokkaido. They will be moving to live in Ishinomaki.

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Paul said in the previous chapter about the difficulty, even at times the impossibility of overcoming sin on our own.

2. The Spirit identifies us as God's children, for "when we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God." Because of this assurance of our relationship with our heavenly Father, we no longer serve with the spirit of slaves filled with fear but with the spirit of adoption which assures us that we are heirs (8:15-17).

3. The Spirit helps us in our weakness. We have many weaknesses where the Spirit provides timely help, but the one identified here is inability "to pray as we ought." The "sighs too deep for words" should be understood as sighs we are unable to articulate. The Spirit brings these to the Father who knows the mind of the Spirit and who works all things together for good for those who love God (8:26-28).

The eighth chapter of Romans is loved by countless men and

women because it tells us "we are more than conquerors through him who loved us" (8:37). This is emphasized numerous ways in the chapter, not the least of which is the assurance that in Christ the Spirit of life has set us free from the dominion of sin and death.

Burlington, Ontario

(All scripture quotations are from *The New Revised Standard Version*, 1989.)

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the saints" and we are his saints (1 Cor 1:2; 6:11). But the Spirit does this "according to the will of God" not according to our whims and fancies.

It is a great comfort to me to know that the Spirit is not going to help me get what I want through prayer, for I see how often what I have wanted has not been what was best.

Do Not Despair

So, do not despair. The fact that your prayer life is not what you wish it, the fact of your groaning is an indication that you are spiritually alive. The spiritually dead do not groan over the spiritual condition of the world. Your frustration with your prayer life is a healthy sign. The apostle felt it also.

But the Spirit is there to help, to help us conform to the will of God, and help us communicate to God that which we do not even understand or have words to express. So, trust the hope God gives for the future and accept the help he offers in the present.

Toledo, Ohio

of Baal-zebub rather than of the God of Israel (2 Kgs. 1:3, 15-16). And when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elisha asked for a double measure of the Spirit that had rested upon Elijah (2:1, 9, 15-16). Certain prophets are linked with several kings: Asa with Azariah (2 Chron. 15:1); Jehoshaphat with Jahaziel (20:14); and Joash with Zechariah ("clothed," 24:20). Reflecting back on this time from the perspective of the exiles returned to Jerusalem, the Levites reminded the assembly. "Many years you [God] bore with them and warned them by your Spirit through your prophets. Yet they would not give ear" (Neh. 9:30).

Generally, the prophets of the Old Testament encouraged the people and their leaders to be faithful to God while warning them of the dire consequence of disobedience. Isaiah, writing of the coming exile of Judah, stated "...the Lord God has sent me, and his Spirit"

(Isa. 48:16). (When Isaiah responded to the Lord's question, "Who will go for us?" saying, "Here am I, send me," God's instructions (Isa. 6:8-13) are described by the Apostle Paul as the Holy Spirit speaking (Acts 28:25-27). In the same period the prophet Micah asked, "Is the Spirit of the Lord angry?" (Mic. 2:7). Micah acknowledged, "But as for me, I am filled with power, with the Spirit of the Lord, and with justice and might" (3:8).

Later, to the Israelites in the fifth year of their captivity, Ezekiel wrote that when the Lord sent him to the rebellious people of Israel, "the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet" (Ezek. 2:2); "Then the Spirit lifted me up...and took me away...and I came to the exiles at Tel-abib...by the Chebar canal..." (3:12-14; see also 24-27). In the sixth year of their captivity in a telling passage, in the presence of the elders of Israel Ezekiel said, "the hand of the Lord God fell upon me...[seeing] a form that had the appearance of a man...he took me by a lock of my head, and the Spirit lifted me up between earth and heaven..." (8:1-4). Again, having seen the vision of the cherubim. "the Spirit lifted me up...and the Spirit of the Lord fell upon me..." (11:1, 5). This action was repeated when Ezekiel was carried into the great spiritual temple: "...the Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court; and behold, the glory of the Lord filled the temple" (43:4-5).

Prophets instructed the remnant upon their return from exile. Haggai was assured, "My Spirit remains in your midst. Fear not" (Hag. 2:5). An angel spoke to Zechariah, saying, "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts" (Zech. 4:6; cf. 6:8; 7:12).

For our time the exciting aspect the Old Testament's statement regarding the Holy Spirit are the promises of his involvement in the New Era: the coming Messiah, the outpouring of the Spirit, and the in-gathering of the faithful.

The Messiah: "There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse...and the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord" (Isa. 11:1-2; see also 42:1; 61:1-3 with Luke 4:12).

The Outpouring: "And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh..." (Joel 2:38-29; see also Isa. 32:15; 44:3; Ezek. 36:27; 39:29).

The In-gathering: "I will take you from the nations and gather

you from the countries and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit will I put within you..." (Ezek. 36:24-26; see also Isa. 34:16-17).

It is truly a gracious God who sent His Spirit to bless His creation, to minister to his chosen people, and to prepare for the golden age that was to come. The wonderful description of the Spirit's involvement throughout the Old Testament is essential to appreciating the Spirit's leading role in the unfolding story of the New Testament!

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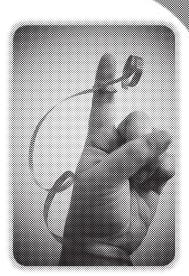
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OBIUARIES

Kimber, Leonard John

Leonard John Kimber passed away peacefully on Friday, January 6, 2012, surrounded by his family at the St Catharines General Hospital, in his 70th year. Len was the beloved husband of Merla for 47 years. He was the dear father of Kelly (Bruce) Greenlaw, Craig (Tivie) Kimber and Ryan (Danaka) Kimber. A dear and loving grandfather, he leaves behind Sam, Ryan and Lily. Len is sadly missed by his mother Reta

Kimber, his mother-in-law Zeta Ostrosser, his brother Bill and sister Kathy and their families.

The family received friends at the Church of Christ in Fenwick on Wednesday, January 11. A memorial service followed the visitation.

Len and Merla have been attending at Fenwick for over 6 years. Len was very interested in genealogy and helped prepare a paper on the history of the church at Fenwick for the Canadian Churches of Christ Historical Society. Len struggled with his health over the last few years. He had diabetes, as well as heart and kidney problems. He received a kidney transplant which extended his life. Len was faithful in his church attendance until his poor health confined him to his home.

Anyone still wishing to honour Len may make donations to the Canadian Diabetes Association, the Kidney Foundation of Canada or the Fenwick Church of Christ in his name.

Don Hipwell

Mansell, Ruby

In Burnaby, BC, people from other Provinces and Vancouver Island helped to pack the meeting place of the church on February 10, 2012, for a Memorial Service for Ruby Mansell, who unexpectedly passed away in her sleep on February, 4. She was a victim of Alzheimer's disease.

The eldest of eight children, Ruby was born on August 25, 1934, in Carman, MB, to John and Hazel McCutch-

eon. She grew up on the family farm with her two sisters and five brothers. At the age of 21, she met and married Ray Mansell. Their first child, Twyla, was born in Neepawa, MB, where the couple first lived. Shortly afterward, they moved to Winnipeg, where two more daughters, Cindy and Melodie, were born.

In 1974, they took their little family to Louisiana for two years so that Ray could study in the Monroe School of Preaching. In looking at Canada's mission fields, Ray and Ruby decided to come to Vancouver, BC, and settled in Coquitlam, where they eventually helped establish a congregation of the Lord's church. Ruby served the church as an elder's wife in whatever capacity she was needed, leading by example as a devoted Christian woman. She was known for her kind, gentle, hospitable and caring ways. She and Ray had Bible studies, hosted small groups in their home, and taught Bible classes. Those who knew her best said that she was always thinking of others ahead of herself. When she heard of a need, she did what she could to help. This included making quilts and blankets for children in First Nations villages, and other sewing projects.

As a tribute to her cooking ability, a "Pie Social" was held at the conclusion of the memorable service. Ruby is survived by her faithful husband of 56 years, Ray Mansell; children Twyla (Dave) Murray, Cindy (Garnet) Andrews, Melodie (Ken) Bell; eight grandchildren; sisters Marjorie Wanless and Jean Elias; brothers Allan, Clarence, Orville, Don and Ken McCutcheon, and many friends.

Information supplied by Barbara Lewis

Smart, Myrna (Miller)

Myrna Smart departed gently from this life at the St. Catharines General Hospital on Saturday, April 2, 2011. Two evenings prior to her death, Myrna fell at home and suffered critical head injuries.

After their move from Nova Scotia to Ontario, Murray and Venie (Wallace) Miller were blessed with the birth of their first child, Myrna, on December 23, 1928, in St. Catharines. Myrna was born into the home of lots of aunts and uncles who tenderly helped care for her. Myrna had many fond memories of the Wallace family. Her Aunt Dorothy (Wallace) Ellis seemed like an older sister to Myrna and her sister, Ina. She helped them learn to skate, appreciate movies, make fudge and many other first time experiences.

After high school, Myrna attended St. Catharines Business College. Following her course at the college she was employed by the English Electric Company, Vanda Beauty Counselor and eventually by the Public Works Department of Regional Niagara (retiring from there in 1993). Known for her hard work, Myrna was honored by her employer when Regional Headquarters lowered their flags on Thursday, April 7, 2011 in her memory.

Myrna was baptized into Christ by Brother Flannery on Sunday evening, June 13, 1943. Her sister Ina (Miller) Allcock and cousin Joyce Beck were baptized on the same evening. The Millers were members of the Raymond and Beecher congregation in St. Catharines where Myrna's father was Secretary Treasurer.

Myrna married Norm Smart on July 23, 1960, thereby becoming an "instant" mother to Norm's daughter, Penny. Norm's deceased wife, Joyce (Beck) was Myrna's first cousin and close personal friend so there were no strangers in the family. Myrna and Norm were delighted with the birth of a lovely daughter, Alison, in 1965.

Penny and Dean Kyle of St. Catharines are the parents of Braden and Cameron. Alison is the mother of Jonathan and Jacob Moseley of Rogers, Arkansas. In memory of his grandmother, Cameron Kyle wrote the following lines:

Those we love don't go away. They walk beside us everyday, Unseen, unheard, but always near Still loved, still missed And very near.

Myrna was the most loyal of persons to God, family and church. Her

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loyalty to her husband was seen in so many ways during the long period of his extended illness. Myrna was never heard to complain. When asked about her own well being during these difficult times, Myrna would say, "I am fine as long as he is ok!" Her love for Norm was very apparent. They had as a motto: Romans 8:28. As an elder's wife, Myrna did her best to help, support and encourage her husband till his death in 2001.

Myrna has always been active in the work of the church in St. Catharines. Some of her work included: teaching children's Bible classes, attending all activities of the congregation, entertaining in her home, active participation in the fellowship ministry and many other good works.

Myrna was also an active member of the St. Catharines WAVES. She served for many years as their Recording Secretary. She was noted as a person of "gentle spirit" and as one who exhibited "quiet kindness". The St. Catharines chapter of the WAVES recently donated some much needed office equipment to Great Lakes Christian High School in her memory.

A service for Myrna was conducted on April 7, 2011, at Tallman's Funeral Home in Vineland. Ina (Allcock) Smith, her only sibling, delivered these words of tribute:

Myrna and I have always had a close relationship with each other. Myrna was my big sister who has been there for me all of my life. My mother told me that I was very troublesome at times. To prove her point she said, "You know there were times when you had done something naughty and Myrna felt so sorry for you that she asked if she could take your punishment."...

I could never finish my tribute to Myrna without mentioning her spirituality. She loved the Lord and put Him first in her life. She always stood firm in her convictions of Christian principles from God's Word...

There has been a trend away from femininity in our world today, but

Myrna's femininity coupled with her strength has endeared her to us...

Besides being my sister, she was my friend, who helped others, especially me...

Our beloved friend and Christian sister was buried in Victoria Lawn Cemetery in St. Catharines. Donations may be made in her memory to GLCHS. Well done, Myrna – we love you!

(submitted by the Family of Myrna Smart)

Smith, Murray (1932-2011)

(The Smith family apologize for taking so long to get this to the Gospel Herald. Thank you for your patience.)

Murray Smith, the much beloved husband, father, grandfather, greatgrandfather, preacher and teacher, passed away August 25, 2011. Murray will be greatly missed by all.

A very large gathering of Murray's loved ones, friends and associates celebrated his life at the St. Catharines church of Christ, where Murray previously enjoyed a 17 year preaching career. He is buried in Thessalon beside his wife, Marilyn, who had passed away in 1997. The funeral at the Thessalon church of Christ was attended by another large gathering of family and friends. The Smith family appreciates all the love and support shown by all, especially the St. Catharines and Thessalon congregations.

The scripture says to love one another deeply, and both congregations demonstrated their love to the family beyond measure. Thank you.

Paul said, "you show that you are a letter from Christ." 2 Corinthians 3:3.

Murray wrote a long and beautiful letter with his life. His motto surely was, "How can I help you?" And he did so often. Murray loved people. He was a parapetetic teacher (he spent time walking along side others). He was successful because he was loved, trusted and people knew he genuinely cared.

Murray and Marilyn raised their family in Bronte (Oakville) Ontario, and while working in the oil industry, Murray preached for rural congregations. In 1965 he began full time preaching with the Ajax church of Christ. After seven years the family moved to St. Catharines and enjoyed their 17 with years that wonderful congregation. Murray and Marilyn then moved to Thessalon where they both loved every minute with that congregation.

After Marilyn passed away, Murray had the good fortune to become a close friend with Ina Allcock from St. Catharines. They were married in 2000 and lived in Thessalon until Murray decided to retire. They then moved to St. Catharines. Of course, most preachers never really retire, and they enjoyed travelling to Toronto to work with the Bayview church of Christ for several years.

The book of Hebrews reminds us that "even though he is dead, he still speaks." (Hebrews 11:4). Many of us feel Murray's presence because we still hear his words. He spoke wisdom from Gods word, and common sense in everyday living. Without intending to create a pun, Murray was really a word-smith. His words will be eternal, because they were God's words. So yes, Murray is very much alive even though he is dead. We look forward to the day we will be together again.... until that time we still hear his voice.

(submitted by the family of Murray Smith)



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; Sunday 9:45 AM Classes for Children/Teens/ Adults;(Summer schedule – 10:00 Worship – no classes) 10:45 AM Assembly; 11:15 AM Youth Assembly; Care Groups - throughout the week; Phone (403) 272-2111; Email: info@calgarycofc.com

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.ca

EDMONTON Church Of Christ: Meeting place in NW of city; 13015 – 116 Avenue, T5M 309; Office 780-455-1049; Fax 780-454-9545; Sun. 9:30 am Bible classes; 10:30 am Worship; Wed. 7:00 pm Bible Study CAREgroups in office basement and in various homes (phone for locations & other times); Elders: Henri Bouchard, Walter Hreczuch; Evangelist: Gerry Bibaud; Web: edmontonchurchofchrist.org E-mail: church5@telus.net

EDMONTON SOUTH: Southwood Community Centre, 1880 - 37 St in Millwoods area; (Mailing address: 4115 - 89th Street, Edmonton, AB, T6K 1G2). Sunday classes 10:00 AM; assembly 11:00 AM. Wed. 7:00; PM CARE groups in homes; phone for locations; Tim Johnson, ev. 780-913-8060; Peter Ross, contact 780-468-9272; E-mail: timoutwest2004@yahoo.ca; Website: www.southedmontonchurchofchrist.org

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, T1A 7C2; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7; Jamie Lobert, ev. (403) 527-7346 or (403) 527-7311 (off)

RED DEER: 68 Donlevy Ave., T4R 2Y8; Sun. 10, 11, (evening • call for information); John Smith, ev. (403) 347-3986

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

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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

BURNABY (Greater Vancouver): 7485 Salisbury Ave. V5E 3A5; Sunday 9:45 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM, Midweek groups meet in homes. Call for times and locations; (Sept. – June – Wed. 7:30 PM, Adult Bible Study at Building), Kirk Ruch, ev., K.M.R@SBChurch.ca; Conor Wilkerson, youth, Office, office.contact@SBChurch.ca (604) 522-7721 (off.); Website: www.SBChurch.ca

CAMPBELL RIVER: 226 Hilchey Road V9W 1P4 Contact: Off (250) 923-5233; Charles Witty (250) 923-6396; Jim McGeachy (250) 286-3780; besilim@hotmail.com CHILLIWACK: Senior Citizens Bldg. Br 24, corner of Cook and Victoria St.; PO Box 327; Sun. 10:30, 11; Mid-week, call - John Forman 604-792-7806; Al McCutcheon, sec. 604-824-6703

CRESTON: Call for service times and place: David & Diane 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 Jim Hawkins, (604) 581-2169.

KELOWNA: 2 – 1342 Shaunna Rd., Kelowna BC, V1P 1P8; Building 250-861-9486, Sunday 10:30 a.m. Worship, Evangelist: Barrie Forman, 250-860-4354 and cell: 250-469-2161, sonlover@shaw.ca, cell 212-0080; Elders: Wayne Muirhead, 250-861-4008, marwayn@hotmail.com; Ted Windmill, 250-763-8445, edward_windmill@telus.net

KELOWNA: Spring Valley Church of Christ, 847 Wayne Road, Kelowna, V1X 1A4. Sun. 10:30, Charlie McKnight, ev., Ph. 250-862-8739, email: cmcknigh1@shaw.ca

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

NORTH BEND: North Bend Community Hall; Sun. 10:30 am; SS 1, Boston Bar, BC VOK 1CO; Bordy Krogsgaard 604-867-9420

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

PRINCE RUPERT: 977 Prince Rupert Blvd.; P0 Box 324, V8J 3P9; Sunday Bible classes 11:00 am, worship 10:00 am; Thurs. 7; Dick Brant, ev. (250) 624-4449 (off), 624-5834 (res)

SALMON ARM: 2460 Auto Rd. S.E.; Sunday 10:00; Call for times and locations of other meetings; Box 51, V1E 4N2; Doug Kendig, John Murray and Gordon Parmenter, elders; Contact: Cliff Plummer ev.; 250-833-1534 website: sa4CHRIST.com

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

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

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

VICTORIA (South Island Church of Christ):
Mailing address: South Island Church of Christ, c/o 108-800 Kelly Road, Suite 257, Victoria, BC, V9B 6.99; Meeting address: Westshore Chamber of Commerce, 2830 Aldwynd Rd., Lanford, BC.; Worship service 11:00 am – 12:00 pm, Contacts: Dick Morton 1-250-479-8480, L/S Walters 1-250-478-7275, Kent Malm 1-250-642-3460 (pls leave message); e-mail SICOG@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 279; Sun. worship 10:00; Sun. & Wed. nights call for details; 204-638-6321 (off), Fax: 204-638-0872

MANSON: Box 2, Manson, MB, ROM 1J0, Meeting Sunday Mornings – 10 & 11, (most Sundays) at Elkhorn Leisure Centre, 10 Richhill Ave E, Elkhorn, MB: Call to confirm meeting place or other information: Wilf Rogers, 204-722-2293 or Ken Starnes, 204-722-2085: email: kastar@xplornet.ca

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE: Contact Gerald Mccutcheon, 239-1817

WINNIPEG (Central): Sun. Worship 10, Bible classes 11:15, Eve. 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.; (204) 475-6462; Fax: (413) 677-6165;

Mail: 170 St. Mary's Road, Winnipeg, MB R2H 1H9; website: www.winnipegchurch.ca; Jim Hobbs, sec. for elders (204) 261-9861; Wayne Turner, ev. (204) 257-7926 (res); wayne@winnipegchurch.ca; Chad Celaire, youth min. (204) 284-6280 (res) chad@winnipegchurch.ca

PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK

MONCTON: 365 Pine Glen Rd., Riverview (Moncton), E18 4J8; Sun. 10, Wed. 7:30 p.m.; (506) 852-4143; Contact: Kenny Woodman (506) 380-4852; email: moncton.churchofchrist@gmail.ca

SAINT JOHN: Carleton Community Centre, 82 Market Place, Saint John, NB, E2M 185; Mailing address: P.O. Box 23021, 407 Westmorland Drive, Saint John, NB, E2J 280, 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

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: 2011 Tennessee Ave., Niagara Falls, NY, 14305; Off (716)285-6534, Home (716) 297-6563; Sunday Bible study 10 am, worship 11 AM, evening 6 pm, Wed. 7 PM. Minister Eddie J. Cornelius; cell:716-478-5278, e-mail: niafallscofc@aol.com; website: www.niagarafallscofc.com

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

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

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

SHUBENACADIE: 3557 Indian Road, Mill Village BON 2H0; Sun. 9:15 Fellowship Time, 10:00 Youth Classes, 10:15 Adult Bible Study, 11:00 Worship; Mon. 12:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study; Tues. 7:00 p.m. Bible study (call for location) Church building (902)758-4252 (leave message); J. Mackey (902)758-2633; email natbrown@ns.sympatico.ca

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

AURORA: 15216 Yonge St. S.; (entrance beside Benjamin Moore Paints); Sun. 9:30, 11:00, Wed. 7:30; P.O. Box 71523, L4G 1L9; Contact: Scott & Linda Harvey, (905) 473-5631 or leave message; e-mail: aurorachurchofchrist@hotmail.com or Clare Preston, (905) 895-0954

BARRIE: 345 Grove St. E. (at Cook), L4M 2R6; Sun. 10, 11, 6:30; Wed. 7:00; (705) 722-7155 (off.); Tim Johnson, ev. 705-718-0017 (cell); email: minister@barriechurch.ca

BEAMSVILLE: 4900 John St., LOR 1B6; Sunday 9:30 am Bible classes and Discussion Groups, 10:30 worship, 6:00 pm Contemporary worship, 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., (south of Hwy. 7 on Finchgate Boulevard), L6T 3Y2; (905) 792-2297; mail@bramaleacofc.ca; Sunday worship 10:00, 6:00; Bible class 11:15; Thurs. 7:30; 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 Ray Knight (519) 754-0401; Mike Gray 905-387-5680, email: thegrays1@shaw.ca office (519) 759-6630

BRANTFORD: (Costain/Johnson Community Centre) 16 Morrell St., N3T JJ2; 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@firee on ca

BURKS FALLS: 51B, Ontario Street, Sun: 9:15 am to 12:00 includes 2 children Classes, Tues 6:30; Mailing Address: Church of Christ, c/o Eunice Johnston, 205 First Avenue; RR# 1, Burks Falls, Ontario POA 1C0; 705-783-6476 (off); Evangelist: Hubert Lawrence 705-382-1414; e-mail: hubertlawrence@xplornet.com; web site: www.churchesofchrist.ca.

CAMBRIDGE: Meeting place is across the street from 45 Brierdale Rd. Sun. 10:30, call for midweek small groups; Evs. Greg Whitfield (226) 338-6720, www.cambridgecofc.ca; Mailing address: 2-120 Dudhope Ave, Cambridge M1R 4T7

CHESLEY & AREA: Call for time and place of meetings. Padfield: 519-934-0441; David Vance: 519-507-5070; Ron Zavitz: 519-363-6952

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

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

FENWICK: 765 Welland Ave.; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6:30; Wed. 7:30; P.O. Box 416, LOS 1CO; (905) 892-5661; email: coffcenwick@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 at 607 Christian Avenue, usually Sundays at 4 PM but call to confirm place and time. Week day Bible studies by appointment, Mailing address: Box 702, POJ 1KO; Mike & Judy Tinney 705-672-9241 or e-mail: can@parolink.net

HAMILTON: 321 East 27 Street (at Fennell), L8V 368 (Mt. Hamilton); Sunday 10:00, 11:00, 6:00; Wednesday 7 PM; (905) 385-5775 (off.); Art Ford, ev. (905) 296-1560 (h), artf@churchofchristhamilton.com; Chris Gardner, sec., (905) 388-9174: Website: www.churchofchristhamilton.com

NORTH HAMILTON: YMCA building, 79 James St. S.; Sun. 9:30, 10:30; Wed. 7; c/o Joe Sandassie, 286 East 26th Street, Hamilton ON L8V 3E1; 905-389-8308, 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.

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ICE LAKE: (Manitoulin Island) (1-1/4 miles South of Hwy 540, Ice Lake, ON); Mailing address: Site # 2, Box 3, Gore Bay, ON POP 1H0 Souther State of the State of

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

KINGSTON: 15 First Ave, Kingston, ON K7K 2G4
Sunday morning Bible study: 10:00, Worship: 11:00
Prayer line: 613-536-7008; Kingston Bible School,
1:00–3:00 PM, each Tuesday and Thursday.
Gordon Gibson, ev, gordongibson@bell.net,
web: www.churchofchristkingstonontariocanada.com

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

KITCHENER SOUTH: Kitchener City Hall (Learning Room) 200 King St. W.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30 in homes; Mailing address: Kitchener Church of Christ, P.O. Box 25040, SDM Hiway Centre Postal Outlet, Kitchener, ON, N2A 4A5; Hugh Pitcher 519-699-5263 or Julian Smith 519-742-8626.

LONDON: 1750 Huron St., N5V 3A2; (519) 455-6730; Sun. Worship 10 AM, Bible Study 11 AM

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; contact Gordon Worrall (519)434-1981

MEAFORD: 113 Nelson St.W. N4L 1G3; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Wed. 7:30; Kevin Cleary, ev.; (519) 538-1750; e-mail: meaford-cofc@brucetelecom.com

MISSISSAUGA: Mail address: Mississauga Church of Christ; PO Box 42264; 128 Queen Street S., Mississauga ON L5M 525; Place of Worship: McKinnon Public School, 3270 Tacc Drive, Mississauga (101 Line & Tacc Drive); Worship: 9:30 MH; Bible Class 10:45; Contact name: Tony Lourenco (905) 829-8312; tlourenco@cogeco.ca; Bill Currie, 905-826-4816, Email: wic@7leaf.ca

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NEWMARKET: 230 Davis Dr.; Box 21581, L3Y 8J1; Sunday 11:15 am Bible classes, worship 10am, Sunday pm - call for information; 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 O.E. 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, bryce@niagaracoc.com, website: www.niagaracoc.com

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

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

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

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

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SARNIA: 796 Errol Road E., N7V 2G7; Sunday 9:30, 10:45, 6:30; Wednesday 7; (519) 339-1161 (off.),

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TORONTO (Harding Ave.): 47 Harding Ave., M6M 3A3; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7; 416-244-9152; contact; Aikins Wiredu, 905-216-6896; Kaso Ramcharitar, 416-652-7266; Twi service available

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QUEBEC CITY: 2980 De Verteuil St (corner Jean-Noel St); Mailing address: PO Box 9041 STN Sainte-Foy, Quebec, QC G1V 4A8, Sunday School: 9:30 AM; Sunday worship: 10:30 AM (French); Wed. 7:00 PM (Phone in Summer) 418-651-3664 (of); Yvon Beaudoin, ev. 418-728-5240; email: ybeaudoin@oricom.ca; Roger Paradis, ev. 418-831-8690; email: praradis1518@videotron.ca

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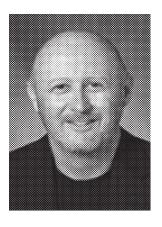
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