

The God Who Sings

(INTRODUCTION TO PSALMS)

Richard Kruse

The LORD your God is with you ... he will rejoice over you with singing” (Zeph 3:17).

Poetry is meant to convey an impact far beyond the words alone to inspire imagination, touch feelings and raise memories back to life. The mental pictures created with the words of a poem can produce a greater emotional impact than simple prose. Poetry expresses the heart of the poet, the depth of feeling not normally revealed. Poets, painting a word picture of reality, invite participation. Their goal is not simply to give more information, but a means to emotionally experience the event. For example, the statement “he will rejoice over you with singing” is emotionally stronger than, God is interested in you. The statement “... the morning stars sang together” (Job 38:7) speaks at a deeper level than the simple observation that the stars “twinkle.” Therefore, it is not wise to read or interpret one of the Psalms (poetry) in the same way we interpret Paul’s letters.

There are two general ways of praising another: directly, by focusing on that individual, or indirectly by speaking positively or complimenting something or someone closely associated with that person. For example, one might directly praise a friend for his fine artistic taste or indirectly by complimenting his selection of the beautiful painting on the wall of his room. One might remark about a person’s intelligence, or praise the book she has written. This is also true of praise of God. The Israelites praised God directly for who He was. They also praised Him by singing of that which was identified with Him—Creation, an

act of God; Zion, the city of God; the Temple, the house of God; the Law, the Word of God.

The English poet, Elizabeth Barrett Browning wrote, “Earth’s crammed with heaven, and every common bush aflame with God; but only those who see take off their shoes, the rest sit round it and pluck blackberries.” (Of course, those who are less poetic in nature and more literal minded, might pluck the ber-

The writers of the New Testament books quoted the book of Psalms more than any other book in the Hebrew Bible.

ries and be thankful, praising God for His producing and providing the berries to eat and enjoy.) For most people poetic expression produces images and suggestions in the subconscious mind. The sound of words in music engages the feelings beyond the words alone. The famous ballerina, Anna Pavlova was asked, “Anna, when you danced, what were you saying.” Pavlova replied, “If I could tell you, I wouldn’t need to dance.” If people could always simply say what is in their hearts, they wouldn’t need the imagery, the poetry and sound of the songs.

Poetry played an important role in the lives of nomadic peoples who were usually illiterate. Communication was through the spoken word because few “books” were available. Also, people found it was easier to learn and remember information presented in poetical style.

English poetry has been largely based on rhyme and metre. Fortunately, Hebrew poetry is different from English and Arabic poetry. Hebrew poetry is not based on rhyming verses. Some might not consider it as pleasing without the beauty of rhyme, but it has one great advantage over English and Arabic poetry. Hebrew poetry does not suffer poetic loss in translation because the double, and sometimes triple, way of saying the same truth can be faithfully translated into any language. (Muslims must memorize the Qur’an in Arabic. Any “translation” into another language is called a “commentary” and is not recognized as authoritative.)

The Hebrew poets used parallelism in their poetry to present their thoughts. Parallelism is two or three lines that have a relationship to each other; equal to each other in structure and sense. The poet is sometimes comparing, contrasting or simply saying the same thing twice using different words. The second line can also add detail which reinforces or carries the thought forward. This can be seen in reading Psalm 105:5-11. Read the first lines of each verse. The passage makes sense and the meaning is clear without the second line. Then read the verses again and see that indented second lines carry the thought forward, enriching the words, giving beauty and power to the first line.

Hebrew Poetic Forms

It will be good to briefly consider the following examples of Hebrew poetic forms:

1. The simplest form is seen in Job 4:17.

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(a) Can a mortal be more righteous than God?

(b) Can a man be more pure than his Maker?

2. A double couplet is seen in Psalm 127:1.

(a) Unless the LORD builds the house,

(b) its builders labor in vain.

(a) Unless the LORD watches over the city,

(b) the watchmen stand guard in vain.

3. A double triplet is seen in Matt 7:7-8.

(a) Ask and it will be given to you;

(b) seek and you will find;

(c) knock and the door will be opened to you.

(a) For everyone who asks receives;

(b) he who seeks finds;

(c) and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

4. An inverted or reversed parallelism is seen in Matt 6:24.

(a) No one can serve two masters.

(b) Either he will hate the one

(c) and love the other,

(c) or he will be devoted to the one

(b) and despise the other.

(a) You cannot serve both God and Money.

5. An antithetic couplet where the opposite is said in the second line is seen in Psalm 1:6.

(a) For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,

(b) but the way of the wicked will perish.

Some Types of Songs/Psalms

There is a great fullness of spiritual comfort and joy in the hearts of those who sing or read the psalms as an act of praise to the Messiah. The songs can delight the heart, rekindle the will with the fire of love and ignite a passion for righteousness and justice. The songs can drive out and destroy discontent, producing peace in both body and soul. The songs can be like a light brightening the life, health for a sick heart and

honey to a bitter soul. The songs of the Bible cover a wide range of topics and emotions. Besides expressing the inexpressible, the songs often bring to light significant feelings which people did not even know were there. They help people get in touch with life's buried issues and assist in expressing them.

1. **SONGS OF PRAISE** were the psalms people sang when they felt comfortable in their relationship with God. The greatness and goodness of God is praised. The hearts of the psalmists were in tune with God. Their songs are the most thoughtful reflections on God to be found anywhere. It is noteworthy that of the 150 Psalms, 120 address God directly, 14 others call upon all creation to praise the Lord (Some examples: Ex 15; Psa 29, 47, 96, 98, 146-150).

2. **SONGS OF LAMENT** were prayers to God when the people were hurting. The poet felt upset with himself, betrayed by others or even abandoned by God. Most of the laments begin with negative thoughts and move toward hope, ending with praise or trust (2 Sam 1; Psa 3, 13, 22, 44, 60, 64, 77, 80, 88).

3. **SONGS OF THANKSGIVING** were similar to the songs of praise in celebrating God, but a thanksgiving celebrated God for hearing an earlier lament and answering prayer. The structure of the songs is: first the poet had a

problem, he appealed to the Lord who responded (Jdg 4; Psa 18, 30, 32, 112).

4. **SONGS OF CONFIDENCE** were expressions of trust in God using a vivid central metaphor (Psa 23 - shepherd/sheep, Psa 131 - mother/child).

5. **SONGS OF ROYALTY.** God was presented both as the divine king and human king (Psa 2, 18, 20, 21, 45, 72, 89, 101, 110, 132).

6. **SONGS OF REMEMBRANCE** were calls to remember God's gracious acts in history (Psa 66, 78, 105, 106).

7. **SONGS OF WISDOM** would include Psalm 1, 37, 39, 45, 49, 73, 78, 119, 127, 128, 133 as well as the books of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs and Job.

8. **SONGS OF PILGRIMAGE,** included the Songs of Ascent, were

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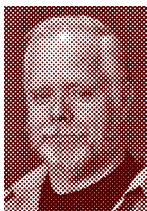
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Songs of the Soul

Wayne Turner



What is poetry? For many of us, the word brings back memories of English classes where we learned about rhyme and meter, symbolism and alliteration—where we may have read and heard some of the great classics of literary history and possibly we even memorized some—but, ultimately, all may seemed fairly obscure and distant from the reality we live in.

These attitudes may have extended into our adult lives. Though we may enjoy poetry on one hand, we sometimes struggle with understanding its imagery and meaning. We sense that there is often something deeper and more personal in poetry than in the prose that fills our lives. But, prose is easier to read and understand. It seems clear and logical, rational and objective.

Poetry is the music of literature. It is subjective. It describes the world through images and feelings. Poetry touches a part of us that prose cannot. Scientists tell us that music connects with a different part of our brains. The same would seem to be true for poetry, where words and ideas become much fuller and richer. Whether we really appreciate or like poetry, it is an important and meaningful form of expression.

Psalms, the longest book in the Bible, is a book of poetry—a collection of 150 poems (songs or psalms). It has some of the most beautiful and stirring words in the Bible. It takes the reader into wonder in the presence of God. It stirs hearts in worship. It expresses the depth of human brokenness and despair.

It is obvious that the Psalms were intended to be used in worship, so the book could be considered the hymnal of Israel. Similarly, the early church found the Psalms a source as they sang “psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.” Many of the songs we sing today come from the Psalms. It is amazing that a book (collection of songs) has survived for thousands of years and is as relevant, personal and inspiring. People today sing from the Psalms, read them, study them, meditate on them, even pray from them. Why?

The answer lies in the way the Psalms connect with us. Sometimes they express fear from uncertain or difficult times. Some of the Psalms speak of times when the writer used to have a more vibrant spiritual life. One of the most beautiful Psalms speaks of having a personal relationship with God as a sheep with a shepherd. Through the Psalms we are called to lift up our eyes to God and to see His transcendence, majesty, power. We are left in

wonder and awe. The Psalms connect with the innermost parts of us. In a very personal way, the Bible sometimes speaks of this as our soul.

Without attempting to explore all the concepts of the word soul, we simply note that sometimes, in the Bible, the word is used to refer to the source of our deepest spiritual feelings. Job speaks of the “bitterness of his soul” and of his “soul being grieved for the poor.” Hannah, when confronted by Eli, said she was “pouring out her soul to the Lord.” In the Psalms, the expression “my soul” is used 46 times. Sometimes it speaks of deep anguish and grief, of being downcast. The most beautiful passages speak of a deep desire for God, like the deer thirsting and panting for water. And, the Psalms speak of worshipping God,

lifting up my soul. David says that God “restores my soul.”

Given the significance of the Psalms, not only as a book of the Bible, but as a reflection of our experience with God and life, we

wonder how much attention is given to them today. There are always a few who say, sadly, that it’s Old Testament and not important today. Some may occasionally turn there, perhaps as their Bible accidentally falls open in the middle. However, the Psalms are an important part of our spiritual heritage and our lives today. They offer a wealth of comfort, instruction and inspiration.

With this in mind, this issue of the Gospel Herald takes a look at the Psalms. Richard Kruse, in “The God Who Sings,” introduces us to the book of Psalms, discussing the importance of song and the kinds of songs in the book.

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Blessed vs. Wicked – PSALM 1

Tyler Boland

When looking at the characteristics of God, one can see that God loves everyone. Even the sinners and the wicked people. God's love is unconditional. However, there are still consequences for our actions, if we live righteously, God will bless us, and if we live wicked lives He will condemn us. In God's Word we find that God talks about the type of person that He will bless and the type of person that He will condemn and how they live their lives.

God speaks through David in Psalm 1 about these people...

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the council of the wicked,

*Or stand in the way of sinners,
Or sit in the seat of mockers!*

For his delight is in the law of the Lord,

And on his law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water,

*Which yields its fruit in season,
And whose leaf does not wither,
Whatever he does prospers.*

Not so the wicked!

They are like chaff that the winds blow away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement,

Nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,

But the way of the wicked will perish.

Now, there are three things that God tells us to stay away from if we want to be blessed by him. But, what does it look like to walk in the council of the wicked, stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers? And how do we refrain from joining with them?

Obviously, the big idea here is to stay away from anything wicked. All three things that God tells us to stay

away from can be interpreted today as simply going along with what the world does and says. But how do we overcome that?

The answer can be found in Matthew 5:13-16:

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are

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the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on a stand and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Jesus says not to put our light under a bowl and go along with the world in sin. Rather, He tells us to let our light

shine so that others can see it. We need to be a light to the wicked and show them a new way to live life that will glorify God! Therefore, instead of going along with the wickedness of the world, let's shine the light of Jesus into the dark places of the world so that they can see Jesus!

In the next part of Psalm 1, we see that the person that God blesses, the same person that shines his light to the world rather than doing what the world does, delights in the law of the Lord and meditates on it all the time. He is into the Word of God, chews on His words, and thinks about how it applies to his life so that he can overcome the darkness of the world.

In our lives, we need to be in the Word of God constantly to make sure that we are living our lives in accordance to God!

"Study to show yourself approved unto God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth" 2 Timothy 2:15.

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This verse explains exactly why this person meditates on the Word of God all day. It is so that he can correctly handle the Word of God, and uses it to do the Lord's work, and so that he doesn't need to be ashamed in the life that he leads or in anything that he does.

We then come to the next part of the passage where it gives us an analogy of a tree and how this tree is like the blessed person. It says that this person is "like a tree planted by streams of water which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither."

Jesus talks about the water which we need to live!

Here is something I know about you (the reader); I know that you wouldn't want to be a tree planted in the desert. Why? Because there is no source of life in the desert! One of the few key factors for any living organism is that everything needs water to live. So of course you're going to want to be the tree planted by the water. Water is a source of life!

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"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give

them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life" John 4:13-14.

Again this scripture is referring to how we need the Word of God to live and how we need to meditate on it all the time because the source of our life comes from His inspired Word.

But wait! There's another part to the analogy of the tree, it says that this tree "yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither." What does that mean? If God compares us to a tree that produces fruit in season,

then what is the fruit that we are supposed to be producing?

In Paul's letter to the Galatians, he talks about this fruit and exactly what it is.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control" Galatians 5:22-23.

These are the fruits that the tree bears, the tree whose leaf does not wither and everything that it does prospers, as said in the last part of the analogy. All these things said about the tree is God describing the person He will bless. Therefore we are supposed to be living our lives like this tree: soaking up the living water

at our roots and producing the good fruits of the Spirit.

But then it goes on to say that the wicked are not like the blessed person! It says that the wicked are like chaff which is blown away by the winds! But what is chaff exactly? Chaff is actually the husks of grains and grasses that are separated during threshing.

What is it that people are going to want, the grains or the chaff? Obviously anyone would want the grains. Chaff has no purpose to fulfill and so the only thing it can be good for is to be taken away by the wind.

This parallels what God will do with us on the Day of Judgment! He will keep His children and His followers and He will throw away the wicked people and evil doers into destruction.

This also illustrates the next part of Psalm 1 for us! It says, "Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous." This too is talking about the Day of Judgement, and how the wicked will not stand with the righteous before God! Instead they will be separated from us, as it says in Matthew 25:32-33:

"All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left."

In conclusion, we need to be:

- Living our lives like the person whom God will bless.
- Not going along with the world, but rather letting our light shine into the dark places of the world.
- Living our lives like the tree soaking up the Word of God at our roots and producing the good fruit by the way we conduct our lives.
- Meditating on the Word of God, chewing on it and figuring out how to apply it to our lives

My challenge for you is to choose to live your life in a way that will glorify God.

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Sin and Sickness – PSALM 38

[Please read the psalm before reading the article.]

Thayer Salisbury

This psalm is not much studied. It is not included in the Revised Common Lectionary. Churches following that lectionary are not troubled with the task of wrestling with its difficulties. I suspect that it is also skipped by most Bible class curricula. There seems to be a fear that the psalm might be understood as teaching that every illness is caused, in an immediate and direct sense, by sin. Indeed, such an understanding of the psalm might be possible for those who do not know the Bible very well.

Whatever danger there may be in studying the psalm, there is a greater danger in failing to study such a passage. The possibility of a connection between sin and sickness has been excluded from most people's thinking. This is a possibility we must not exclude. This psalm teaches a

point of view regarding illness that is needed today. We must not ignore its teaching. There is often more to illness than germs.

A Spiritual Side to Illnesses

There is a spiritual side to illness. We ignore this to our peril. The spiritual side to illness is mentioned in this psalm repeatedly (3, 4, 5, 18).

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The fact that there is a spiritual side to illness does not indicate that all illness is directly related to sin. That is not the case. That is something our Lord specifically tells us is not true (Jn 9:3). But sin is the cause behind the cause of illness. The Bible plainly teaches that human sin is what has caused the perfect

system of nature that God created to go wrong (Gen 3 & Rom 8:18-23). Thus all illness is, in this indirect sense, the result of human sin.

There is an ambiguity here that we need to ponder. The Bible notes times when illnesses fall on people innocently (such as Job or the man born blind). But the Bible also notes times when a specific illness is brought on by a particular sin. King Uzziah (2 Chr 26:16-21) is one example.

So it is appropriate in times of illness, or in any time of trouble in our lives, to ask if there might be a message from God in this illness or trouble. There does not have to be a medical cause and effect relationship for it to be so. Certainly if we have worried ourselves to ulcers, or fornicated our way to AIDS, or used alcohol to the point of damaging

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our liver, we should admit the connection. But there was no medical connection between King Uzziah's sin and the resulting illness. Still, it was a message from God.

There does not have to be a cause and effect relationship for an illness to bring us a message. Paul's "thorn in the flesh" was not the result of a sin committed, but rather a humbling experience to keep him from a potential sin (2 Cor 12:7). Any illness or inconvenience we experience may have its purpose. We ought therefore to seek to understand the purpose. It may be that we will not be granted insight into the purpose, but the effort to see may be of value.

Illness may be a message from the Lord in a number of ways. It may be a call to repentance. It may be a visible punishment from which others will benefit. It may be a reminder (to all of us) that there is a price to be paid for wrongdoing, or even for excesses in activities that are not wrong of themselves. Long-term serious illness brings us to lose hope in human remedies and to cast ourselves unreservedly on the Lord. It may be an effort to make us or keep us humble. It may be an opportunity to demonstrate patient suffering.

Let us be alert to the spiritual side of illness.

Social Side to Illness

That there is a social side to illness is stated in verses 11-12, "My friends and companions stand aloof from my plague, and my nearest kin stand far off. Those who seek my life lay their snares; those who seek my hurt speak of ruin and meditate treachery all day long."

We have, at the current moment in history, reduced the tendency to blame people for their own illnesses. But that does not mean that we are always good to the ill. Our society is entertainment crazy, and much of the entertainment includes unfair caricature of the elderly and chronically ill.

Even if we are not guilty of being unkind toward the ill, we may, without meaning to, neglect the ill. Our living patterns contribute to this—we do not live near our elderly loved ones. We are not often with them in their difficulties. How are they to know that we love them when we so rarely offer words of encouragement? The local congregation is no longer the gathering of God's people within walking distance, and this leads to further neglect. It is just so far to the home of ill members that we rarely, if ever, check on them as once would have been common.

We may not deride them, we may

not rejoice in their illness, but in neglecting them we do them wrong. Someone has said that the opposite of love is not hate, but indifference. When we treat the ill with indifference we may be wounding them deeply.

Conclusion

This psalm is normally included as one of the "penitential psalms", although it does not confess specific sins. The admission of sin is implicit in the whole attitude taken toward the difficulties being experienced. Rather than excusing himself, this writer repeatedly admits that he is a sinner and that God is just in allowing him to suffer. In a sense this psalm might be seen as the opposite of the attitude described in Proverbs ("When a man's folly brings his way to ruin, his heart rages against the LORD" 19:3 ESV). Rather than bringing trouble on himself and then blaming God, this writer acknowledges his own guilt, although we are given no indication of how the troubles and the sins are connected.

This psalm reminds us of some things we tend to overlook. We see illness almost exclusively as a medical matter. Indeed, most illnesses have a medical cause; but every illness has theological and social dimensions.

Whatever the immediate cause of

a given illness—every illness should do these things for us. Every illness should remind us of the effect of sin in spoiling God's perfect creation. Every illness should be a time of self-examination. Every illness should motivate us to humbly call on God in prayer. And every illness should call forth a loving response from family, friends and fellow Christians.

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Closer to God—PSALM 84

Peter Morphy

Some of us have been around the church just about all of our lives ... as were our parents and their parents too. For some of us, it all can become more generational than regenerative. For many of us it is easy to take it all for granted. Our church family, the Sunday worship, prayer, believing in Biblical morality and our relationship with God are so woven into our lives that

love and grace of God, that begins with the words, "How do you explain; how do you describe, a love that goes from east to west and runs as deep as it is wide?" The answer is in the chorus, "When words are not enough to tell You of our love, listen to our hearts." Paul wrote about God's incredible, unlimited power that continues to work in us. "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!" (Ephesians 3:20-21).

As those who participate in the new life found in Christ, we should have a greater desire, eager anticipation and joyful spirit when we are privileged to gather to meet with the Lord and His

people for worship. We ought to have a yearning soul, a hungry spirit and a heart that cries out to be close to our heavenly Father. Like the psalmist we faint and weary from the challenges and difficulties of life, but we know, like the Psalmist, that we will be refreshed and restored when he met with our Lord (v. 2). This was a complete surrender to the presence of God. This intense passion to be near to God is also portrayed in Psalm 63:1, "O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water."

All that God has created honors and worships Him and each part acts according to their purpose and nature. We also have been created to worship the Lord and fulfill His purpose and live according to His image (vs. 3-4). We sing another song, "All things praise Thee, Lord most high, Heav'n and earth and sea and sky, All were for Thy glory made, That Thy greatness thus displayed Should all worship bring to Thee; All things praise Thee—Lord, may we!"

When on the roadway of life is busy and frustrating many people trust in themselves or take direction from other travelers. As we journey we set our hearts on the pilgrimage, the path and most importantly our destination (v. 5). As we advance along the journey we go from strength to strength until we finally reach our home. It is tempting to be off track, to follow the majority, to simply just stop in our tracks because we are exhausted and weary. God will always give us enough strength for each new day in order that we can continue to walk in His will.

Imagine living in the days of King David, traveling hun-

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we cannot imagine living without them. Sometimes what becomes habit, repetitive and routine and can also become trite, monotonous and mundane.

Psalm 84 was written by the "Sons of Korah" or perhaps by King David to the Sons of Korah. These were the workers, alongside the priests, in the temple of God. The heritage of their forefathers was one of rebellion and grave sin (literally) against the Lord (Numbers 16), but because of God's abundant grace they now have a wonderful opportunity to worship in sincerity and truth. Let us not ever let our past falling and failing control our present nor determine our destiny. These men were very familiar with the order, purpose and meaning of the sacrifices, offerings and worship. But for them it was anything but mindless rote or heartless duty.

In verse 1, we see that the place where God resides is too beautiful to describe; too awesome to contemplate; too lovely to imagine. We sometimes sing the song that considers the great

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dreds of miles to worship at the temple. There is the image of the journey through the “Valley of Baca.” This was a single narrow passageway through the hills with many dangers and difficulties along the way. Today Jesus provides the only way to the throne of our heavenly father. This area “The Valley of Baca” is translated, “Valley of Tears.” The travel can be treacherous, but the final resting place will be worth it all. Let us not give up or turn back through the struggle, but keep our vision on the beauty and wonder of being with God in His house. We must continually look to Jesus as our example of one who persevered and remained faithful. “Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart” (Hebrews 12:3). Sometimes there will be fellow disciples along the route to encourage and bless us. Other times our strength comes directly from the

Lord, as water comes from the rock or food rains down from heaven.

Whether we review our entire life, specific events or even our best day, what is our primary desire? Can we say with the Psalmist, “Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a door-

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keeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked” (v. 10). What an incredible passion to be near to the heart and will of God. Meeting together with the faithful saints to praise God in song, prayer, praise and meditation on the Word is awesome.

There is no sense of regret, disappointment or complaint. Often we judge our worship by the song selection, the content of message and the length of our meeting. When our focus

is on worshipping the Lord from the depth of our heart and soul, we will be encouraged, strengthened and refreshed.

There is a great comfort in walking close to the Lord. God is described as a sun which showers us with light, warmth and life (v. 11). He is a shield that constantly protects us from the obvious and hidden attacks from the devil who wants to take us captive, bring suffering, pain and death. Not only does God

keep those who walk blameless from evil, but he also blesses us with favor, honor and blessing (vs. 11 and 12).

Let us find hope and strength in what Jesus said to the church in Philadelphia, “I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown. Him who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will he leave it” (Revelation 3:11-12). There is no other place I would rather be.

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Praises and More:

TORAH, HISTORY AND PROPHECY IN PSALMS

Paul Birston

The Old Testament can be intimidating in length, breadth and depth. I remember praying as a new believer that God would help me understand it, a prayer He's always willing to answer. He helps us see the splendour of its grand design.

Jesus is our great teacher. He knew the Old Testament inside out. He gave us a helpful overview of its contents, form and purpose: "These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled" (Luke 24:44). Jesus used the Hebrew Bible order, the "Tanakh," two letters each of the Hebrew Torah ("teaching," also known as the "Five Books of Moses"), Navi'im ("Prophets") and Katuvim ("Writings"). We are most familiar with the western order: Law, History, Poetry and Prophets.

The Hebrew title for Psalms is Tehillim, "praises." While most are laments, Psalms ends with a crescendo of praises to God. Psalms are poems set to music. While some people may think of poetry as a light-weight genre, God uses poetry when He wants to pack much meaning into few words.

A further amazing property of these poems is much of their content matches all the other categories of the Old Testament: Torah, History, Prophecy, and Wisdom. The five books within Psalms go beyond paralleling the five books of Moses, they are a microcosm of the whole Hebrew Bible!

Torah in Psalms

(Examples: 1, 19, 119)

Torah ("teaching," "instruction") includes God's commands, laws, covenants and object lessons through the colourful narratives of Genesis to Deuteronomy. Psalms begins with a Torah psalm. Psalm 1 sets the tone for the whole Book contrasting the

walk of the wicked and the blessed person:

But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night. (1:1-2)

Torah illuminates the way the blessed person walks and grows with God and is victorious on the day of judgment.

In Psalm 19, God speaks through His creation (1-6) and His Torah (7-14) showing what Torah is and does spiritually, intellectually and emotionally:

The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul;

The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;

The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.

The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;

The judgments of the LORD are true; they are righteous altogether (19:7-9).

The Bible's longest chapter is an acrostic Torah psalm (119). All 176 verses, except 122 and 132, praise the power, beauty and benefits of knowing and keeping God's word, laws, decrees, statutes and ordinances. The opening verses echo the blessings of Psalms 1 and 19:

How blessed are those whose way is blameless,

Who walk in the law of the LORD. How blessed are those who observe His testimonies,

Who seek Him with all their heart.

Torah psalms keep us on the paths of righteousness after going astray (119:67). God's word restores our souls, makes us wise, rejoices our hearts, enlightens our eyes and our paths, blesses us and makes our work with God fruitful.

History in Psalms

(Examples: 78, 105, 106, 135, 136)

Historical psalms help us see the grand sweep of God's work. Like Acts 7 and 13, Psalms condense the history of God's faithfulness and mighty deeds:

That they should put their confidence in God

And not forget the works of God, But keep His commandments. (78:7)

Knowing God's awesome work in history is motivation to keep His commands now. God's Exodus deliverance is a metaphor for our deliverance in Jesus.

Psalm 105 reminds us of God's covenant, signs, concern and deliverance from bondage. God's past deeds have ongoing positive impacts in our lives now:

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ONTARIO

Bramalea: Sylvia Dos Santos, mother of Laurence Dos Santos, who visited Bramalea recently, passed away suddenly in Trinidad. Several men from the Thursday night Life Group cleaned up trees and branches knocked down in the December ice storm. Bramalea is in charge of the 2014 Good Friday Training for Service event which will be held at Cawthra Secondary School in Mississauga on Friday, April 18.

Fenwick: Some of the ladies are knitting or crocheting hats for preemies in McMaster Children's Hospital. On February 14, the tradition continued as the men prepared a potluck meal for

the ladies. We are looking forward to hosting the Dynamic Deacons Seminar, April 11-12. Some accommodations are available with Fenwick church members for men travelling from a distance but they should register early.

Oshawa (Cedar Park Church of Christ): We are blessed to announce that we have another baptism. Santiago Molina baptized Eric Hovland on January 20. He is the boyfriend of Connie Lonsberry who was baptized last September. Please pray for the work here that the Church will continue to grow.

Port Colborne: We are continuing our series of lessons from the Letter to the Hebrews on Sunday mornings and we have begun a mid-week (Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm) Bible class. We are studying from the book His Eternal Plan by Jerry Tallman. Elizabeth Lock celebrated her 80th birthday February 2.

Toronto (Bayview): In December, Paul Rasmussen joined our slate of teachers and preachers at Bayview. Paul, currently a student at Great Lakes Bible College, is sharing duties with David Knutson by teaching and preach-

ing one Sunday per month. We have enjoyed Paul's lessons and sermons and the fellowship we have had with him and his wife, Brittany.

Toronto (Harding Ave): Art Ford, President of Great Lakes Bible College, is preaching in Harding Avenue about twice a month. Dick Forsyth, long time former minister for the Harding Avenue congregation, died Saturday, January 23, 2014, in Beamsville.

Waterloo: We have a new church family member! Mike Parks grew up in North Sidney, N.S., and moved here for nurses' training. He obeyed the gospel in Hamilton and has been worshipping with us in Waterloo for several months.

Windsor (West Side): The reading of Scripture is an important part of the follower of Jesus' life. Coupled with prayer and other spiritual disciplines, it helps form our lives spiritually. For the month of February we made a commitment to read scripture as a congregation. Each week we read and meditated on a passage together and then the following Sunday's sermon focused on it.

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sung by the Israelites travelling to Jerusalem for the special feasts (Psa 84, 120-134).

9. SONGS OF THE MESSIAH reflected the promise and hope of a Saviour (Psalms 2, 16, 22, 69, 110; Isaiah 40).

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Songs in the New Testament Writings

The writers of the New Testament books quoted the book of Psalms more than any other book in the Hebrew Bible. According to one author, there are 360 Old Testament quotations in the New Testament writings with 112 of them from the Psalms. Therefore, almost one-third of the quotations are from the Psalms. The songs of Isaiah are in second place.

Matthew used 17 quotations, Mark used 9 quotations and John used 15 quotations from the book of Psalms to show that Jesus is the Messiah. Throughout Luke's history of the life of Jesus are many thoughts echoed from the Psalms. The letter to the Hebrews quotes ten psalms, as well as examining word-by-word Psalm 110:4 in relationship to Jesus.

Mary sang praises to God after the announcement that she would give birth to the Messiah and Zechariah sang praises to God at the birth of his son John (the Baptist). Jesus, who originally was greater than angels, became lower than angels, to lift his people to the place of honour which God had planned (Psa 8:4-8; Heb 2:5-9). The song of angels greeted his birth. Jesus sang the songs of Israel throughout his life. His teaching reflected the songs, his death and resurrection were prophesied in the songs. After his resurrection Jesus spoke to two disciples on the road to Emmaus explaining how he had fulfilled the message of the Old Testament Scriptures, including the Psalms.

The Apostles John and Paul wrote many new songs praising Jesus the Messiah (Phil 2:6-11; 1 Tim 3:16; Rev 4:8, 11; 5:9-13; 7:10-17; 11:15-18; 12:10-12; 15:3-4; 16:5-7; 19:2-8).

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ALBERTA

Edmonton Northside: Karen & Larry Boswell, Leslie Klingbeil and Marion Waugh attended the Mission Workshop at the Sunset International Bible Institute. Larry completed the course to become Administrator of our congregation's Edmonton Bible Institute. Welcome to Kyer Kofi Nuako who identified with our church family. Filipino Night was held at Jay and Linda Manimtim's home. Traditional Filipino food was served. There was karaoke and Jay gave a presentation on the disaster relief work in the Philippines. Edmonton Ladies Day was February 1. The Southside congregation ladies hosted the day. Chedes Hess of the Northside congregation was guest speaker and she presented "Becoming a World Class Woman of God."

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Abbotsford (Central Valley): In mid-February Norm Weir was requesting prayers on behalf of his wife, Jen, her sister and two brothers. Their mother, Anne Blaak, who celebrated her 99th birthday surrounded by family in December, was near death in a rest home in Abbotsford, where she has lived for the past 12 years. The doctor determined that she did not have any particular health issues, but due to her age, her body was shutting down. Understandably this was an emotional time for Jen. Some of the grandchildren, especially, were finding it difficult, as it was recognized that her passing could come at any time. Norm gave Jen's personal email address: caamgram@shaw.ca, as well as their snail mail address #4-3292 Elmwood Dr., Abbotsford, B.C. V2S 6B2, with thanks for the many expressions of love and prayers.

Burnaby: We are fortunate to have a youth group, prompted by our youth minister, Conor Wilkerson, which is will-

ing to keep younger children entertained when parents are needed to participate in meetings. For our Annual General Meeting on Feb. 15, they entertained children with games and activities while the adults took care of the annual business required for registered churches in B. C. Plans are being made by a number of our members to attend the Pepperdine Lectureship in Malibu, CA, at the end of April.

Oakridge (Vancouver): For the purpose of "Discovering the Life You Were Created For", the North Seattle church of Christ is sponsoring a NORTHWEST COLLEGE BIBLE CONFERENCE, March 7-9. Visitors are invited to their building at 13315 20th Avenue NE, beginning Friday evening through Sunday. One Wednesday evening email devotional from Milton Diaz concerned the Lord's will for the children of those who believe in His name to be brought up in the nurture and exhortation of the Lord. "For children to learn right from wrong, they need training and admonition. But not just any training or any admonition, but the training and admonition modelled by our Lord. The Lord is: loving, patience, slow to anger, holy and righteous. If children are to learn that they are a special creation, loved and valued, but also accountable to God parents must intentionally engage on a daily basis in the learning process of their children. Parents cannot leave this at random. (Read Deuteronomy 6:4-7). Parents, we have been given instructions on how to bring up our children. As we follow these instructions God promises that He will bless our lives and their lives. "Think about Deuteronomy, chapter 6," was our minister's wise advice for today's parents.

Salmon Arm: The Cliff Plummers have lost another member of their family to the call of "home". Their daughter, Molly, recently returned to Chicago. The Plummers, with their family of four children, have worked with our congregation here for over two years, which was a drastic change from big city life for them all. Their sacrifice to come so far to fulfill our need is appreciated.

Surrey: Over \$300 was given in a special collection taken on February 2 to be sent to flood victims in Indonesia. We have had several Indonesian members with us in the past, and currently

have one family concerned about the recent unexpected destruction in their homeland.

MANITOBA

Winnipeg: Chad and Kim recently attended the National Conference on Youth Ministry in Daytona Beach, Florida. This conference offers training and education for the growing and maturing efforts of youth ministers. It focuses on keeping youth ministers up to date with the current areas that are affecting youth so they can be more effective in their professions. The Great Lakes Bible College spiritual disciplines course is available at the church building, online from your house or by pod cast. A group meets Tuesday evenings at the church building. A new adult bible class has started. Does Jesus really expect you to live the hard teachings that are found in Matthew 5 - 7? The resource material being used is "Living Jesus—Doing What Jesus Says in the Sermon on the Mount" by Randy Harris.

SASKATCHEWAN

Kenosee SK: The Sister Triangle Ladies Retreat was held at Kenosee Inn February 21-23. The theme for the weekend was "Time to Rest - The Sabbath of Old Speaks to Our Hearts."

Weyburn: A curling funspiel to benefit Clearview Christian Camp was held March 1. The ladies held a brunch March 9 after morning services. There was a short devo and then discussions on what we should/could be doing as our ministry for the congregation.

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MISSION PRINTING, ARLINGTON, TX IN 2013: Volunteers involved with the printing and distribution of literature teaching the Bible felt that the Lord had brought great blessings last year with safe deliveries of three ocean containers to Kumasi, Ghana, Abak, Nigeria and Accra, Ghana. There were not only dedicated and dependable volunteers, but generous and faithful contributors. Over 2,000,000 free gospel tracts were delivered to many different countries last year. The reader is asked to spread the word about Mission Printing and their efforts to bring “World Evangelism by the Printed Page” to all those seeking a better life. Bro. Mack Lyon, who recently celebrated his 92nd birthday, wrote the following letter to “The Search Light” publication: “When I committed my life to God to preach, it was also to the use of mass media. I

was inspired by two preachers. One was using the printed page very successfully, and the other was using radio in a great way. They were the mass media in 1935. Recently, I found in my mail a bi-monthly publication from Mission Printing, Inc. I read with interest their amazing use of modern printing techniques to take the gospel, as they say on the masthead, “To the Ends of the Earth”. I was excited about the success of their work. Thank God for modern printing, radio, television and the internet to preach the gospel to the world. We thank Him, too, for people who are committed to using them for His work.” from Mack Lyon, In Search of the Lord’s Way Ministry”. Comments From Around the World: Ijanikin-Lagos, Nigeria: “I write to appreciate the works of Mission Printing, Inc. May the Almighty God continue to prosper the organization in Jesus name. My name is Bro. Ibanga Asuquo and my congregation is embarking on planting churches so that the gospel should reach other local communities. Please send me copies of hymn books – PSALMS HYMNS & SPIRITUAL SONGS. I have seven new congregations of the church of Christ to benefit from the hymn books. I will be grateful if you can mail us up to 250 copies.” Takoradi, Ghana: “I am sorry it has taken this long to send you a report on the receipt and sorting of the boxes of literature that were sent to us from Kumasi. We have sorted them, and they are ready to be picked up. We passed the message of the availability of the literature to churches in Western and Central Regions of Ghana at a recent Seminar in Takoradi. Let me take this opportunity to express on behalf of the brethren in the two regions the wonderful materials and tools that will enhance our work of evangelism and edification. May the Lord continue to bless the efforts of Mission Printing to increase and help the work in the Lord’s kingdom. In sincere appreciation, Daniel Ampadu-Asiamah” (West Coast School of Preaching). Andra Pradesh, India: “Many educated people are asking for your material to read. I distributed your previous material which you have sent. Kindly send again a bulk of books which will fulfill our spiritual thirst by knowing the Truth. We are praying for your great gospel work. Please pray for us. Looking forward to hear from

you, Meduri John Samuel, Preacher. Uyo, Nigeria: “Beloved in Christ, This is to express my sincere appreciation for your prompt response to my request. I have received the parcel in good condition. Please, I believe I’ll be continually remembered as one of your beneficiaries. I remain yours in Christ, Uwem M. Akpan” Western Ghana: “Printing tracts were used for the campaign. There were 100 tracts distributed. Interestingly, today we had 3 visitors, all women. One requested baptism today and another said next week hopefully. They all need our prayers as usual. Thanks. Your Brother, Joseph K. Eshun” (Ed. Note: These are only a few of the letters from Richard L. Renfro, Volunteer Vice-President/Coordinator of Mission Printing)

AFRICA: For six years, George and Ria Funk did World Bible School follow-up work in big cities. Then, after planting churches in Nambia, Nelspruit and the Freestate, realized it was too much for two people to reach many parts of Africa and a team was needed, as well as a way to baptize where there was not water available. This was in the year 2000. By April of this year, there will be seven churches of Christ on wheels called “Gospel Chariots”, touring 12 central and southern African countries. They are complete with PA system, baptistery, tents and sleeping quarters for evangelists—three large, and four mini versions. Liberia was the 12th country to receive one, and two others are being built for Zimbabwe and Malawi, while one is being bought for Togo. Since first introduced, thousands have been taught and baptized, millions of WBS lessons distributed, and many churches planted. Ron Pottberg, who was on hand to drive the new truck on its maiden trip across Liberia, said that everywhere they rolled through towns and villages, people stopped to stare at the information on the side, and with some writing it down. Stopping for three days in Gbarttala, “The Passion of Christ” was shown to crowds of 500 to 800 people each night. They did similar showings in four other towns before driving back to Monrovia, baptizing 73 and leaving others learning about the Bible through WBS lessons. He couldn’t help but think how like Philip ran alongside

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USA, Harding University: One of the big advantages of sending your son or daughter to one of the Christian universities is the opportunity it gives them to hear not only some of the best preachers in our brotherhood, but also well-known public figures. On Feb. 15, Lt. Col. Dave Grossman, who is an internationally recognized scholar, author, soldier and speaker, spoke to Harding students. He is an expert in the field of human aggression, the roots of violence and violent crime. Grossman was a West Point psychology professor, a professor of military science and an Army ranger who has combined his experiences to become the founder of a new field of scientific endeavor termed "Killology". In this new field, Grossman has made revolutionary new contributions to understanding of killing in war, the psychological costs of war, the root causes of the current "virus" of violent crime that is raging around the world and the process of healing the victims of violence in war and peace. He is the author of "On Killing," which was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize.

JAPAN: Mito: Please pray for Joel Osborne, in his work in Mito and Cambodia and please consider assisting him financially as well. He may be contacted at joelsensei5@gmail.com. Ishinomaki: See Jonathan Straker's blog, www.StrakerHouse.com, for his and Michiko's activities in Ishinomaki. They are praying that \$100,000 can be raised for the family's 2014 support and working fund.

NEW ZEALAND: Gip Woothitha, student from Thailand, recently graduated from her Bible course at the South Pacific Bible College in New Zealand. She has returned home and requests prayers for God's guidance about her ministry. World Bible School has been planting seeds about the gospel in Thailand—a mainly Buddhist country—especially among university students who speak English. They are beginning a program to translate WBS into Thai. Please pray for the conversion of Gip's people in Thailand.

Oh give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name;

Make known His deeds among the peoples.

Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; Speak of all His wonders.

Glory in His holy name;

Let the heart of those who seek the LORD be glad. (105:1-3)

Psalms 106 recounts God's responses to the disobedience and repentance of His people. They sinned (6), forgot His works (13), did not wait for His counsel (13), envied Moses (16), made a golden calf in Horeb (19), joined themselves to Baal-peor, provoked Him to wrath at the waters of Meribah (32), rebelled against His Spirit (33), did not destroy pagan peoples but "mingled with the nations and learned their practices" (35-36). God corrected them and had compassion:

Nevertheless He looked upon their distress,

When He heard their cry;

And He remembered His covenant for their sake,

And relented according to the greatness of His lovingkindness.

He also made them objects of compassion. (106:44-46a)

Psalms 135 praises the Lord for His works in the heavens and on earth providing productive farming conditions and giving victory over Egypt and the kings of the city states and regions in and around Israel.

Psalms 136 commands thanksgiving to God for His work in creation and the Exodus:

To Him alone who does great wonders,

For His lovingkindness is everlasting. (136:7)

The reason for God's great works is repeated in every verse: "For His lovingkindness is everlasting." His lovingkindness (hesed) lasts forever, an Old Testament equivalent of New Testament agape love: God is love.

Prophecies of Jesus in Psalms
(Examples: 2, 22, 69, 110, 118)

Prophets spoke for God to Israel and its leaders about their immediate circumstances. They reminded them of God's deeds in the past, called them to repentance and told of future events. Psalms 2, 22, 69, and the two most quoted Psalms in the New Testament, 110 and 118, prophecy profoundly of Jesus' coming and His opponents, rejection, death, resurrection, victorious reign and eternal priesthood.

Following Torah Psalm 1, Psalm 2 reveals the identity of Jesus as God's Son, His close relationship with His Father, their co-Lordship and His worthiness, all brought forward in Acts and Hebrews:

"I will surely tell of the decree of the LORD:

He said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.'"

Do homage to the Son, that He not become angry, and you perish in the way,

For His wrath may soon be kindled.

How blessed are all who take refuge in Him! (2:7, 12; Acts 13:33; Hebrews 1:5; 5:5)

Jesus cries from the cross, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me," (Psalm 22:1; Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34). Psalm 22 describes the horrors of Jesus' crucifixion, His opponents, God's answer to His cry (24), the relief of victory, His praise in the midst of the great assembly (25), and the declaration of His righteousness to future generations (22:22-23, 30-31).

Psalms 69 prophecies Jesus' cleansing of the temple and the reproaches of His opponents. John records this early in his Gospel setting the tone for Jesus' relationship with religious leaders and his burning desire to honour God:

"Zeal for Your house has consumed me

And the reproaches of those who reproached You have fallen on me" (69:9; John 2:17).

Psalm 110 promises the Father will

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*vanquish Jesus' enemies and establish Him as an eternal priest for us:
The LORD says to my Lord:
"Sit at My right hand,
Until I make Your enemies a footstool for your feet."*

Psalm 110:1 is one of the most quoted Old Testament verses in the New Testament (Matthew 22:44; 26:44; Mark 12:36, 14:62; Luke 10:42-43; 22:69; Acts 2:34-35; 1 Corinthians 15:25; Hebrews 1:13). Jesus' ministry is eternal:

The LORD has sworn and will not change His mind,

"You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." (110:4; Hebrews 5:6; 7:17, 21)

Jesus is the chief corner stone in God's spiritual temple, reject by His chosen people but marvellous and blessed to those who love Him:

The stone which the builders rejected

Has become the chief corner stone.

This is the Lord's doing;

It is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day which the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

O Lord, do save, we beseech You;

O Lord, we beseech You, do send prosperity!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord;

We have blessed you from the house of the Lord. (118:22-26)

This strong rock-stone metaphor and blessing of Jesus' coming

are foundational in several New Testament books: 118:22: Matthew 21:42; Mark 12:10, 11; Luke 20:17; Acts 4:11; Ephesians 2:20; 1 Peter 2:7; 118:23 Matthew 21:42; 118:26: Matthew 21:9; 23:39; Mark 11:9; Luke 13:35; 19:38; John 12:13.

Taking Psalms on Our Walk with God

Psalms are highly "portable," intentionally easy to memorize and take along on our walk with God. Psalms provides minimal contextual background information allowing the most universal application in bringing us close to God. Psalms continually point to Him and His work for us and in us. "Heart" occurs about 127 times in Psalms, far more than any Bible book. The Psalmists pour out their hearts to God giving voice to our deepest concerns. God hears and has compassion setting His people back on the paths of righteousness and peace with Him.

Torah psalms emphasize the power of God's Word in our walk with Him in His holiness. Historical psalms remind us of our place as people of the King, people of God who loves us, convicts us, restores us and leads us to His eternal assembly so we may praise Him forever. Prophetic psalms enlarge our vision and love of Jesus who fulfills all things spoken of Him in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms!

Winnipeg, Manitoba

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Paul Birston explores the diversity of the Psalms as he shows how they include the Law and history of Israel, as well as prophecy. The other three articles look at individual Psalms. In "Blessed vs. Wicked" Tyler Boland looks at the first Psalm. Thayer Salisbury explores Psalm 38, "Sin and Sickness," which he notes is not much studied. And, Peter Morphy uses the 84th Psalm to take us "Closer to

God." We are thankful to Paul Birston for his work in planning and putting this issue together.

There are so many Psalms that we can only begin this discussion. Perhaps, in later issues we can continue it. It is our hope that these articles will encourage you to look more deeply into the Psalms and, if you haven't already, discover the wealth that is there.

OBITUARIES

Forsyth, Richard Burnham

November 18, 1929 –

January 18, 2014

Richard Forsyth, better known to most people as "Dick," went to his reward after spending 84 years on planet earth. Dick was a long time friend of many, having preached for churches in Canada and the United States.

Because of his smiling face, warm and welcoming personality, operating from an earthly tent of pure devotion to God, he was loved by those with whom he crossed paths.

Our departed brother was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and married June Bardell of Kentville, NS, in 1951. They had three children, Brent, Richard ("Rickie") and Paul. Unfortunately, Rickie passed away at the age of 5 years in 1960.

Dick was an electronics technician working on marine applications. However in the 1960's, after two godly men had knocked on the Forsyth's door, he decided he needed and wanted to do more with his life. Dick became a student at the Bible College in Beamsville, then called FBM or Faculty of Bible and Missions, from which he graduated.

While immersed in his studies Dick, as well as June, worked for GLCC. Both their surviving sons, Brent and Paul, took their high school at Great Lakes.

Dick and June worked with churches of Christ in Selkirk, Toronto and Omagh, Ontario. This couple also laboured with the church in Indiana.

Dick made earth a better place while he was "looking for that city whose builder and maker is God." He will be missed and remembered with fondness and love.

George Mansfield

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Professor of Philosophy and Religion
Rochester College
Rochester Hills, Michigan

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"Living for Christ in a Multi Media Culture"

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Marni Boland

Niagara Falls ON
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DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES

This listing includes most but not all of the churches of Christ in Canada along with a few in bordering states. Please help us to keep it useful by updating the information regularly. Listings are \$9.00 per year. The information, unless otherwise specified, is in the following order: Place of meeting; times of Bible Class, Worship and mid-week gatherings; mailing address if different from meeting place; (Post Office is at the beginning unless otherwise indicated); preacher; phone.

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PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

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

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

SOUTH EDMONTON: Southwood Community Centre 1880 – 37 street NW, Edmonton, AB; Mailing Address: P. O. Box 42126 Edmonton, AB T6K 4C4; Evangelist: Roy Graneau; 780-902-1329 Sun. 10:00 adult & children's Bible class, 11:00 worship; Midweek CARE Groups in homes (phone evangelist for details); Web: southedmontonchurchofchrist.org Email: southedmonton.churchofchrist@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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

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

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 Pypers: 250-428-5937

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

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

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

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

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

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

PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK

MONCTON: 365 Pine Glen Rd., Riverview (Moncton), E1B 4J8; Sun. 10, Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Stephane Maillet, ev., (506) 204-8365 (Office) (506) 872-3179 (H) (506) 988-0098 (C) Emails: stephanemillett@rogers.com; moncton.churchofchrist@gmail.com FB page: https://www.facebook.com/AddedMembersOfChurchOfChrist

SAINT JOHN: Carleton Community Centre, 82 Market Place, Saint John, NB, E2M 1B5; Mailing address: P.O. Box 23021, 407 Westmorland Drive, Saint John, NB, E2J 2S0, Worship 10:00 a.m., Bible study follows. Thursday night Bible study at 6:30 p.m., call for location. Contact Shawn Leblanc at (506) 832-5230 (Ev.) OR Fred Nelson at (506) 847-2802.

NEW YORK STATE

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

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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

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

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; 705-230-0513 (off.); Tim Johnson, ev. 705-718-0017 (cell); email: minister@barriechurch.ca

BEAMSVILLE: 4900 John St., L0R 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., L6T 3Y2; (905) 792-2297; mail@bramaleacocf.ca; Sunday worship 10:00, 6:00; Bible class 11:15; Kevin Hunter, ev. (905) 455-5796 (res); Walter Straker, ev. (905) 789-1632 (res); www.bramaleacocf.ca.

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

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

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, 6:00; Wed. 7:30; P.O. Box 416, L0S 1C0; (905) 892-5661; email: cofcfenwick@gmail.com Website: www.fenwickchurchofchrist.ca

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

OSHAWA: Cedar Park Church of Christ 566 Simcoe St. N, Oshawa, L1G 4V3 Sun. 9:45, 11:00, 7; Thursdays 7:00 pm; 905-434-1258 (Church) Santiago Molina, ev. 416-751-6879 Shig Oikawa 905-420-8414 (res) Find us on face book-Cedar Park Church

OTTAWA (Riverview Park): 1515 Chomley Cres., K1G 0V9; Sun. Sunday School 11:30 am, Worship 10 am, 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm Robert MacRury, ev., 613-737-0701, Ottawa church of Christ facebook

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

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

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

PINE ORCHARD: 16716 Warden Ave (just south of Vivian Rd.) 3 km east of Newmarket; Sun. 10, 11; (905) 953-9386. Mailing address: Judy Yaksich, Sec. 512125 Sideroad 17, RR #1, Sunderland, ON L0C 1H0; phone: (705) 357-1224

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

ST. CATHARINES: 439 Ontario St. N., L2N 4M9; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 6; Wed. 7:00; 935-9581 (off.); Jeremiah Cisco, ev.; Email: churchofchrist@bellnet.ca; WebSite: www.stcatharinescofc.ca

ST. THOMAS: 60 S. Edgeware Rd, N5P 2H6; 519-633-2210 Sun 10,11 Wednesday 7 pm; Bob Jackson, 519-633-1123

SARNIA: 796 Errol Road E., N7V 2G7, Bible study, Sunday 9:30 am and 6:30 pm, Wednesday 7 pm. Worship Sunday 10:30 am. Email: info@sarniachurchofchrist.org Website: http://www.sarniachurchofchrist.org, phone (519) 339-1161 (off), or (226) 886-3333

SAULT STE. MARIE (Pinehill): 132 Cunningham Road, P6B 1N4; (705)949-4988; Sunday 9:40 AM, 10:40 AM; call for Sunday PM time; Wednesday 7 PM; Elders: P. Bailey (705) 256-6789), C. Whitfield (705) 254-6153

SELKIRK: 1/2 km n. of village, 58 Haldimand Road 53, Sun. 10 & 11. Wed. 7:00; PO Box 247, Selkirk, ON N0A 1P0; Michael Toby: 905-776-0015; medt@xplornet.com

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

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

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

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SUNDRIDGE: Hwy. 124 N.; Sun. 9:30, 10:30; Wed. 7:30 PM; P.O. Box 927, POA 1Z0; (705) 384-5214

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10:45 am – Lesson #1

12:00 pm – Pizza Lunch

1:00 pm – Singing

1:30 pm – Lesson #2

2:00 pm – Organized
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After his arrival in Canada from the Philippines in 1994, Jay has lived across Canada (including in Barrie) and in the United Kingdom. Jay, a member of the Canadian Armed Forces since 1997, has tried to be a part of God's work in every city to which he has been posted, and he has been blessed to have the opportunity to preach, teach and lead Bible studies, adult classes, gospel weekends and preaching and teaching workshops in Victoria, Barrie, Edmonton, Montreal as well as in England and Scotland. Jay believes that every one should commit themselves to the personal study of God's word, and he prays that he himself will also continue to do so. He and his wife of 12 years, Linda, are blessed with a one-year old son, Jacob, and they are looking forward to welcoming another baby in July.

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