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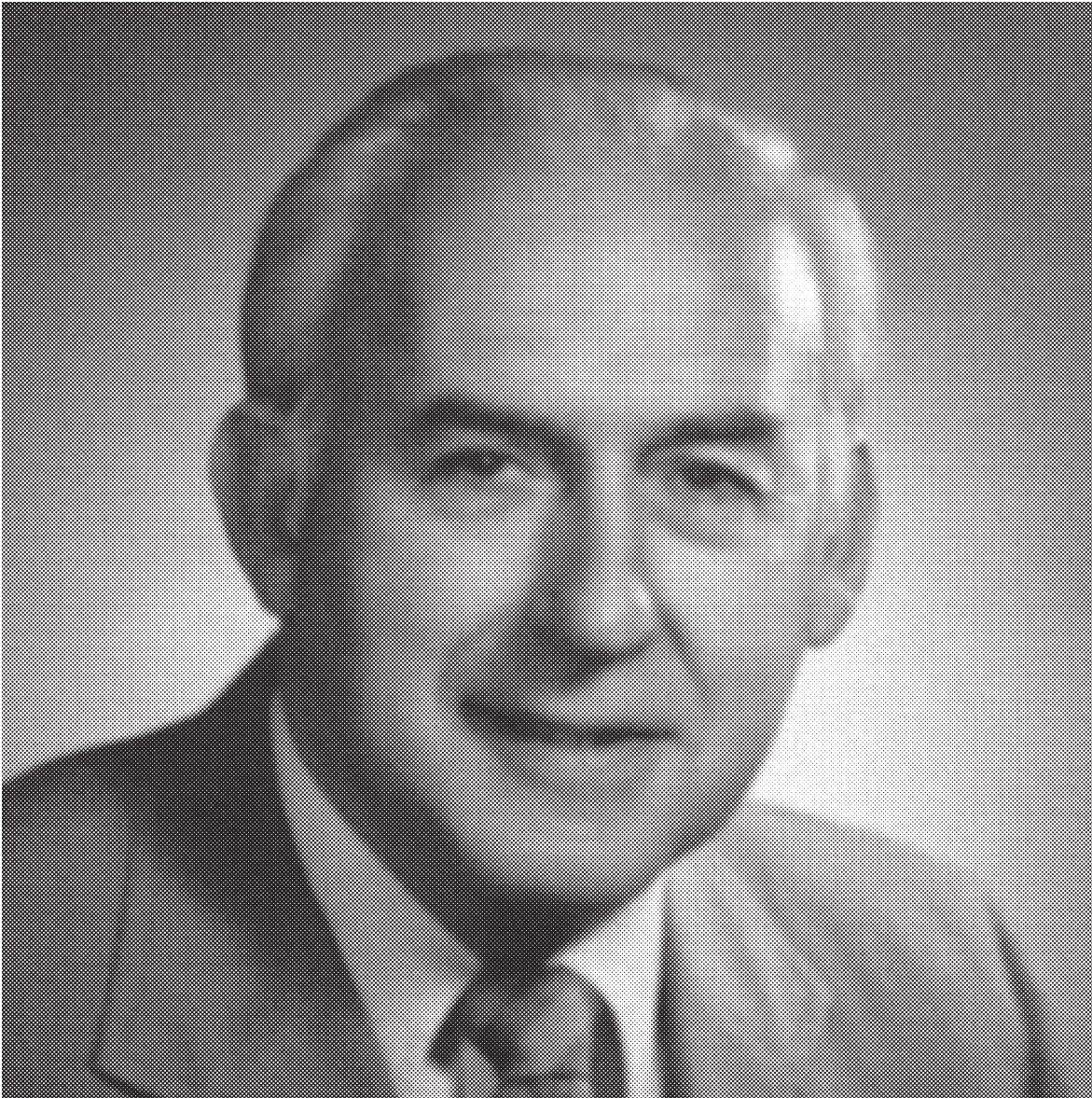
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Remembering Roy Merritt

The Board of Trustees for the Gospel Herald Foundation wishes to recognize and honour Roy Merritt's life of Christian Service.

Roy served as co-editor of the Gospel Herald for 40 years and was a regular contributor to this publication. It seemed fitting therefore to publish a memorial issue of the Gospel Herald featuring articles that he authored beginning in those years and right up to the present.

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Personal Notes:

Although Roy was a bit older than I, our lives have been parallel in many respects. We have had similar experiences and influences from association with C.G. McPhee and experiencing the Great Depression in our youth to lunching together in Roy's home just a few days before his passing.

We attended the same High School. I worked on a farm, he at a farm service business. Each

of us, although inclined towards pacifism, serviced for three years in the armed forces during WWII followed by studies at Abilene Christian University together. We each married Christian girls while in college and, unlike many in similar situations, brought them back to Canada to help us serve. We both did foundational service at Great Lakes Christian College and worked as a team for approximately 40 years in editing and producing the Gospel Herald. In 1953, when J.C. Bailey asked me to take over the Gospel Herald to free him to do mission work in India, I felt inadequate and only agreed to do so as a team with Roy. Brother Bailey was reluctant, fearing that it was unlikely to be workable. To Roy's credit, even though I am not known as easy to get along with, I only remember two times of strained relationship and they were minor.

We both took time from our services in Canada with churches, the College and the Gospel Herald to serve in overseas missions—the Merritts in India and the Perrys in Zambia. This has been followed by a return to the same

activities in Canada and settling back in the Niagara Peninsula to spend our final years in our "home" environment.

Evelyn and I very much appreciate our long and close association with Roy and Nelle. We will certainly miss him.

Eugene C. Perry

I first met Roy Merritt nearly 64 years ago when we were both students in Abilene, Texas, and were members of the debate team. He helped me obtain my first student preaching appointments and provided transportation each Sunday. Years later, we were preaching neighbors when he was leading in the establishment of the church in Thunder Bay, Ontario and I was in Duluth, Minnesota, we often visited back and forth. More years went by, and we worked together at Great Lakes in the School of Bible and Missions and as elders in the Beamsville church before Roy went to India. In all these associations Roy was an unfailing role model both in godly living and in his commitment to excellence, whether as a friend, a scholar, an administrator, an elder, an editor, a church planter, a missionary, or, above all, a follower of Jesus Christ. His example and his service will be long remembered.

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The Problem of Another Generation

Roy D. Merritt

July 1979—This editorial addresses a problem that is ongoing... the need to remain truth centered in serving God. It is easy to be lulled into becoming so comfortable in God's grace (where we should be comfortable) to the point we forget that to truly rest in His grace we must walk with Jesus in the light.

— Max Craddock

One of the saddest statements in the Old Testament is found in Judges after the death of the great leader Joshua. The writer states the matter in a very frank manner: "...another generation grew up, who knew neither the Lord nor what he had done for Israel."

Now this is likely a reference to the relative unimportance that the new generation of Israelites put upon exact service to Jehovah. In all likelihood they would know Him in a vague sort of way and give heed to His commands when they felt like it, but there was no vital relationship remaining.

More than one generation separates us from the great struggles of the Restoration Movement. Few among the younger generation know what the movement was all about. Even fewer know anything about the struggles over the Missionary Society, instrumental music in worship, open membership, premillennialism, etc. But we forget these struggles and the principles involved at our own peril.

While we do not contend that our brethren have always been without fault, we do believe that they had a healthy respect for God's Word. Even if we grant that

personalities were sometimes made more important than principles, and that in former times a fair amount of bigotry could be found on both sides, the fact of the matter is that we must be a people guided by conviction rather than convenience. Our conviction must be based on revelation from God's Word, properly and carefully divided, studied and understood.

Perhaps some of the failures on the part of the younger generation to be concerned with exact obe-

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dience to scriptural authority, is that theirs has been a cut-flower religion. Their faith has been handed to them from their parents rather than having taken root in their own hearts after an agonizing struggle for new life. Just as the Israelites under Joshua had complete trust in the Lord in all matters because of their crises during the conquest, so many older brethren who remember times of division, lost church buildings and divided families, have a greater sensitivity to the need for scriptural authority.

The Lord's church in Canada has a wealth of relatively young men and women who are bright, well-educated and scripturally-concerned. They are capable of making a great contribution to church growth in both numbers and spirituality. On the other hand, if incorrectly informed or improperly motivated, they can become leaders in digression.

History shows that the latter course was chosen by forceful young men in an earlier time.

There will always be the temptation for God's people to reason that good motivation is a substitute for doing things in exact obedience. We are prone to rationalize our actions and feel that God will be pleased with half-hearted obedience as long as we mean well. This is a fatal error which is refuted by many plain scriptural teachings and examples. God demands both good motivation and subjection to His authority in loving obedience.

Perhaps in our zeal to accentuate the beauty and power of God's grace, we have unconsciously forgotten that there is something about God to fear in the better connotation of the word "fear". It is a terrible thing to fall into the hands of the Living God, the Bible tells us. Even when in a mature love and trust in God's grace, we may live above fear for ourselves, we still need to be afraid for the millions or even billions of souls that are being lost.

If we cannot grasp some sense of horror for their fate, it may well be that we are too complacent about our own destiny. If we cannot experience heartache over the lost billions around us, we just do not understand, or else do not believe what we do understand.

Each generation must know the Lord and the power of His grace. At the same time each generation must look to God's unfailing written revelation for its standard of acceptable action.

A Last Word

This is a very special issue of the Gospel Herald. It is dedicated to the life and work of Roy D. Merritt, who served the Lord's Church in Canada and the Gospel Herald for many decades. Roy departed to be with his Lord on March 21, 2012 at the age of 93.

We thought it would be fitting to use this issue to reprint some of his articles and editorials. These have been selected by the editors and associate editors. We have asked each to briefly explain why they chose the particular piece. We have asked Eugene Perry, life-long friend and co-editor with Roy to prepare his obituary.

While in Ontario for Roy's service, Nelle Merritt shared the following item with us. The ladies class of the congregation in St. Catharines had been studying the epistles of John. They asked Roy to write a similar epistle for them. We share it with you as an expression of Roy's faith, his love for the Lord and His Church, and his concern.

An Epistle of Roy

Roy, an aged saint and servant of Christ Jesus, by the grace of God.

To certain sisters who share the precious gift of a living faith in Christ.

Grace and peace be unto you through the life-giving knowledge of a loving Saviour.

I write to you because you have known Him who was from the beginning.

I write to you because you share with me the journey that ends before the throne of our Father.

I write to you because you have known the way to the Father.

I write to you because you have shown a steadfast love of the truth in Christ.

I write to you that you might not sin and lose the prize at the end of the journey.

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. If we say that we have not sinned, we deceive ourselves, and we lie. If we confess our sins, Christ works for us to provide forgiveness.

He is our Helper and our Saviour. His offer is available to all who will accept Him as Lord.

Above all, be aware of the power of love. You have been greatly loved. Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God. And such we are. Unselfish love should control our lives in a world that does not understand. Many confuse selfish desire with godly love. We must be different. Jesus, our Lord, explained the difference and then showed on the cross the extreme example of unselfish love. He taught that the highest degree of love is to give one's life for another. He gave his life for countless others.

Many false teachers have entered the world to deceive searchers after truth. They claim to have greater knowledge than others. They are masters of deceit. Some claim that all truth is relative. They say that there is no absolute or objective truth. This is the Devil's lie. They give lip-service to the teaching of Jesus and His claim that He spoke saving truth. They then substitute the product of human ingenuity. These serve the One who brought the world's first words of destructive deception to Eve in the Garden of Eden.

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They Called The Bell 'Rex'

Roy D. Merritt

This is from Roy's second editorial, January, 1954. It shows his ability to make a very serious point with humor.

— Wayne Turner

This editor has seen various and sundry ideas set forth concerning the subjects and purpose of baptism. The other day he received a rude reminder that the subject has not yet been exhausted. The Hamilton Spectator carried a large picture of a man pouring water on the bell of a church building. The accompanying explanation said that this bell had to be baptized before it could be blessed and dedicated. All of which leads us to the logical question...Why did it need to be blessed and dedicated?

A previous announcement had stated the information that the baptism would take place immediately after the baptism of the grandson of the congregation's oldest members. Sponsors for the baptized bell were to be a Mr. Read and a Mrs. Knowles. The lucky bell was to be given the name Rex which is dignified enough for any church bell.

This ritual was both unscriptural and silly! It does, however, emphasize the fact that once men cease to demand a Scriptural command or example for their religious actions, there is no limit to their pious inventions.

After all, these men had as much Scripture to support their action as any paedobaptist has to pour or sprinkle water on an infant. If anything it would do less harm because there would not be any danger of the bell being eternally lost through a mistaken

sense of security in its baptism. Furthermore, there would be considerably less danger and confusion through calling the bell Rex, than in calling the "christened" child a Christian.

We suggest that the denomination involved in this religious farce immediately confine its mission work to the unbaptized church bells throughout the country. They might even sneak up into the steeples of rival religious groups, baptize, name, bless and dedicate the bells. What a sense of pride the sponsors would have as they clung to a slippery steeple and witnessed the addition of another bell to their ranks.

The New Testament commands the baptism of penitent believers alone. There is no hint of such an action toward material objects or even upon persons not responsible for their actions by reason of their mental weakness or insufficient years.

When a man misuses the religious act of baptism to such an extent that he changes the method of the act or the object to be baptized, he performs a travesty of the original.

It is an insult to Christ to abuse that which pictures His death, burial and resurrection. In Romans 6:3, 4 Paul explains

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Events At Christ's Return

Roy D. Merritt

In addition to his tremendous love for God, His church and people everywhere who need God, one of Roy's qualities I have most admired for some time is his forward thinking outlook. At a time toward the end of life's span when many concentrate on the past, Roy focused on the future, especially, the things God holds in store for us in Christ. His article, "Events at Christ's Return," published in 2001, his 82nd year, is a good example of Roy's forward thinking.

— Paul Birston

Now may the God of Peace himself sanctify you entirely and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thess. 5:23).

Short prayers can be powerful. Few are stated more effectively than this little benediction which the Apostle Paul includes near the end of his first letter to the Thessalonians. In a few words he prays to God to sanctify—set apart for the service of Deity—these very human brethren with their doubts and fears. He makes it clear that he is not praying that they should be merely mediocre Christians, but that they should be completely prepared to meet their Lord when He returns.

Immediately after the fall, God had made plans for man's redemption. Various prophets "made careful search and inquiry" as to how and when salvation would be revealed (1 Peter 1:10) but they did not know until God's gift of His Son provided the answer (John 3:16, 36). When Christ gave up His spirit on the cross, His last words were "It is

finished!" (John 19:30). Shortly before His ascension into Heaven, our Lord promised to return to take His faithful followers to an eternal home (John 14:2–3). Now God's plan will be consummated at the return of Christ: "He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ" (Phil. 1:6).

Christ Will Come to Be Glorified

His earthly life ended in abject humiliation. He was led meekly "as a lamb to the slaughter" where He was mocked, scourged and spat upon as a naked spectacle in a very public place. He bore all this with a majestic dignity. Through it all, He claimed to have power to lay down His life and to take it up again (John 10:17–18). His great high priestly prayer was that He might assume the glory which He had given up in order to humble Himself in a life of service and sacrifice (John 17:5). Christians looked forward to "when He comes to be glorified in His saints on that day, and to be marvelled at among all who have believed—for our testimony to you was believed" (2 Thess. 1:10).

The ordinary word for the second coming of Christ was *parousia*—lit., ("presence"), which was used in those days of the visit of a high Roman official. A second word, *apokalupsis* ("revelation"), was used by Peter in 1 Peter 1:7. A third word, *epephaneia* ("manifestation"), was used by Paul a number of times: 1 Tim. 6:14; 2 Tim. 4:1, 8; Titus 2:13. The reference in Titus is especially important because it speaks of Jesus Christ

as God: "...looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Christ Jesus." Some have refused to accept the attribution of deity to Christ which is given here, but the use of a single direct article "the" with the two words "God" and "Savior" would ordinarily speak of the one who is then identified. This is the same general construction as in 2 Peter 1:1, where Peter refers to Christ's deity by using the same two terms, "God" and "Savior" (NASV).

One of the main emphasis in Paul's evangelism is faith in Christ's role as judge upon His return. "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad" (2 Cor. 5:10). On Mars Hill, before a sophisticated audience, the Apostle ended his sermon with a call to repentance in view of Christ's designated role in future judgment (Acts 17:30–31). To the young evangelist Timothy, he gave a solemn charge to preach the word based on the fact that Christ was coming to judge the living and the dead (2 Tim. 4:1–2).

In 2 Thess. 1:6–10, Paul seeks to assure his brethren in Thessalonica that their just God is aware of their affliction. Justice will prevail at Christ's coming. He will come from Heaven, with His mighty angels, in flaming fire. This return will bring a judgment that will condemn "those who do not know God and those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord

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What's The Use?

Roy D. Merritt

August, 1979—Roy is helpful in reminding us of the need for believers to not feel helpless before the trends of the age (of whichever age) but to remember the “power of one” to make a difference, not overlooking the attractive influence of godly lives.

— God bless, Walter Hart

Fear, frustration and futility fill all levels of society. In the last two decades, secular, western society has experienced the loss of a true ethical framework in which men can find answers to life's problems. The desperate predicament of our age is compounded by a bombardment with clever propaganda which seeks to convince us that nothing is sacred any more. Even our living rooms are being invaded by obscenities from the “boob tube” and current periodicals which flaunt illicit sex as a part of a new liberated life-style. Amidst all these overwhelming forces, timid Christians are tempted to say, “What's the use? What can I do as one puny person?” The response of faith is that we must do what we can and leave the rest to God.

There is a story which speaks of a courageous Roman senator, who, when the enemy had encamped around the city, entered into a contract to buy one of the fields under the enemy camp. This is the spirit of courageous faith. The action of one such person is infectious and powerful. God's people do not rely on good times in society for spiritual effectiveness.

Jesus carried out His ministry in a nation which was under the heel of a foreign invader. Peter, Paul and John did their work under despotic rulers to whom life was cheap and morals were decided by political expediency. As yet we have not experienced any situation so unfair or dangerous.

Our real danger is two-fold (1) that we compromise with the philosophies and false trends of our age to the point that they seem to furnish no threat to our conscience (2) that we lapse into despair while muttering to ourselves something similar to the lines from Lowell, “truth (is) forever on the scaffold and wrong (is) forever on the throne”.

The need for a positive response from Christians to the evils of the age is obvious. We have the ability and freedom to speak, write and act. These freedoms are individual matters in which one cannot hide behind the excuse that one is so small compared to the forces which threaten. Each soldier in army is weak by himself. In a recent article, John Hurt compared the power of one person to a drop of rain—powerless in itself but, when combined with millions of other drops

capable of making a tidal wave.

We have a responsibility to speak out to the best of our ability in favour of purity, honesty, loyalty and spirituality. Some may laugh at us and some may become angry, but our course should not be controlled by either the ridicule or anger of men. Rather we should pray for those who mock or threaten.

Many of us have a responsibility to write in opposition to evil. Letters can be written to political leaders, to media officials and to commercial executives. These should voice a distaste for what is evil and should point out specific policies, programs or practices which offend. It has been demonstrated that it does not take many letters or voices of protest to change the minds of those in positions of authority.

Finally, our third responsibility is to act in a manner which is consistent with our words. Instead of wringing our hands and bemoaning the evils of the age, we need to show a life-style which is an attractive alternative to those who are searching for a better way of life. What Christians stand for has as much influence as Christians themselves.

This is not a time for a frightened or frustrated “What's the use?” The task for our day is to be, in word and deed, the people of God. Each will then offer some spark of light to a society which is edging into darkness. We are neither alone nor powerless.

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What A Wonderful Saviour!

Roy D. Merritt

"In Christ" was Roy Merritt's favourite theme. During the past two decades—Roy stepped down from co-editing responsibilities for the Gospel Herald in 1993, a service that spread over forty years—Roy submitted 66 articles to the paper, or 3.3 per year. One article in every 3.5 articles was centered in Christ. My selection, therefore, is Roy's celebration, "What a Wonderful Saviour!" published in the Gospel Herald, February, 1997.

— Geoff Ellis

Glory-shocked Judean shepherds heard the proclamation first about 4 or 5 B.C. The angelic announcement to these startled men contained three special words of promise and majesty. The first speaks of Him as the answer to man's greatest need—salvation from sin. Even His divinely-chosen name, Jesus, meaning "Jehovah saves", revealed His saving mission (Matthew 1:21; Luke 1:31 NIV). As God incarnate He would do for man what man could not do for himself.

Years later the apostle Paul combined three of these great words—"Christ Jesus our Lord"—in reference to the One to whom he owed every blessing. He then delivered one of his trustworthy sayings, "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the worst" (I Timothy 1:12, 15). Some people view sin in a very impersonal fashion—largely in terms of the other fellow's weakness. Others view it as a somewhat irrelevant term on the assumption that there are no moral absolutes. Paul had looked into the face of the devilish guilt which he had incurred when he had been a hateful enemy of Christ's people.

He thanked Christ for his new faith in and love for Christ Jesus.

Perhaps all of us would have a greater appreciation of salvation in Christ if we had a clearer perception of the deadly nature of sin. Salvation is meaningful in proportion to our understanding of the enormity and the universality of sin. If our definition is too limited or too fuzzy, we may be less inclined to laud the saving work of Christ on our behalf.

The apostle John gave one of the most brief definitions when he wrote, "sin is lawlessness". He was obviously not referring to the transgression of man-made laws, although many sinful acts violate those as well. He reveals sin as anything which is contrary to God's holy will. John E. Kirzenga has given us a good formal definition as the scope of man's sin against his maker. "Sin is any attitude of indifference, unbelief, or disobedience to the will of God revealed in conscience, law, or gospel—whether this attitude expresses itself in thought, word, deed or settled disposition and conduct" (ISBE, Vol. IV, p. 2798).

Who among us needs Christ as our Saviour? We all do. We are all guilty of sin (Romans 3:23). Without the saving power of Christ's sacrifice, we all bear the guilt, stain and penalty for our failures to live above sin. The consequences are stated in terms of what we deserve by the apostle Paul (Romans 6:23). Thank God that "in Christ" God's grace reaches us to bestow the free gift of eternal life. In this sin-smirched society of ours many are reverting to barnyard morals and the jungle law that 'might makes right'. If

we will allow it, we can be bombarded with erotic movies and depictions of violence by the hour in our living room. While we trust our politicians and news makers to be examples of high ethics and above-average behaviour, they increasingly seem to abuse their position. Sports stars and actors/actresses have long been known for their irregular life-style. Now they flaunt these violations of decency with a new arrogance and are applauded.

Since people are, deep down, largely as they think, a very dangerous force is at work in our educational system. It is the claim that we are merely the highest order of an evolutionary chain. As such we should feel no guilt in acting like animals. Any behaviour is acceptable between consenting adults. With this evolutionary premise, what has been called sin by Bible believers is considered irrelevant and obsolete. It is felt that the term is an unnecessary relic that has been outgrown by sophisticated man.

Polls show that most people believe in God. Most believe in Heaven and Hell. Most claim that they expect to go to Heaven. Only a minority expect to end up in Hell. Despite this wishful presumption, sin will condemn many to Hell. Man, who is made in God's image, cannot flout the will of his Maker with impunity. Sin is as real and as pervasive as pleasure and pain. Its effects are infinitely longer lasting. God in His mercy has sent us a powerful Saviour.

E.A. Hoffman has given us a chorus hymn which sums up the glory of our Saviour and Lord. It

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is a beautiful piece of exclamatory adoration:

“What a wonderful Savior is Jesus, my Jesus! What a wonderful Saviour is Jesus my Lord!”

Human words and human voices can never do justice to the power of Jesus Christ to save His people.

Our Lord is not only divine and capable as the Saviour who can completely save, He is also unique in this capacity. The apostle Peter boldly claimed that his Lord was the only true Saviour as he stood before some of the men who had been responsible for nailing Jesus of Nazareth to the cross. His claim comes down to us as a brief summary of this claim to uniqueness. “Salvation is’ found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).

Perhaps nowhere is the wonderful nature of our Saviour portrayed more powerfully than in the great Throne Scene of Revelation 5 when John is allowed, in a vision, to see into Heaven itself. He sees the triumphant Christ in company with the Father and surrounded by an angelic court. In this apocalyptic vision, John heard the voice of “thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand” angels declaring His redemptive power. The central theme of their salutation is “Worthy is the Lamb”. Four great living creatures closed with an “Amen” of agreement. To this we should all add our “Amen” in grateful wonder.

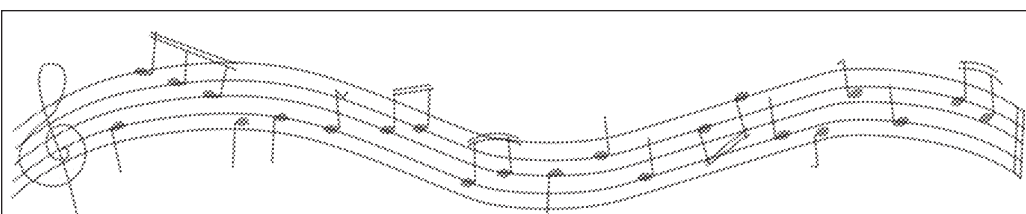
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Jesus Christ.” On the other hand, it will be a time of glorious exultation when the saints of all ages will see their Lord face to face in a joyous recognition.

Christ Will Come To Take His People Home

Much that is taught by various premillennial teachers and writers about the so-called “rapture” is mere speculation. The term is used to describe how all of

Christ’s people are “caught up” to meet Him in the air (1 Thess. 4:17). The New Testament says nothing about a return to earth. This earth is not our eternal home. Christ proclaimed that He was going to prepare a place for His faithful followers (John 14:1–6). He attached a promise to bring them to a better place with room for all. The Christian hope is that where He is, there we can be also. This is the great Homecoming!



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- October 14th - Beamsville Church of Christ
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Other masters of deceit reject the claim of our Lord that He would build a unique church. This also rejects the singular church for which Christ died. He loved this precious body of saved saints. He left no authority for human additions or substitutions. True faith must reject the specious claim that "one church is as good as another." Christ died for His one body—the church. Numerous false teachers, through the centuries, have sought to change it or exchange it for the products of human opinions. Although they claim to improve on the apostolic pattern, they labour in vain. Accept no substitutes; substitution is not from God. There is but one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all.

We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin. Our society takes its values from trendy so-called sophisticates. Evil is called good; good is called repressive.

God gave up on the perversions of earlier societies. Such had exchanged the truth of God for a lie. God has revealed that He hates sexual impurity among his creatures. The assent of human courts and the promotion by clever media can hide the truth. Children

of God take their direction from a higher source.

A label change for certain evil desires does not change the nature of sinful relationships. Beautiful words like love and marriage are misapplied to degraded unions. God has made plain His plan for the home. Rejection of the divine plan results in confusion and sin. Christians do not imitate what is evil but what is good.

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know more fully the hope to which Christ has called you. May the grace of God and the peace of Christ, that passes understanding, be with you now and forevermore. Amen.

the analogy of the act of baptism to our Lord's death, burial and resurrection. Pouring water on a church bell or an infant can have no similar likeness since there can be neither understanding nor death to sin.

Jesus said in Mark 16:16, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." Later Peter commanded a huge crowd of people on the day of Pentecost, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:38). The result was, "Then they that gladly received His word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." (Acts 2:41)

In Galatians 3:27, Paul explained one of the functions of Scriptural baptism when he said, "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ."

It can be seen that baptism is not just a form or ritual that can be applied indiscriminately to any person or object. When men and women reach an age of understanding of God's Word and in response to Gospel preaching or teaching desire to obey the Master's commands completely, only then can they be scripturally baptized. At this point they acquire remission of sins, membership into Christ's body—the Church, and a new name—Christian.



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NEW BRUNSWICK

Saint John: In February, the congregation designed a newsletter to send out into the community near our meeting place. We had hoped to send them out at the end of March but due to unforeseen events, we got them out on April 3. We went out on foot with one hundred newsletters and placed them in mailboxes. The goal of newsletter evangelism is to present a non-intrusive way to do door knocking. We will be sending a new newsletter out every three weeks. We will do this another three or four times, long enough for the community to get used to seeing our newsletters and then we will go out, with newsletter in hand, and knock on those doors to ask them if they have been reading them, enjoyed them, would like to continue receiving them, ask for prayer requests, invite out for worship, offer them a Bible study and more. Please pray for our efforts and pray for good

results. – reported by Shawn Leblanc

NEW YORK

Sardinia: Glen & Edna Mueller were in Newark NY, on April 13 & 14 for the Newark, NY Lectureship where Glen presented a lesson on Romans, Chapter 1. Kyle Frank spoke in his absence. A Gospel Meeting is planned with Brent Newton, May 10-13.

ONTARIO

Barrie: Jonathan Dela Cruz was baptized into Christ on March 24, followed by a large gathering of friends and family to congratulate him. The college/careers group is busy with final planning and details for “The Power of One” young adult weekend May 4-6; speaker is Ray Reynolds of Gulf Shores, Alabama. We’re also improving our personal evangelism skills through a Sunday morning class called “Speaking Up with the Message.”

Beamsville: During one of our evening worship periods we had a group representing Strawberry Point Christian Camp lead our worship and provide an update on the camp and its ministry. We then took up a special collection on March 25th for this incredible ministry for children and teens.

Bramalea: Theo and Mable Amanatey with their children Kevon, Kentrel and Keltrick placed membership at Bramalea on February 5. Two

of Theo’s brother’s have been members here in the past. Chi and Danielle Smith and their son, Connor, came to us from the Strathmore congregation. They spend a lot of time back in Bermuda. Our Filippino brethren sent nine large boxes of clothing to their brethren who had suffered severe flooding and earthquake damage since the new year. Sam Cariaga, from the Mississauga congregation, spearheads this operation. He has asked us at Bramalea, if we would be willing to accept good summer clothing that he would pick up and send to the Philippines. Women’s Ministry: Several of our sisters got together and invited the ladies to indicate what ministries they would be willing to work with. Thirty of them signed up and 18 attended their first meeting on February 19. Mary Kent, died on February 13 in her 88th year. She was a faithful Christian for 70 years and an older sister to Ivan and Fred Whittington. Training For Service celebrated its 50th year. It was hosted by brethren from Newmarket this year. Nathan Pickard was the MC. Estimated crowd was about 600. A contribution was taken up to meet expenses and to benefit the “Key to the Kingdom” television program. Randy Harris of ACU in Abilene, Texas, gave three excellent lessons. The first year was hosted by the Bayview congregation in Toronto.

Fenwick: Victoria Stuart was baptized into Christ on Wednesday evening, March 28. Seventeen of the congregation were able to attend Training For Service.

Hamilton – (Fennel Ave): Craig Ford, second generation Missionary to Papua New Guinea, has written a book, “Transforming Your Financial Diet: 7 Steps to Simple Living and Generous Giving.” Contact Craig’s dad, Art Ford, at the Fennel Ave. congregation.

Stoney Creek: Helen Peever, daughter of Jon and Carrie Peever, was baptized by her grandfather, Ben Wiebe, Sunday evening, April 1. Jane and Keith Wallace, long time

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(BC news supplied by Barbara Lewis)

ALBERTA

Edmonton (northside): The annual Alberta Spring Fellowship was held over Easter Weekend. The theme for the weekend was "The Promised Holy Spirit; A Deeper Appreciation of the Gift that Empowers" based on Ephesians 1:13-14. Keynote speakers were Cory Collins of Keller church of Christ, Keller, Texas and John W. Smith of Huntsville, AL. Rick Eldred of York College, York, Nebraska, was song leader for the weekend.

Red Deer: Friday, April 13, a family movie night was held with the movie "Courageous" shown. Then Saturday was a men's day with the theme "Living Courageously."

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Abbotsford(Central Valley): A Mexican Christian who brings along any of his fellow workers who will come is attending the services here. The traveling Weirs visited several lonely isolated Christians along the way to and from Prince George to worship with nine people in the Ziemer home in April. They spent some time with a Quesnel couple and stopped again in Williams Lake to see 93- year-old Bill Jackson. He and the wife he lost two years ago were members of the church in Nanaimo for many years. Our couple

from The Netherlands have made a trip back to Holland to sell their home there and visit family, as they are applying for Canadian citizenship.

Burnaby: Harvey Wood, former long-time elder and unofficial photographer for the congregation, has been taking pictures of the members to put together a new pictorial directory. Erol Dogan, one of our members who speaks Hebrew, presented his sermon, "My Enemies of Yesterday Became My Friends of Today", for us in March. It concerns the situation of Christians in Palestine and Israel, where he has spent much of his time for several years in an effort to help the churches in that part of the world. Erol is of Arabian descent.

Oakridge (Vancouver): When the church receives letters or emails from members who are away, our bulletin editor includes them in the paper for the coming Sunday. Since people are often in far-away places, it keeps everyone informed of why they are not with us, and reminds the writers that they are both valued and missed.

Salmon Arm: Several of our members, who are exceptionally hardy, participated in a night walk to raise funds for a special cause on one of the coldest nights in February. We are having prayer meetings on Sunday evenings when there are pressing needs in place of singing. The congregation recently invested monies from their building fund in the purchase of a home for their evangelist, Cliff Plummer, and his family. Using the talents of church members, an office and meeting space has been built in the home with a minimum amount of remodeling. The church hopes that in the future the home could be sold, and the money—along with future building fund contributions—used for purchase of a church

building. The ladies of the congregation are planning a Ladies Day on Saturday, May 5. The workshop, titled "Once Upon a Time" and presented by Washed in the Word Ministries, will help women prepare and share their "story" as a witness and encouragement to others. For information, please contact Marie Taylor, 250-832-9969 (reported by Cliff Plummer)

Vernon: Our congregation is keeping a list of those who visit seniors each week in order to be sure all are visited regularly. Members are also participating in a new program for visitors, who are invited to someone's home for the noon meal and a chat following the service, reminding both the host and the visitor that hospitality is one of the commands in the Scripture.

MANITOBA

Carman: Our 60th Annual Lectureship was held April 6-8. The theme was "Praise Him, Praise Hymn, Jesus Our Blessed Redeemer", with Hugh Gannon as featured speaker.

Winnipeg: Blair and Susan Roberts, our missionaries to Belgium were in Winnipeg April 20-30 as they prepare to return to Belgium. They joined us for our month end activities and Blair taught the teen classes April 22 and 29. Their visit was a great opportunity to learn more about the mission and to encourage them in their work.

SASKATCHEWAN

Western Christian College, Regina: Homecoming was held March 30-April 1.

Weyburn: Two classes are being taught Sunday mornings: "Friendship: Growing Side by Side" and a study of Daniel. Wednesday night study is on the Gospel of John. South Saskatchewan church of Christ Family Day was held May 5.

Pictures and Reports

We are always looking for items concerning outreach and service activities of congregations across Canada. Pictures are worth a 1,000 words, they say, and we like to have pictures we can publish on mission outreach and service projects in evangelism, teaching and doing service. These may be of work done in Canada or by Canadian congregational groups who travel and serve outside of Canada. Good quality digital photographs allow us to see, be encouraged by and praise God for these activities of our fellow Christians. We look forward to being able to share these "good news reports" with readers of the Gospel Herald.

— The editors

MISSION NEWS

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LOST CANADIANS: When Canada observed International Women's Day last month, some Canadians were still excluded from citizenship solely because they were born to unwed mothers over 65 years ago. They are part of a group known as "Lost Canadians", people who are excluded from citizenship or are having difficulty claiming it because of the date or circumstances of their birth. Among them are some of the 22,000 children who were born overseas to Canadian servicemen and arrived in Canada with their war bride mothers during or immediately after the Second World War. Some were born out of wedlock because their fathers could not get the required permission to marry. Such cases were common and inevitable under wartime conditions. After a lifetime in Canada, these war bride children are still excluded from citizenship by an obscure provision of the 1946 Citizenship Act. One example is Jackie Scott, who was born in England in 1945, out of wedlock, to a Canadian soldier and a British mother. Because of poor health, she was unable to travel to Canada with her mother until 1948. Shortly after her arrival, her parents were married in Toronto. By her parents' marriage she was legitimated retroactively from birth under Ontario law, but is still being denied citizenship. She is now suing the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration in the Federal Court. Jason Kenney, the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, has recently stated that the government will take steps to end the automatic acquisition of citizenship by so-called "passport babies" whose mothers enter Canada solely for the purpose of giving birth to a Canadian child. It is urgent that equal attention should be given to the plight of those Canadians who, by an accident of birth, are still excluded from citizenship in the only country they know." (News Item)

PHILIPPINES (CEBU): A 38-year old woman has been living with an enormous tumor that had continued to grow over 10 years until it distorted the right side of her face and extended below her neck. When every organization she asked to help her refused, her husband left her. People stared at her wherever she went and it was hard to eat or talk. She kept the huge mass covered with a shawl as best she could wherever she went. She had given up all hope of finding help until she approached people in the church responding to the most recent earthquake. They at once took her to a hospital, and on March 25, six doctors started the 12-hour operation to remove it. The mass taken from Irene Altamera's face weighed between six and seven pounds, but she is now recovering. Although the process was slow and painful, last month she was able to say an audible word. She faces many more operations to restore her face and neck, as this was just the first step. Later a steel plate will be implanted in her jaw. Helping her while she recovers are girls from the Leyte school that were brought there after they lost their families and homes in the disaster of 2006. For more information and amazing pictures: <http://philippinedisastermission.shutterfly.com/negroschurchesofchrist> (Negros) "I am currently in the middle of the earthquake disaster area in Negros. After almost two months, bridges and roads along the national highway are still under repair. One major bridge is not yet passable. Once again, the inefficiency and lack of action among government officials is in full display. I attribute this to brain drain. When you lose your best and brightest, your most educated and restless younger generation, you are left with a population that cannot beat corruption or hold their leaders accountable. Church buildings of our brotherhood are still in disrepair. We cannot let this happen to our people. We need to help them. This calamity has hurt the churches of Christ worse than any other disaster because we have a lot of members there. The small town of Tayasan alone has about a dozen active congregations. The mayor, Santiago Sameon, is a member of the church. His father was a pioneering church planter in Negros. This is the "South" of the Philippines. If your church

has not yet helped the recent disaster victims, please consider helping now. International aid has dried up. Interest has died down. Now is our turn to show up and provide meaningful assistance. For more information, please email me at cariaga@yahoo.com or send your help through Shepherds Hill, PO Box 3131, Abilene, TX 79604." (Each of the above items are from Salvador Cariaga, who adds a personal P.S: "I am staying at a nice resort along the beach with free WIFI for \$5 a day. Yes, it has electricity and indoor bathrooms. Join me if you can and I will put you to work. Help us rebuild the Philippines!")

THAILAND (CHIANG MAI): A number of Christians from the various Chiang Mai churches were able to participate in the #6 "Anghkor of Faith" week in Siem Reap, Cambodia, this year. Sixteen countries were represented, including Indonesia, Australia, Japan, Malaysia and China, as this effort in Asia continues to grow. From March 11-17, 98 people reached out to street children in Siem Reap. Christ was introduced to them, many hearing the name of Jesus for the first time. In addition they learned how to pray and give thanks before meals which were widely distributed to the hungry. Haircuts were given and lice combed from hair. There were street exercises and games with hundreds of children and youth. Seventeen years ago, four young married couples made preparation to go together to Thailand. The families of three of the four have grown up here, learning two cultures at once. One daughter is now at ACU, and another graduates this spring. All have participated in various sports in which they have excelled in Chiang Mai schools. Brought to the US when their parents had furloughs and visited by grandparents occasionally, the children all speak English as well as Thai. Originally working only with university students, David and Michelle Allen, Robert and Jan Reagan, and Sean and Pat Todd have since expanded to other areas and seen the establishment and growth of several churches in greater Chiang Mai. Their motto has not changed: "Building Communities to Reach a City—Reaching a City to Change a Nation". They continue working toward that goal.

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Evangelist.

members at Stoney Creek, celebrated their 80th birthdays in March and April, respectively. The congregation hosted a sunrise worship service and breakfast April 8. The sunrise service was at the cross located at the Punch Bowl on the edge of the escarpment in Stoney Creek and the breakfast at the church building.

Tintern: Twenty five Tintern members enjoyed a Sunrise Worship Service at Charles Daley Park on April 8. Thankfully the weather cooperated with clear skies and a beautiful sunrise on the shores of Lake Ontario. On Sunday, April 1, we hosted several visitors at our annual Celebration of Spring potluck

lunch. We look forward to hosting a Sunday Evening Area Wide worship on June 3 at 6 pm. There has been significant interest from the program in the past so we have expanded it to include three Sunday evenings in June and three in October. See the advertisement in this month's Gospel Herald. From June 16-22 several of our teens and Dylan Pyeatt will attend a youth rally called Impact on the campus of Dave Lipscomb University in Nashville Tennessee. Plans are underway for Bible Day Camp (July 2 to 6). The theme this year is Babylon: Daniel's Courage in Captivity. Several Tintern teens are gearing up for their mission trip to Detroit from August 6-10.

Toronto (Scarborough): The ladies are studying from the book "Women of Troubled Times" by Cindy Colley. It's explores why God allows moral chaos and how to have optimism in the face of personal failure and hopeless situations. NEW PLACE OF WORSHIP: AS OF APRIL 1ST, WE HAVE A NEW PLACE OF WORSHIP. WE ARE MEETING AT THE DELTA HOTEL, LOCATED AT 2035 KENNEDY ROAD, TORONTO M1T 3V3.

Toronto (Strathmore Blvd): The congregation welcomed Magdalena (Maggie) Lucici to the family. She has been worshipping in Mississauga but recently moved into the city. Moises Velasco, who retired last year and is now attending GLBC and his son, Immanuel, have each been preaching on a Sunday evening each month. We rejoiced with Omar Mejia and his wife, Jesenia Leiva, who were baptized into Christ by Santiago on April 8.

Waterloo: We are planning a mission trip to the St. John congregation August 10-12 this year to help them with local outreach and hold a short seminar on "Parenting" on the Sunday. We welcome a new sister into the family of God, Joan Lee, who was baptized by David Dunn; we pray that she will find our family a welcoming one. We have started a ministry called "Live Out Loud" in which those participating visit other members of the congregation, to chat and visit with or help out with odd jobs.

Windsor: We have been going through a series of lessons Sunday evenings on "Developing Disciplines" that allow for greater intimacy between us and God. We have started a series of lessons in our adult Sunday school class entitled "Sycamore Series." This is a series of lessons designed to help us in developing conversations where the subject of God can be introduced. This method has been developed by the "Let's Start Talking" program overseas but now used in a North American context. If you have ever wondered how to bring God into a discussion, this series might be of help.



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iPads and church excellence

Harold Bruggen

Apple Inc. has just released its latest version of their popular portable computing device, the iPad. The tablet, first released in 2010, defined and conquered the tablet product category and has remained firmly entrenched as the most popular tablet in that wildly growing tech section. Because of the company's rapidly increasing stature in the marketplace, its executives have had a growing presence in the media. Even a superficial inquiry to any of those executives will reveal a consistent goal. They want to make the best products possible. Their concern is not, therefore, about profits or market-share or even practicality primarily, but about functional products that fill real needs in reliable and enjoyable ways. Apple's intense focus and uncanny sense of the marketplace have combined with fantastic industrial design, innovative and reliable software, durability and intuitive controls to create an almost fanatical user base that has helped make products like the iPad exceptionally popular.

Regardless of our thoughts about Apple's products, they are widely considered as the standard of excellence in their areas. That belief offers us an important insight into our Christian lives. God has charged us with a set of responsibilities we must find ways

of fulfilling (cf. Romans 12:1-2). But fulfilling those expectations requires more than simply going through the motions; we have to accomplish them with excellence. God asks us to love Him with our entire self (Matthew 22:34-38), which will provide a powerful motivation to our obedience (John 14:15; 1 John 5:3). Our love-driven obedience ought to motivate us to pursue excellence in all that we do (Ephesians 6:5-6; 1 Peter 2:12). To pursue excellence, we must:

1. Place the church and its work at the top of our priorities; excellence will not happen without an exclusive investment of our personal time and resources (Matthew 22:34-38; Mark 8:34-35).

2. Pursue accountability that reminds us about, and prepares us for, our ultimate accountability before God (Galatians 6:1-2; Romans 14:10-12).

3. Carefully cultivate a deliberate and self-aware relationship with the world around us (Colossians 4:5-6; 1 Peter 2:9).

4. Develop our understanding of the Bible so that we can understand God's standard of excellence and learn how to realize it within our own lives (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:2-3).

5. Reject the impulse to import the world's standards of practicality (1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Jeremiah 10:23). God's way offers the best path regardless of our estimation of its feasibility.

Apple has garnered a reputation of excellence and illustrates some of the qualities it takes to realize such a reputation. Apple, however, only makes disposable tech products. God has given to us the infinitely more valuable product of His will and He rightly expects excellence from us. The excellence that God wants demands a lot from us and we must ask ourselves whether our lives reveal the level of commitment required to satisfy His expectation. May God help us faithfully represent Him in this world.

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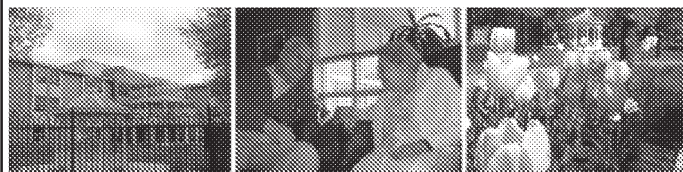
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OBITUARIES

Floyd, Harold Edward

Harold Edward Floyd was born May 3, 1928, in Bengough, Saskatchewan, and passed peacefully March 18, 2012, in Regina, Saskatchewan, at the age of 83 years. He was predeceased by his parents, William and Myrtle Floyd, and one sister, Francis, in early childhood. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Margaret, his seven children (along with 16 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren). Ron (Doris) May, Cheryl (Doug) Cox, Judy (Bob) Andreas, Debbie (Gene) Grebinski, Jane (John) Smith, Carrie (Nelson) Knight and Howard (Karen) Floyd and seven remaining siblings, Alice (Ivan) Lawrence, Verna Reed, Allan (Kietha) Floyd, Cathy (Wayne) Shaver, Julie (Don) Elliott, Linda (Ted) Sheard and Florence Floyd.

Harold considered it a blessing where God placed him in the world. In his mind, to be born and raised in the Harptree community was all one could ask for and he was involved in all aspects of community activity: long hours on the land or with the cattle were no problem; he preferred to work with horses than machinery; he sincerely enjoyed helping neighbors with concrete or cattle; a good visit with a neighbour was a highlight to say nothing of the pleasure enjoyed when one would pick up a guitar and sing some of the old tunes.

He loved his family and appreciated everything they did for him. On August 20, 1960, he married Margaret (Dods) May, a young widow with four young children, and happily welcomed his bride and her children to the comfortable

home he had built for them, with his own hands. Later, three more children would join this family and all would equally enjoy the tangible expressions of his love: large bags of candy, nuts and oranges at Christmas; surprises for Margaret, whether a sweater or house coat; or a trip for the kids to the coulees to pick saskatoons and have a picnic. There was not a lot of money, but he and Margaret sacrificed to do the things they felt were important, like sending all seven kids to Western Christian College, hoping to provide the best foundation for life.

Harold was known for his strength. If you shook hands with him, you had better not plan to leave until he was finished... you were not going to break his grip. Livestock disobeyed his orders at their own peril. Co-workers witnessed and recounted many demonstrations of his physical strength and endurance during long days of threshing or haying. But strength of character was what distinguished him. Probably the biggest challenge he faced was in 1985 when the economics of farming were such that he made the decision to sell the farm at Harptree and exchange the only world he had ever known for the unfamiliar circumstances of the city, Weyburn. While this was a very difficult time for him and he felt like a failure, he was able to transition with the tender strong encouragement of many. Eventually the challenge was met with grace and dignity so that he and Margaret soon threw out the 'welcome mat' in Weyburn and continued their hospitable life style. And he continued his service to his

Lord in many capacities but of special note were terms as an elder in the Lord's church in Weyburn and Moose Mountain.

Perhaps Howard said it best when he called his siblings to say, "It looks like Dad is hitching the team and heading for home". He was tired after a full life of service to others, especially those of the house of faith. An incident, recorded John 1:47, reports Jesus' comment about a man named Nathaniel that he was a man in whom there was no guile. It is not difficult to imagine Harold being welcomed with a similar greeting. He was a humble and genuine servant... what you saw is what you got. He was concerned for each individual and would be best remembered by heeding his warnings and applying his encouragements so that, in the words of one of his favorite cowboys songs, we could sing, "Happy trails to you... until we meet again"!

— Bob Andreas (Son in Law)

Kindy, Paul Grevace

Paul Kindy passed away suddenly at the Hamilton General Hospital on Wednesday, February 1, 2012, at the age of 71. He was the beloved husband of Heather Beatrice Margaret Kindy, the loving father of four and step-father of one, as well as several grandchildren and great grandchildren. He is also survived by his father, Clare Kindy, age 91, one brother, two sisters and several nieces and nephews.

Paul will continue to be remembered by his family and friends as a prominent community figure. He was the eldest son of Clare and the late Dorothy (Rooke) Kindy, and as a fourth-generation Kindy, the co-

owner of D. Kindy & Sons Ltd. of Selkirk, ON, which was established in the year 1866 as a Tannery and a Fur Store by his great grandfather. The location of the store was a large farm in Selkirk, very close to Lake Erie. Because of the location, Paul's mother went home to St. Thomas to be with her mother until she had Paul. He was born in St. Thomas General Hospital October 22, 1940.

Paul was baptized at the age of 14 at a camp which was part of the Church of Christ in Selkirk. He attended one year at Great Lakes Christian College (that was the name of the school at that time.) and then finished his secondary education in Caledonia.

Paul had four teenagers, Darlene, age 16, twins Debby and Denise, age 14, and Daniel, age 13, when he met his second wife, Heather, and her only child, Deborah, age 18. They were both remarried in the Church of Christ in Selkirk, Ontario, June 14, 1980, by Bryan Meneer, minister of the Fennell Avenue Church of Christ in Hamilton where Heather was a member. Then in early May 1982, the couple went to a church meeting in Brantford, ON, where they met some new church members from the Ivon Avenue Church of Christ, which had just bought a new church building in Stoney Creek, ON. In early May, 1982, some of the new members from Ivon Avenue asked them to come and join them, which they did. They were at the Stoney Creek Church of Christ for 29 and one half years.

Paul started his career as a furrier at the age of 19 in 1959 and retired 50 years later at the age of 69 in 2009. By this time he had lived in Caledonia, for 10 years, where he continued to do community work

like Senior Support, etc. He served as the Councillor of Rainham for two terms from 1994 to 2000.

The family honoured his life at the Hyde & Mott Chapel in Hagersville, ON. Minister Brent Olson of the Stoney Creek Church of Christ conducted the funeral service. Paul was laid to rest next to his mother, whom he loved dearly, at the interment at Selkirk Union Cemetery.

Paul loved the Lord. He will be greatly missed.

– Heather Kindy and children

Krogsgaard, Mae

Mae Krogsgaard, the 4th daughter of Helen and James Lindsay-Ewing was born on March 21, 1929, in Regina, SK. Mae grew up on the family farm with her four sisters in the Kennell District of Craven, SK. Mae became a professional dressmaker and worked in Regina. She married Bordy Krogsgaard on October 30, 1948, in Regina. They enjoyed 63 years of marriage, residing the last 37 years in North Bend, BC. Mae enjoyed sewing, knitting, crocheting, cooking, cake decorating, gardening and homemaking. Many of these talents were passed on to her grandchildren. Most of all, she was a loving and wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. As a devoted Christian woman, Mae led by example and made a difference in every life she touched. Always a lady ~ kind, gentle, hospitable, fun loving and quick witted.

By December 1, Mae could no longer be cared for in her own home, and took up residency at the Fraser Hope Lodge. Surrounded by her loving family, she departed peacefully from this life into LIFE

on Sunday evening, December 25, 2011, at the age of 82 years. Mae is survived by her husband, Borden, daughter Diane (Howard) Johnson, and sons Brian (Lorna), Lindsay (Roberta), 20 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren and her sister, Muriel.

Mae's funeral service was held on January 4, at Henderson's Funereal Home in Chilliwack, with Norman Weir officiating and her earthly remains were laid to rest at the Mountainview Cemetery, in Hope, BC.

One cannot say enough about this special and precious Christian Sister. Mae became a Christian in the early 1940's, being introduced to the gospel during time spent at Radville Bible School, where she also met the love of her life, Bordy. Although losing her mother at a very young age, (then her dad when she was only 13), and not having a mom to be a role model, Mae applied herself to learn how to be the very best mom...and teacher! (This included teaching Diane's home economics teacher how to put a placket in a dress, and showing a cake decorating instructor how to make leaves.)

When one thinks of Mae, her sense of humor comes to mind. It was very well and very tastefully developed and even when life was becoming difficult, did not leave her. The wise words in Proverbs were certainly not lost on her..."a merry heart makes a cheerful countenance", "a merry heart does good, like medicine" (15:13a & 17:22a). Who else would put a ribbon bow on the 'popes nose' of a roasted chicken, or paint a rock the size of a car, by the front drive, to look like a

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frog? Her children still smile at their game of 'last bat' (who gets in the last tag as going out the door), her instructions to the boys not to bring the motor bikes into the house, and telling Diane the same of worms and caterpillars. And although she really did not like frogs, she had the biggest frog collection "this side of the Amazon", as one of her granddaughters put it.

She loved her Lord with all her heart, and spoke many wise and encouraging words to her children and grandchildren, to her ladies Bible class, and to all who knew her. Any young Christian woman would have been proud to call her their mentor.

Her loving, gentle and Jesus filled life is the legacy she leaves to her family. They will cherish it always in their thoughts and memory. And that same Jesus will forever cherish Mae, safe in His loving arms throughout eternity!

— Submitted by
Diane Johnson and Jen Weir

Merritt, Roy Dean

November 1, 1918 – March 21, 2012

Roy Dean Merritt passed from this life in his sleep on March 21. He was born to Curtis James and Clara (Wilcox) Merritt, descendants of Mayflower and United Empire Loyalist families, in the old Merritt family home on the escarpment, just above Beamsville, Ontario, in Clinton Township. Two months later the family moved to a Beamsville residence which was Roy's home until he married in 1950.

After his Secondary School years at what was then known as Beamsville High and Vocational

School, Roy began, in 1931, working at the Merritt Brother's Feed Mill which served the farmers of the area. This was interrupted during 1942–45 by service as an instructor in the Royal Canadian Air Force. Roy and his family were members of the Church of Christ and, with a desire to preach the gospel, shortly after discharge he left the mill work to continue his education at Abilene Christian College in Texas and then Butler University in Indiana. He later did further studies at McMaster University in Ontario, Cincinnati Theological Seminary, Lakehead University in Ontario and United Theological College in Bangalore, India. His college work concentrated on Bible and related subjects and he earned three degrees with high standings. He was part of a successful the debate team. Studies include Biblical languages and resulted in his having a part in the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

While in college in Texas he met Lou Nelle Peters and they were married in 1950. She is now, after 62 years, adjusting to life without him.

In keeping with his intent, Roy brought his family back to Canada and began his life long work of preaching and teaching the Gospel of Salvation. His long life of service included churches in Abilene, Texas, Noblesville, Indiana, and in Hamilton, Beamsville, St. Catharines, Ottawa, Thunder Bay and Kingston in Ontario as well as many churches in India. The Ottawa and Thunder Bay churches were church "plants" in which he worked "from the ground up" by moving into the community and actually "door knocking" to find and teach interested people. He later served as an elder with the church

in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He was still the regular teacher of a class at the St. Catharines church of Christ at the time of his passing in his 94th year. He was also still licensed to drive an automobile.

Roy was a scholar and thus well suited to be the founding Dean of the Faculty of Bible and Mission at Great Lakes Christian College in 1968. His involvement in this effort to prepared workers to serve in Canadian churches continued to 1980 and during this time he also preached regularly and was active as co-editor (later editorial editor) of the now 75 year old Canadian monthly Gospel Herald magazine. He served from November 1953 through September 1993 except for three years (81-84) spent in mission work in India. During most of this time he wrote the monthly editorial and selected and edited the teaching content. His editorials dealt with current church and cultural topics in a scholarly and yet interesting manner. Worthy of note is the fact that Nelle's journalism training enabled her to support and assist Roy. In addition she edited the Gleanings from Foreign Fields page for many years. Their faithful, enduring and effective work is worthy of our recognition and respect.

Roy was preceded in death by son Stephen and his wife Leslie; sister Erma Merritt Kennedy and brothers Gordon, Ralph and Bruce. Survivors, besides Nelle, include daughter Diane with husband Wayne Turner, (He took over Roy's editorial duties in 1993) and their four children and four grandchildren; son David and his daughter together with Stephen's two sons, their spouses and five children.

Roy lived a long life of service

and in addition to his family many brethren and associates far and wide feel the loss resulting from his departure.

– Eugene C. Perry

Oliver, Norman C.

An empty space was left in the hearts of churches on both sides of the Niagara-area border when Bro. Norman Oliver passed away on February 8, following a serious accident. Norm was a Christian gentleman, completely devoted to his God and his family. He was a good man, a good citizen and a good friend.

Though they lived across the border in Lewiston, NY, Norm and his wife Barbara had worshipped for many years with the Ontario Street congregation in St. Catharines, ON, where he served as an elder and song leader. He was also a teacher, one of those who quietly and humbly influenced others by the life that he lived.

After 9-11, it became more and more difficult and time-consuming to cross the border, especially on Sunday morning and during tourist season, so they began to meet more often with the Military Road church in Niagara Falls, NY. After his retirement they also spent time in Florida and Aruba. Wherever he was, the St. Catharines church still considered him one of their own, and he enjoyed getting back as often as he could.

Norman Cleveland Oliver was born June 14, 1936, in Warren, Michigan, to the late Galen Franklin and Audrey Bricker Oliver. His mother died at a young age, and Norm began working early to help his family by building his own cart

to pull behind his bicycle and sell ice cream. His youthful reliability and willingness to work were noticed and he began to work for and later manage various companies. When he was 18, he married a beautiful young woman named Barbara Ann Bayer and, hand-in-hand, they walked together before God for almost 58 years.

In 1968, Norm received a degree in chemistry from Erie County Technical Institute. In 1975 he wondered about beginning his own company and, according to the children, Barbara said, "Go for it!" He did. He was founder and president of Flame Control Coatings, which eventually moved its headquarters from Savannah, GA, to Niagara Falls. The company produced fire-retardant paints under the Flame Control label and also privately-labeled coatings for Sherwin-Williams, Glidden Coatings, and Pratt and Lambert, among others. When Norm retired in 2005, it had become a Fortune 500 Company.

But Norm's first interest and occupation was serving his Lord. He felt that God had richly blessed him for a purpose and he was humble and unpretentious about his accomplishments. He wanted to give to others as God had given to him, and following the example of his Lord, he said, "Don't tell anybody." No one knew who or how many people he had helped, and that's the way he wanted it.

Surviving Norm are his wife Barbara and their three daughters, whom he always referred to as "my girls" - Audrey Dailey (Mark) of Chester, VA; Lori Thomas-Manera (Robert) of Houston, TX, and Amy Jo Lefebvre-Loughrey (Ricky) of Fort Myers Beach, FL; three

grandsons: Michael David, Richard Aaron Thomas and Isaac Norman Lefebvre; his brother, Galen Oliver of LaPeer, MI; two step-brothers, two step-sisters and many nieces and nephews. He was pre-deceased by one brother, Jack Oliver.

A memorial service, directed by his son-in-law, Mark Dailey, was held February 14 at the Redanz Funeral Chapel in Niagara Falls, NY. The number of friends who attended visitation the day before was described by the funeral home as "throngs and throngs."

Norm is being missed by many people who loved him but those who knew him rejoice that he has reached his ultimate goal—eternal life with his Father.

– Submitted by friends
in St. Catharines

Smith, Nancy Beattie

Nancy was born in Niagara Falls on October 8, 1928, and passed away on Tuesday, February 28, 2012, at the Welland, ON, Hospital in her 82nd year.

Loving mother of Georgina Watson, Douglas Smith, Bruce Smith and Scott Smith (Susan). She leaves many fond memories for her many grandchildren and her sister Hilda Shea.

She graduated grade 13 from Loretto academy in Niagara Falls followed by 3 years at Ontario Nursing in St. Catharines. Nancy worked as a Registered Nurse for 45 years, travelling to remote locations to give aid on many occasions. She and her sister, Hilda, worshipped regularly at Fenwick. She is greatly missed by the many friends she made in the congregation.

– Don Hipwell

DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES

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PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

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@camrosecurchofchrist.ca

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 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

SOUTH EDMONTON: Southwood Community Centre 1880 – 37 street NW, Edmonton, AB; Minister: Roy Graneau; Contact: 780-902-1329

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

CAMPBELL RIVER: 226 Hilchey Road V9W 1P4 Contact: Off (250) 923-5233; Charles Witty (250) 923-6396; Jim McGeachy (250) 286-3780; besjim@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, 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 Jim Hawkins, (604) 581-2169.

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 V0K 1C0; Borden 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.; PO 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 250-833-0927; Mailing address: Box 51, V1E 4N2; Doug Kendig, John Murray 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. Midweek adult Bible study at the building: 7 p.m. Kirk Ruch, ev.; K.M.Ruch@SBChurch.ca; Connor Wilkerson, youth; Office: our.office@SBChurch.ca; (604) 522-7271 Website: www.sbchurch.ca

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

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

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

VICTORIA (South Island Church of Christ): Mailing address: South Island Church of Christ, c/o 108-800 Kelly Road, Suite 257, Victoria, BC, V9B 6J9; Meeting address: Westshore Chamber of Commerce, 2830 Aldwynd Rd., 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 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, R0J 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, 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 Celaira, 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.; (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 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 8 pm, Wed. 7 PM. Minister Eddie J. Cornelius; cell:716-478-5278, e-mail: niafallscoc@aol.com; website: www.niagarafallscocf.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

SHUBENACADIE: 3557 Indian Road, Mill Village B0N 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

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., 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., (south of Hwy. 7 on Finchgate Boulevard), L6T 3Y2; (905) 792-2297; mail@bramaleacocf.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.bramaleacocf.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: thegrayst1@shaw.ca office (519) 759-6630

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 N1R 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, 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 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, P0J 1K0; Mike & Judy Tinney 705-672-9241 or e-mail: can@parolink.net

HAMILTON: Fennell Ave. Church of Christ, 321 East 27 Street (at Fennell), L8V 3G8; Sunday 10:00, 11:00, 6:00; Wednesday 7:00; (905) 385-5775 (off.); Art Ford, ev., art@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

<p>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.</p> <p>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 Sunday: classes 10 am, worship 11 am; midweek - call for information: 705-282-2908 or 705-377-4019</p> <p>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</p> <p>KINGSTON: 446 College St., K7L 4M7; Sunday worship 11 AM; (off) 613-546-5409</p> <p>LONDON: 1750 Huron St., N5V 3A2; (519) 455-6730; Sun. Worship 10 AM, Bible Study 11 AM</p> <p>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</p> <p>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: 9:30 AM; Bible Class 10:45; Contact name: Tony Lourenco (905) 829-8312; tlourenco@cogeco.ca; Bill Currie, 905-826-4816, Email: wjvc@7leaf.ca</p> <p>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</p> <p>NEWMARKET: 230 Davis Dr.; Box 21581, L3Y 8J1; Sunday 11:15 am Bible classes, worship 10 am, Wednesday, please call for time and location; Nathan Pickard, ev; 905-895-6502 (off); email: pickardnathan@hotmail.com www.newmarketchurchofchrist.ca</p> <p>NIAGARA FALLS: 3901 Dorchester Rd. N., L2J 3A8, (905) 356-3412 (turn E. on Thorold Stone Rd. from Q.E. and left on Dorchester Rd.); 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</p> <p>NORTH BAY: 73 Gertrude St. E.; Sun. 10:00; Box 745, P1B 8J8; (705) 472-7040 (off.); email: church@northbaycoc.com Website: www.northbaycoc.com</p> <p>OMAGH: 9850 Britannia Road, Milton, L9T 7E8; 10, 11; website: http://omaghwchurch.n3.net, Harold Ellis, Sec., 7435 Twiss Rd., RR # 3, Campbellville, ON L0P 1B0.</p> <p>OSHAWA: Cedar Park Church of Christ 566 Simcoe St. N, Oshawa, L1G 4V3 Sun. 9:45, 11:00, 7; Wed. 7:30 pm; Steve Chubry, Minister 905-434-1258 (Church) 905-728-6125 (res) 647-378-7231 (cell) e-mail: steve.chubry@sympatico.ca cedarparkchurchofchrist@gmail.com Shig Oikawa 905-420-8414 (res) Find us on face book-Cedar Park Church</p>	<p>OTTAWA (Riverview Park): 1515 Chomley Cres., K1G 0V9; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 6; Wed. 7; Robert J. 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Mailing address: Bruce Brandon, Sec., RR 2, Uxbridge, L9P 1R2 (905) 852-5026</p> <p>PORT COLBORNE: 700 Steele St., L3K 4Z2; Sun. worship 10:00, SS 10:15, Adult SS 11:00; (905) 834-5775 (off)</p> <p>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</p> <p>ST. THOMAS: 60 S. Edgeware Rd, N5P 2H6; 519-633-2210 Sun 10,11 Call for midweek date and place; Bob Jackson, 519-633-1123.</p> <p>SAULT STE. MARIE (Pinehill): 132 Cunningham Road, P6B 1N4; (705)949-4988; Sunday 9:40AM, 10:40AM; call for Sunday PM time; Wednesday 7PM; Elders: P. Bailey (705) 256-6789), L. Hotchkiss (705) 759-0649, C. Whitfield (705) 254-6153</p> <p>SELKIRK: 1/2 km n. of village, 58 Haldimand Road 53, Sun. 10 & 11. 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- Support the mission, vision, and values of Great Lakes Bible College
- Maintain effective communication with all stakeholder groups
- Define and execute a funding model that serves the schools' purposes and attains financial viability
- Staff Management
- Liaise with staff members of GLCHS who provide some support services
- Produce an effective plan for recruiting and fundraising for the College
- It is anticipated that some travel will be required.

Qualifications

- A personal commitment to Jesus Christ and the advance of His Kingdom
- A passion for building faith in young people
- A member of, or able to become a member of the Corporations of Great Lakes Bible/Christian College
- Experience in creating and executing financial plans
- Fundraising or ministry experience is considered an asset
- Post secondary education in any discipline. Advanced degree is considered an asset

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