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**Building Community and a Life**: In this issue of the Gospel Herald, we are honoring the work of many Canadian Christians who have helped build community and faith in the lives of young people (and adults). Shown here are views of Clearview Christian Camp, Kenosee Lake, Saskatchewan, Canada

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#### How Strawberry Point Christian Camp Helped Form Me

(And Continues to Form Children)

Nathan Pickard

The school year had finally ended and the children who were part of the Meaford Church of Christ knew what this meant: summer camp. It wasn't just any camp; it was Strawberry Point Christian Camp. It would take our parents several weeks to figure out how to transport the children of the church and their friends up to Manitoulin Island. It usually involved a ride on the MS Chi-Cheemaun ferry. Some years our journey to Strawberry Point Christian Camp included a night at Ken & Ella Baker's cabin. Our excitement drove them crazy and thus it didn't take our parents long to skip out of the cabin and want to drop us off at camp. Thus, our parents would load the van, drive through the gate, stop at the edge of the lake, honk their horn and we would wait on the dock to be picked up.

For the years we attended camp, camp was simply a highlight of our summer. What could be more exciting to children than spending a week sleeping in wood cabins with blue tarpped roofs? What could make more memories than swimming in the lake; learning how to canoe; hiking the bluff; playing baseball or other games in a clearing; eating on picnic tables and then scraping our leftovers into the trash cans; learning to shoot archery and pellet guns and learning what the smell of an outhouse is like? Interspersed in our day of activities were Bible classes and devotionals. This was a week of utter excitement as young children.

Looking back over my years at Strawberry Point Christian Camp, I have concluded that those weeks at camp were more than weeks of excitement; camp was an important part of my spiritual formation. Christian spirituality, defined in this context as, "one's relationship with God through Jesus Christ." Attending Strawberry Point Christian Camp was a piece of the puzzle that helped me grow into a living relationship with God, through Jesus Christ. My Christian spiritual experiences at camp, not only me helped grow in my relationship with God, it helped me make friends with other kids who were on the same journey of development. Several of the children from the Meaford Church of Christ were baptized into the name of Jesus in the waters of Ice Lake. Camp was a catalyst for the children of the Meaford Church of Christ to grow into a living relationship with God, through Christ.

If being formed into Christian spirituality refers to all attempts, means, instructions, and disciplines that move an individual or group of individuals into a deepening relationship with God through Jesus Christ, then I was formed through the spiritual guidance of counselors, staff, volunteers, cooks and a board of directors. These individuals who sacrificed time and

energy were, in some sense, spiritual guides. These individuals were guiding me into a living relationship with God. Individuals such as Les and Joan Cramp, David Cornfield, Jeff Kennedy, Steve Zavitz, Brent Cramp, Nita Cramp, Sharron Valli, and a host of others, each took the time to understand who I was as a person. They modeled and lived what a relationship with God through Jesus Christ looks like. These were the individuals who I wanted to aspire to be like; they acted as mentors of the Christian faith.

Having a Christian camp that models and exemplifies what growing and healthy relationship with God looks like is a must in a postmodern culture. In a world in which our children are continually invited to live a different narrative than the narrative of Christ, we need places and people who will help our children grow into a lived relationship with God. And so, blessings to you board of directors who manage Strawberry Point Christian Camp (and all the other Christian camps); may your work be such that you allow camp to form people into a living relationship with God through Jesus Christ. To the cooks, volunteers, counselors and other individuals who make camp possible, may God bless you with the hands and feet of Christ; may you be people who will continue to be spiritual guides.

Newmarket, Ontario

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#### **Clearview Memories**

Tim Pippus

or more than sixty years, "Clearview Christian Camp" has been a place for people to connect with God and with one another. Nestled in the beautiful Moose Mountains, this quiet and secluded camp is an oasis on the prairies.

One of my favorite things about the camp is that it brings generations of people together. One of the best times to see this is during the spring work days. Whether we are building new cabins or simply cleaning up for a new year, it is always fun to see the kids working with the grandparents and the new Christians working with those who have been faithful for years. The laughter and the friendships that are formed on those days are just as important as the projects that are being completed.

Clearview has also been a place for us to come together as congregations and it has provided a common bond and a common meeting place. As I think about this, pictures of various brothers and sisters keep popping up in my mind. These people would not mean as much to me if we did not share the experience of spending time together at Clearview. Some of my best and longest lasting friendships were formed, in part at least, from time spent with others at the camp. One of the big reasons that I look forward to going to Clearview each year is the fact that I know that I will see brothers and sisters that I have not seen in a while.

Overall, Clearview is simply a fun place. Whether you are

playing baseball on the beach, challenging the champ at the horseshoe pit, shooting hoops at the basketball court, trying your hand at archery or going to the waterslides, there is always something to do and someone with whom to do it.

The camp is also a great spot to study the Word and to feel a little closer to God. The relaxed pace, the beauty of nature and the lack of cell phones and internet connections all contribute to an opportunity to refocus your mind. Some of my best camp memories revolve around various teachers standing behind the round pulpit and teaching the Word of God. Given the fact that you are at the camp for several days in a row, Bible classes can build on one another. Often, they are more indepth and, therefore, have more impact than a regular Bible study. Singing, whether indoors or out by

the fire pit at night is also a highlight of the camping experience. Many times, I have seen people let their guard down and open up about their Spiritual journey around the glow of the campfire. There is something powerful about spending several days with the Word and with one another.

Often, after a day of great food, good friends, interesting classes and meaningful talks at the camp, I have gone down to the dock, got in a canoe and paddled out into the middle of the lake. There, on the calm, quiet waters, under a blanket of a million stars, I think, "This is truly one of the best places on earth." Any time I am at Clearview, I am reminded of the beauty of nature, the beauty of the church and the value of a place that combines those two elements so well.

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#### **Building Community and a Life**

Wayne Turner



hat comes to mind when someone hears the word church. Typically it's things like buildings, denominations and organizations, rituals, clergy, etc. This might be described as the otherworldly concepts, practices and trappings of religion—something many people seek

to avoid. It's heavy, complicated and seems compartmentalized from ordinary daily life.

The picture of the church in Acts 2:42–47 describes the spiritual life and activities of the early believers, but put these into a larger context. In these verses, Luke presents this early body of believers as a community, interacting in spiritual, social and personal ways. As they gathered for spiritual activities (teaching, fellowship, Lord's Supper and prayer), they also associated daily, eating and sharing their lives and goods. It was really quite different from what people today, generally, assume church to be—where one, whenever they choose to, "go to church" then afterward, withdraws to the privacy and relative seclusion of their lives.

Many of us are privileged to be part of congregations that are communities, at least to some extent. Our whole life interaction, as well as church activity, build healthy fellowships with strong spiritual encouragement and support. We feel blessed and wish that we could find ways to share this with other people, especially our children, and engage them with Christ and His people.

The various activities we have for our children are one way that we hope to do that. Weekly children's Bible classes provide teaching as well as interaction with other children and adult teachers. A good teacher has contact with their students during the week, individually and through class activities. Similarly, Vacation Bible Schools provide a special week of teaching and activity.

Many years ago, Christians with a vision for other ways to reach out to children began organizing camps, putting children together for one or two weeks, living together in a community where Christian values shaped their life together as they shared times of Bible study, prayer, worship as well as eating together, having sports and recreation, as well as other social interactions. Over the years, these camps have come to have an important role in the spiritual development of many children. They have created lasting memories as well as friendships. Though not directly part of the church, as such, camps should be considered as part of the community. In some places they meet a critical need.

For example, in Brazil, Carnival is a world famous festival. Many work places and schools shut down for the week as this huge party, often characterized with debauchery, goes on in the city streets. During this time, many Christians use this as an opportunity to have retreats and camps for the children, obviously away from the cities. Rather than exposing their children to wild carousing, they work to build community and fellowship between believers as well as teaching about Christ and His word.

Brotherhood camps and those who organize and staff them are relatively unsung. Sometimes held in rather primitive conditions, sometimes in permanent sites that have been developed over the years, these camps have made an important contribution to the church communities they serve. Who can forget three young boys who made quite an impact at Camp Omagh when they first arrived? After a rather dubious beginning, those boys later became well-respected preachers and leaders—Joe Cannon, Murray Hammond and Keith Thompson.

On a personal note, through my life, I have had involvement with at least seven different camps as a camper, teacher, helper and director. Those experiences have created lasting memories as well as leaving ongoing influences. I am indebted to those people who for a very brief time, a week or two, were part of my life.

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#### I Have Overcome

**7** hen Jesus was preparing to leave His disciples, die, raise and return to the Father, He met with them in the upper room. He gave them (and us) a very comforting promise, intended to give the disciples then and those who are disciples now, inner peace in times of trial and turmoil. Just before Jesus begins to pray for them He says, "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart: I have overcome the world" (John 16:33 ESV).

The message from Jesus is that His followers will suffer persecution; however, the true disciple of Jesus Christ can overcome because the Lord has lived the life, died the death and experienced the resurrection that provides assurance of life eternal. (1 Corinthians 15).

The disciples of Christ must (will) not back down and run away when persecution comes. Christians know they have nothing to fear from the world. God's people, the church, cannot be overcome by the world as long as they live faithfully in the body. (Note: Matthew 16:18).

Who is it that overcomes the world? John says, "For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith" (1 John 5:4, 5 ESV). Faith gives the believer a foundation that does not cave in the first time a challenge comes to it! For this to be true in the individual life of a Christian he/she must have that level of trust

which gives confidence even when things seem dark. Faith in God, who can be trusted, brings this confidence and anticipation of the fulfillment of the promise, "The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne" (Revelation 3:21 ESV).

Failure to have this confidence and trust in the promises of God, often results in one of two conditions. One is discouragement, the temporary feeling of disappointment that may come because of loss or failure. The second is depression, the protracted period of despondency that comes as a result of discouragement which is not successfully resolved. The Christian has, through Christ, the ability to successfully cope with stress. However, sometimes individuals who desire to trust fully in God still struggle.

In thinking about the fact that even believers go through times of struggle and discouragement we can benefit by considering the causes of and the solution to the discouragement of those down times. A big cause of discouragement is illness. Especially when it seems that treatments being taken are not fixing the problem. The death of a loved one is often the cause behind discouragement. Material loss, the loss of friends who choose to leave us for whatever reason and unrealized dreams and hopes are all contributing causes.

A good example for how to overcome discouragement is found in

1 Kings 19. Here Elijah has experienced a great victory over the prophets of Baal and, because of the threat given by Jezebel, he runs into the wilderness. "Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, 'So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.' Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, 'It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers'" (1 Kings 19:1-4 ESV). The Lord did not leave him there to die but sent an angel to minister to him. In fact he feeds Elijah two times before sending him to Horeb. the mount of the Lord, where God will talk with him and give him a solution to his discouragement. (If you do not know this story, take the time to go to I Kings 19 and read it.)

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Noel Walker

n the 1930s, my Great-Grandfather, William B. Johnstone, began host-**⊥**ing children from the city of Hamilton on his farm just outside of Milton and now, eighty years later, Camp Omagh has hosted thousands of teens and young children. I was nearly born on-site during the summer of 1971 (instead, a quick drive to Joseph Brant Hospital in Burlington averted that) and I spent nearly every summer there during my formative years. I distinctly remember, as an eight year old, the moment when I realized that not everyone's father ran a summer camp each year. ("What do you mean they go to work? When do you go to camp?")

God has richly blessed the ministries of Camp Omagh, Strawberry Point and other camps in our fellowship across Canada over the past eighty years but what I want to bring to light in this article is a brand new reality that

exists at the camps within our fellowship. In the past fifteen years, a big change has taken place. God is doing something remarkable in our midst each summer.

More and more kids are coming to camp each summer without any knowledge of Jesus Christ or the gospel. As a kid (thirty years ago) I recall knowing nearly every kid I went to Camp Omagh with. I knew their parents, I knew where they went to worship. Admittedly, each week there were some kids that I met for the first time. but most of my camp-mates were friends from other churches of Christ that I went to camp with every year. In the past fifteen years, however, that has changed substantially. Each week, at Omagh and Strawberry Point, nearly half of the campers don't know even the most basic Bible story.

Many are from families who have no church home at all.

I have heard some lament this reality but, for me, this is the most exciting opportunity that our fellowship has had in its history! The mission field has come to us! God, in His grace and mercy, is bringing dozens of "unchurched" kids every week to Christian Camps to hear the gospel and those of us who volunteer there have the opportunity to share the gospel with them, without restriction or interference. I have worked in Christian Education and full-time ministry for over twenty years and I can tell you that nothing—NOTHING—compares with the thrill of seeing someone meet Jesus for the first time. Of particular delight is seeing young people, who have few (if any) inhibitions, stumble upon Biblical truth. No thrill this side of heaven can compare—and this is happening every week throughout the summer, in every camp.

A few years ago I had the opportunity to teach during Week 2 at Camp Omagh (ages 8-10). We talked about leprosy and how terrible that disease was. The idea that Jesus could heal a leper was amazing to my students but two in particular were stunned that Jesus would touch them. "Why would he do that?" they asked. The idea that God, in human form, wanted to touch His diseased creation was like lightning. They had never thought of that before. Another year, a volunteer I worked with had trouble dividing the story of Jonah into two days like she had planned: Day 1 Jonah runs away and gets swallowed: Day Two Jonah is spit up on land and goes to Nineveh. She found that many of the kids in her class wouldn't leave on Day 1 until they heard how the story ended. They had never heard the story of the prophet Jonah before.

Two summers ago, I had the opportunity to run the outdoor activity

centre that followed the daily Bible class at Strawberry Point. I delighted every day in the responses of an eight year old girl I'll call Lily. Each day she would arrive straight from Bible class curious, with lots of questions. "Jesus is God. Did you know that?" "Jesus took one kid's lunch and fed everyone on Manitoulin Island" (the feeding of the 5000).

On Thursday Lily wandered in (late) to the activity centre in shock. "Did you know that they took Jesus and nailed him to a cross and he died!" I told her, "just wait till you hear what happens tomorrow! The story's not over yet." Lily is from North Bay. She lives in foster care and had never heard of Jesus before. That year at Strawberry Point, generous donors bought a Bible for every camper. Many were ecstatic! No



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one in their home had ever owned a Bible before.

The twenty-first century is a brand new world for our fellowship. A "whole new thing" is happening (Is 43:19). In North America (particularly in Canada) people who declare no religious affiliation are on the rise. Reginald Bibby, a researcher from Regina reports that those in Canada with no religious affiliation have gone from 20% to more than 40% in the past thirty years. Never-the-less, Bibby also points out that on Statscan's General Social Survey in 2010, two-thirds of respondents said that "their religious or spiritual beliefs are important to the way they live their lives." We have a whole new mission field literally in our backyard, and they are more than happy to bring their kids to camp.

Summer camps are a vital place for evangelistic outreach in the twenty-first century but there are some things we need to pay special attention to:

We need to run our camps, and VBS programs with the highest level of excellence. It's not just us (the churches of Christ) and our kids anymore. We have guests lots of them – and their parents are meeting us for the first time as they drop off their kids. Parents need to have the highest level of confidence that we operate safe and clean facilities. The screen doors need to be intact. The equipment needs to be set up when they arrive. The bathrooms need to be clean. Every parent that doesn't return because of dirty or broken facilities is a lost opportunity for the gospel and the gospel of Jesus Christ deserves the best we can possibly provide.

We need to follow up with our guests. Summer camps all across Canada need to follow up with children who are meeting Jesus for the first time. Those of us in congregational leadership should contact our local summer camp and leave contact information that can be distributed to any kids

from our communities who are new to the gospel. Maybe we can continue a relationship with Jesus that starts this summer at camp.

We need to (every one of us) diligently pray for the ministries of our camps all summer long. Every day through July and August there is an opportunity for a young person to fall in love with Jesus. The greatness of our God is on display every day all summer long. Let's pray for the success of our camps and that the approach of the Kingdom of God can be made known.

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Then God gives Elijah the answer to overcoming his discouragement. This is a simple yet powerful solution. "And the LORD said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place'" (1 Kings 19:15, 16 ESV).

The solution? Get busy doing the work that you have been called to do. It has been suggested that discouragement often comes to the overactive mind and the underactive body. Sitting around and feeling sorry for oneself is a way to become miserable and discouraged.

A word should be said here about the value of fellowship and support in helping one to continue in faithful service, even when times are

hard. None of us wants to feel we are alone in our battle against evil. Elijah did, though he was wrong. I don't know why he did not know about the other 7,000 who had not bowed to Baal. However, may we step forward to share the load in the Lord's work and make plain for all to see that we serve the Lord.

In times of discouragement there is a great need for us to know that we are not alone—ever, since our Lord stands by our side at all times in every situation. Peter reminds us of the need to lean on and trust God always. "For "Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it.

For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil. Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil" (1 Peter 3:10-17 ESV).

We can take comfort in the fact that the ears of God are always open to the righteous. When we are passionate for good works He is with us and blesses our efforts. Sometimes trouble comes against us from the enemies of God, however, we know we do not have to face it alone.

Paul also understood this truth when he stood trial in Rome. There was no one to stand with him but he knew he was not alone. "At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen" (2 Timothy 4:16-18 ESV). Consider the attitude of Paul who could have had hard feelings toward those who could and should have stood with him. He took comfort in the fact that he still was not alone before his accusers, God was with him. This faith brings a cheerful heart. Remember Jesus

said to take heart, He had overcome the world... so can we. John 16:33.

The writer of Proverbs understood the value of a cheerful, confident heart. He wrote, "A glad heart makes a cheerful face, but by sorrow of heart the spirit is crushed. The heart of him who has understanding seeks knowledge, but the mouths of fools feed on folly. All the days of the afflicted are evil, but the cheerful of heart has a continual feast" (Proverbs 15:13-15). The glad heart comes as a result of relationship with God which gives joy and peace in spite of the effort of evil to take away the Christian's joy in Christ. Develop that daily relationship with God that gives support and comfort 24/7.



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# Showing Everyday Faith

Harold Bruggen

- The respect you show God and His Word on Sundays says a lot about your faith in Him.
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- How much time you spend reading your Bible and in prayer on Tuesdays says a lot about your faith in God.
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- The amount of energy and frequency you use teaching and telling others about Jesus on Fridays says a lot about your faith in God.
- Where you go and what you do on Saturdays says a lot about your faith in God.

Now, I realize that all of these pertain to every aspect of our Christianity every day. I just thought it would be a way to help us realize that we are to take up our cross daily and follow Jesus (Luke 9:23). Do you sacrifice for Christ daily as Paul did (1 Cor. 15:31)?

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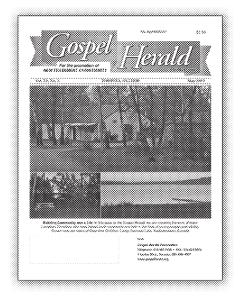
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#### **NOVA SCOTIA**

Mill Village: The Great Lakes Christian College chorus did a lot to raise spirits and help focus on who we are. Mill Village Church of Christ is having a men's retreat on May 11, 2013, and we want everyone in Canada, the US, and other places to know about it. Think about us and pray for us.

#### **ONTARIO**

Barrie: Marlene Slotin was baptized on Sunday March 24. We are looking forward to another successful Young Adult Weekend May 3–5 with Garth Johnson from Edmonton as our speaker. The theme this year is "Christ's Guide to Happiness: a study of the Beatitudes." The weekend is open to anyone aged 18–35. Twenty-two members of the Barrie congregation attended Training for Service in Mississauga and were encouraged by Biblical lessons from Michael Tackett and great fellowship with over 500 Christians.

Bramalea: Lemuel Pinto was baptized into Christ on his 15th birthday, March 28. He is the son of Romando and Halley Pinto and brother of Lucy. Richard Boadu has moved to Edmonton for a new job. Ninety four Bramalea members attended the 51st annual Good Friday Training for Service meetings. The lessons were enjoyed by everyone. Placing membership recently was Natividad (Naty) Guillermo, Halley Pinto's mother. On April 7, the Great Lakes Christian High School chorus

sang during Bramalea's regular Bible class hour and then enjoyed a pot luck lunch with Bramalea's grades 4–12 young people. Angelo Aiello successfully completed all the requirements for Sunset International Institute "Acts of the Apostles" course. This course counts toward Angelo's requirements for a Bachelor Degree in Biblical Studies. Another new birth! Philip Antony, Tamil gentleman

from Montreal, was baptized into Christ on Saturday, April 6, 2013 by Peter Solomon from Chennai, India. Philip had been listening to Brother Solomon's Tamil TV programme in Montreal.

Fenwick: The monthly men's class has begun a new study from Ecclesiastes. Eighteen from Fenwick attended Training For Service in Toronto. On Wednesday, April 3, Wanda Spiers reported on her medical mission trip to Nigeria. Guest speakers have been David Stuart, Harold Bruggen and Bruce Boland. Please note: a decision was made to change our Sunday evening worship from 6:30 to 6:00. Fenwick is hosting their annual ladies' day on May 25. Lori Reynolds, of Houston, Texas, will be the speaker.

Stoney Creek: The congregation hosted an Easter Sunrise Service again this year at the Punch Bowl conservation area on the edge of the Escarpment in Stoney Creek. There has long been a cross at this location, making it a good place for a service of this kind. A number of visitors from the community attended, and many of them shared in a breakfast at our building following the service. David Mubvumbi has published his book, Christianity and Traditional Religions of Zimbabwe, and had a book launching with the southern Ontario Zimbabwean community April 20. At this writing several of our young people were making plans to attend the Youth Rally, April 19–21, at Great Lakes Christian High School.

**Tintern:** We were excited and disappointed to learn in January of Dylan Pyeatt's plans to move to Michigan in June. Dylan will be missed, but we are grateful for all the great things he accomplished while at Tintern. A hiring committee has been formed. The Annual General meeting was on February 3. TRUTH served a fundraising lunch as part of the meeting to raise funds for

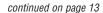
their mission trip to Nicaragua in August. Over \$1,000 was raised. Our Wednesday night dinner on April 3 was also a fundraiser for the TRUTH Nicaragua Trip. About 90 people joined us and we were able to raise \$850. The TRUTH Detroit Mission trip took place over the Family Day weekend in February. They were able to participate in several mission opportunities. On Sunday, March 17, Aaron and Vanessa Maleare of Nashville visited with us. Aaron is applying for our second minister's position. He spoke during worship and then he and Vanessa spoke to the teens during class time. On Sunday, March 24, Tintern had its annual Celebration of Spring pot-luck. We were very fortunate to have Autumn of Rochester College come and sing for us that morning as well. There were over 200 people present.

Toronto (Bavview): At Bavview the children's Sunday school teachers, Anita Daulatram and Pernel Allen, have generated some excitement with their recent class project. The children [with some help!] have built a fishing boat and are in the process of painting it! It will soon be ready for use in class for skits and for performances. In the adult Bible class David Knutson is undertaking a study of the minor prophets, starting with Jonah and continuing with Micah. We're nearing the end of our study of Romans with Jean Volcy. Geoff Ellis recently dealt with Hebrews 12 and the issue of human suffering. We are grateful to our teachers for their dedication in expanding our understanding of God's word.

Toronto (Scarborough): Scarborough Church of Christ will be having a Gospel Meeting in honour of their 10th Anniversary, June 22–23, entitled "Contend Earnestly for the Faith". Speakers will be Walter Straker, Christopher Landrum and Earlvin Greene.

#### **Toronto (Strathmore Blvd):**

The congregation rejoiced at the baptism of Javier Gonzales on March 31. His baptism, by Santiago, was the "cherry on the cake" of the 51st annual Training For Service weekend in Toronto. The weekend began with a wonderful day of worship, praise and fellowship on Friday. There were 659 who registered for the day so the total attendance was likely





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#### **ALBERTA**

Edmonton: Northside: We welcome Bertony and Louise Pherodin, who have identified with the body here. The ladies have started a new study – "James: Mercy Triumphs" by Beth Moore. Alberta Spring Fellowship was held March 29–31. The theme for the weekend was: "Freedom Gained! Spirit Given! The Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus Christ!" Guest speakers were David Ford of Three Forks, MT, and Calvin Chapman of Faith, SD. Guest song leader was Rolland Bouchard of Carlyle, SK.

South Edmonton: (January - March submitted by Roy Graneau) We give thanks to God for three months of work in His kingdom. Our winter Seminar, February 9, 10, with Michael and Leila Dehaney from Jamaica was very successful. Leila spoke to the ladies and Michael to the men on the theme, "Building each other in the faith." The lessons were well presented and appreciated. The attendance was very good, with Christians and visitors from congregations in Alberta. We rejoice with our new sister Ann who was baptized into Christ in February. We wish her good success in her new walk with God. The attendance for our Sunday morning worship service has increased from 60 to 90 for the first three months of the year. The month of March has been used to preach lessons on the authority of the Bible in the church. Also, bible class on Sundays for the three months has been on the topic, "Sharing our faith." For the midweek Bible class (care group) we have been studying the books of 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus.

Abbotsford (Central Valley): Gladys (Courage) Waite, the mother of Willodean Wedler, was honoured on several occasions during the month of March as her 100th birthday was celebrated. About 60 people participated in one given by her daughter in Chilliwack, where Gladys is currently living in a retirement home. She rarely misses a church service in Abbotsford, and does not even use a cane.

Burnaby: "The Blessing" DVD series subtitled: "Giving the Gift of Unconditional Love and Acceptance", is available for check-out by our members. This 6-session series features Dr. John Trent, who provides excellent help for raising children to know that they're loved, building marriage and strengthening friendship. Session titles include: #1: "It's Your Choice to Bless"; #2: "The Power of Your Touch; #3: "The Most Valuable Words You'll Ever Say"; #4: "Picturing A Future and A Hope"; #5: "When You've Missed the Blessing" and #6: "Bringing the Blessing Homeand Beyond" Also a blessing to some 5,000 people who literally come from all over the world to participate in it are the yearly Pepperdine Lectures this month. With the theme "Can I Get a Witness?", the lectures and lessons are coming from the book of Revelation. A number of our members are able to participate or may be teaching a class. Tchaka Kimwemwe left on April 1 to assist scattered brethren to come together to establish churches in two African countries. He had done this type of work previous to coming to Canada. The church collected tax-exempt donations to help with his expenses while there.

Oakridge (Vancouver): Milton Diaz, our preacher, has added teaching home Bible studies in several different locations each week to his schedule. Included are two especially for young people and one in Spanish. Geovanny Morales, who was forced to leave Canada about a year ago when his application for residency was rejected, has now gained permission to join his wife in Atlanta. The Oakridge bulletin brings attention to 10 ways in which we can improve our daily lives. The following are abbreviated: #1: Show gratitude daily. Bundle words of thanks as a gift to those you love. (Col. 3:17) #2: Know your weaknesses and trust God to bridge the gaps. (Col. 3:9-10) #3: Take responsibility. Look in the mirror, not out of the window when things go wrong. (2 Peter 1:10) #4: Choose contentment. Carry the burden for those that have less and celebrate those that have more. (Phil.4:6-7) #5: Share the good you see in others that they may not be able to see in themselves. Value people and let them know they matter to you. (Phil. 1:3,27) #6: Embrace the mercy and grace allotted for you each day, and then give them both away. (Isaiah 43:2) #7: Forgive offenses as soon as they happen. Strive to understand before vou're understood. (Col. 3:13) #8: Live to serve. Make following first be the way you lead. (Col. 3:23,24) #9: Be teachable. Let all you learn bless and be a blessing to

others. (Jer. 33:3) #10: Extend kindness. Approach each day with gentleness and generosity. Give in secret what only you can give. (Rom. 12:10, 11, 13)

Salmon Arm: Our spring Ladies' Day is on May 4 with advice on how to have "The Be Happy Attitudes". In order to improve our worship time we have been getting two lists together: from all, a list of their favorite songs to make our time together especially meaningful, and from the men, questionnaires to ascertain what their abilities are in relation to the services. There have been a series of special prayers for the Plummers, our U.S. preacher and his family, who need Long Term Residency papers for Canada.

#### **MANITOBA**

Carman: Our annual lectureship was held March 29–31. The theme for the weekend was "On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand." Featured speaker was Tim Pippus. Other speakers included: Dan Wieb, Kevin Vance, Glen Knutson, Wayne Turner, Tyler Laycock, John Cartman and Dale Elford. Song leader was Tim Lock.

**Winnipeg:** We rejoice with Jelyn Knutson who was recently baptized. Sunday Night Youth Bible Study is studying through Luke's gospel. This class is for grades 1–12. Tim Lock has started teaching the adult class "Getting Rich Without Money".

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NICARAGUA (BIBLE INSTITUTE OF **CENTRAL AMERICA):** An urgent email from George Hall in Central America is requesting the prayers and help of all Christians familiar with the Bible Institute in spreading the gospel to Central and South America. He asks for special prayers for the wife and family of Eric Garcia, director of BICA. His wife, Evelina, has a very aggressive bladder cancer. Even the doctors say that God needs to be with her if she is to have any hope of overcoming it. "I beg you to beg God on behalf of Evelina Garcia, the mother of two little girls. If you have any medical contacts, help us find a chemotherapy medicine called- bcg, a liquid injection to fight cancer. Anyone who knows a doctor, pharmacist or hospital that can help is urged to call George Hall at 281-252-4444" He closes his request with an urgent "Please, please pray!" - A son of the Great Physician, George Hall

MADAGASCAR: "The following letter

expresses gratitude--not just to me and the team that went to Madagascar--but to all of vou who make this ministry possible."--William E. "Bill" McDonough, International Director of "Partners In Progress" (Ed. Note: The letter comes from Charles H. Caudill, President/CEO of World Christian Broadcasting.) "I am still getting glowing reports about the just-completed medical mission. Dr. Frank Harrell, with his wife Valle, came by the office this morning to report what a great experience it was for him. He was very complimentary... of the way everything was organized. He is still excited about what he was able to do and how much good he felt was done by the entire mission. A call from Debbie Buchanan, a member of your team along with her husband, Dr. Martin Buchanan, was glowing about the success of the trip. I would like to express the appreciation of the entire World Christian Broadcasting family to all of the team that was involved in traveling to Madagascar... only God knows how much good was done and I know He is pleased." "A team of 52 Christian Health Care workers and evangelists joined forces to share the Love of God in Madagascar early last month. We ran two clinics, seeing more than 1,000 patients. Windsong (Little Rock, AR) Pharmacist Don Johnson and Jim and Jane Clark filled over 4,000 prescriptions. "Our team came from France, Mauritius, Switzerland, Italy, USA, Congo, Canada, Cambodia and Bremen, Germany, ( where together we planted a church 45 years ago and now two medical doctors from their midst joined our team). "This marked the 20th anniversary of working with missionary Doyle Kee of Geneva, Switzerland, in French-speaking Africa and his team of evangelists who worked tirelessly with local brethren to share the message of salvation with those who came to the clinic. The mayor of the city, who spoke Italian, studied with the brethren who came from Rome. The physician who directs their local clinic attended the evangelistic meetings in the evening with his wife. A couple that the team from Marseille, France, worked with were at Sunday morning services after the team left for home. Several people who were not able to take advantage of our medical services signed up to take Bible correspondence courses, which means much good is yet to come. "Kevin and Nancy

Chambers, resident managers of the radio station Madagascar World Voice, said, 'We had no idea how fantastic this was going to be and cannot tell you how much good it has done for the Kingdom. Your efforts in Madagascar left an impression that will not soon be forgotten.' "As we served there, we were constantly aware that without you (financial supporters) this work would not have been possible." – Bill McDonough

ETHIOPIA: (Ed. Note: From John Ed and Kevin Clark, father and son who are in charge of coordinating the Ethiopian work undertaken under the oversight of the Woodward Park church in Fresno, CA, comes word of recent exciting events happening there. Here is a condensed letter from one of the well-known native preachers, Moges Wolde.) "Several months ago, another preacher (Abebe) and I began communicating with a denominational preacher named Wakeshuma Tamiru, living in the town of Gimbi, Western Ethiopia. Brother Negussie, who preaches for the Sabarta congregation in Addis Ababa, made it possible for us to start phone conversations with this man, who was interested in talking about God's Word. The director of Nekemte School of Preaching, Lemma Sheferaw, was sent to visit him in Gimbi. In addition to the preacher, over 60 people came to hear

> Bro. Sheferaw expound on the Scriptures, which he continued for three days. Like the Bereans, they were eager to learn. Last December, Moges invited Tamiru to come study with him and Bro. Sheferaw in Nenemke. The man sincerely believed that he understood the Scriptures, and had a great zeal to serve God. Later he was encouraged to come to Addis Ababa to study at the Nekemte preacher Training School for at least one week, to which he agreed. Tamiru asked if he could send a student to attend the School also, a request that we granted. In March, Wakeshuma brought another preacher with him to Addis Ababa. They told us they had established 63 congregations in different areas. Brother Abebe and I coordinated classes with them every day for the entire week. On March 26, they both understood the truth of God's commands and were baptized. They stayed several more days to continue to study, and we feel sure they will teach each of the congregations they are in charge of as they are able to visit them.

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Before they left Addis Ababa, they invited another preacher from the town of Debre Zeit to come to study with us. The friend came to worship and learn from us, and when we left Ethiopia, he expected to return to start his studies the following week. We ask that you pray for the Lord to give us wisdom, strength and patience to share His word with these people in Western Ethiopia who are willing to learn God's will. There is nothing better than to see the lost found." Bro Moges concluded in his letter. From water well digger Curt King comes word that Healing Hands International in Nashville, TN, has provided the ongoing project with a new support truck to go with their equipment (in Ethiopia). It replaces the 1984 Nissan truck that broke down numerous times and slowed the work. Curt writes that his crew is camping in the yard of an Addis Ababa businessman who lives in the area. Although they are from an hour to three hours away from some of their projects, his yard makes an excellent campground, and they do not have to fear theft. Curt enclosed pictures of a small spring which is only a trickle from a crack in a rock, but serves hundreds. It takes several minutes to wait for a cup to fill in order to pour it into a container that can be carried home. "There are no words to describe the desperate need

for water for the people living in the Gurate area," he wrote.

JAPAN: New Birth! Hiroaki Akahoshi, a Japanese young man who's been studying the Bible in Mito, Japan, was baptized into Christ on Sunday, March 31, 2013. Joel Osborne recently returned to Mito from his annual campaign in Cambodia. Following that he was home in St. Catharines, ON, for a week to visit his parents—especially his ill father, Barclay, who was in acute care in the St. Catharines Hospital. Jonathan and Michiko Straker have begun Sunday a.m. worship services in their home in Ishinomaki, Japan. They are the only Christians attending so far but several Japanese non-Christians have been visitors. They recently canvassed about 100 small "mom and pop" businesses in the area to see what needs surface that they and incoming groups can assist with.

**NEW ZEALAND:** Gip Woothitha, former Bramalea, ON, member from Thailand, successfully completed her 2-year course at New Zealand's South Pacific Bible College and is now in her 3rd year at the College. She asks for prayers for: 1) her family and friends who are not Christians; 2) her awareness of God's mission for her and direction for her future after she graduates.

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higher. Michael Tackett was the featured speaker and challenged and uplifted those who attended. Joanne Tackett, Michael's wife, who has taught children's classes over the years agreed to step out of her comfort zone, accepted the opportunity to teach a ladies class the second hour...and according to reports, did an outstanding job! Don Rose, Chief Administrator at Great Lakes Christian High School, taught two classes of grade 7–12 students. Also, there were classes for children during the day taught by brothers and sisters from the Bramalea, Bayview, Newmarket and Strathmore congregations. Michael also spoke at a men's brunch at Strathmore on Saturday morning, a service Saturday evening and twice Sunday morning. All his lessons were filmed and will be available on DVD in the near future. (Any who want to obtain copies of these should contact Strathmore.) While Max Craddock was "hobbled" up because of knee replacement surgery, guest speakers at Strathmore were Don Rose, of GLCHS. and Art Ford, President of Great Lakes Bible College.

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#### Leadership Lessons From Samuel (PART 2)

Thayer Salisbury

(See Part 1 in March, 2013 issue of the Gospel Herald)

In this second look at the leadership lessons in the books of Samuel, we will divide the material into two sections. First, we will consider leadership lessons from the period of time before David actually became king, and then consider leadership lessons from his actual reign.

#### Before David Is King: Two Examples of Faithfulness

1 Samuel 16 - 2 Samuel 1

Although David was anointed to be king in 1 Samuel 16, he never claimed the position of king until after Saul died. The success of David's kingship, when it did begin, was made possible by the manner in which he handled events described in 1 Samuel 16 to 2 Samuel 1. It was also facilitated by his relationship with Saul's son, Jonathan.

#### The Faithfulness & Submission of David

Faithfulness and submission are traits David exhibited throughout this period. He faithfully carried out his duties. It did not matter whether the duties were small or great, it did not matter whether he was treated fairly or unfairly, David was faithful to his task.

Most of the time, it seems, he was not treated well. David suffered incredible injustice at the hands of Saul, yet he continued to serve and protect Saul. At times, it seems, the more faithfully David served the more unreasonable Saul became. Saul was unreasonably jealous of David (18:5-9). Twice Saul attempted to kill him while David served in Saul's house. Yet David continued in his service (18:10–11).

Saul tried to kill David by giving him a difficult assignment (18:17-25). Later Saul outright ordered his men to kill David. At this point David left for a time. But then Saul repented, and David returned to Saul's service (19:1-7).

David served well in another war. Saul responded by again trying to kill David. David decided to escape and not live with Saul (19:8-10). As Saul searched for David the Lord twice delivered Saul into David's hand. Both times, David spared Saul's life (chapters 24 & 26). When Saul was finally killed in battle, despite all the wrong Saul did to David, David mourned Saul's death and punished the man who claimed to have killed him (2 Sam 1).

#### What are we to learn from this?

The ideal leader must show that

he knows how to faithfully and submissively do his duty (cf. 1 Peter 2:18). Too many today expect to be made leaders when they have never demonstrated a willingness to be servants. They expect others to serve them faithfully, when they themselves have never modeled faithful service. David inspired faithfulness in his followers, because he modeled extreme faithfulness in his service to Saul.

The best of Israelite leaders started out "following the sheep" (2 Samuel 7:8). He served his apprenticeship by being the best of followers, even though the leader he followed was not the best of leaders.

#### The Faithfulness & Submission of Jonathan

Jonathan is perhaps not someone we would be likely to name among the great leaders of history. Although he did lead on a few occasions, he is better known as a friend of leaders than as a leader in his own right. And perhaps that is a great lesson for us today. Is this not one of our greatest needs, for men who will be followers and faithful friends to the official leaders? But what does it take to be such a friend?

A leader's friend must never be jeal-

ous. Although Jonathan had more reason to be jealous of David than anyone, he was never jealous (20:30-31). In the normal course of things, the son of the king expected to become king. Jonathan knew that he would never be king, that David would take the place which he might have expected for himself. This sparked no jealousy in Jonathan. He willingly surrendered the symbols of the crown prince to David (18:1-4).



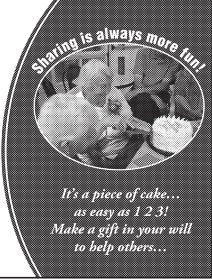
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When Saul behaved unreasonably toward David, Jonathan pleaded with his father on David's behalf (19:1-6). Jonathan was honest with David and helped David escape from Saul (20).

Jonathan was faithful to justice. He would not allow David to be unjustly killed. Yet he did not rise up in rebellion against his father. His father may have been wrong, and Jonathan opposed him with regard to this wrong, but he did not allow that to lead him into overall rebellion. Jonathan knew that his father was not a good king, but he served him faithfully to the end.

Jonathan had the faith to attack the Philistines when others were hiding in fear (14:1–14). Even though Saul made a fool of himself on this occasion and nearly killed Jonathan, Jonathan never sought his father's downfall (14:24-45). He continued to fight in any just battle of Saul, and in the end Jonathan died in such a battle (31:1-3).

A good leader needs friends like

Jonathan, who are willing to accept God's will even if it means a lower place in God's service than they might have expected. As David is the ideal leader in training, Jonathan is the ideal leader's friend. We need more young men who are like the young David—faithful even when mistreated, willing to serve until their time comes. We also need more young men like Jonathan—men who, due to circumstances beyond their control, may never be the official leader. but who are determined to be a faithful friend to the official leader.

#### **David As King**

2 Samuel 2 – 1 Kings 2

We come now to the actual kingship of David. Here we might expect to find only positive examples of leadership. Surely, we seem to think, the great King David was the ideal leader. Here, some have actually claimed, we have a perfect example of leadership. Sorry, but such is not the case. There are certain respects in which David indeed was a foreshadowing of the Messiah. But David was human, very human. In his leadership, as in all human leadership, we find negative as well as positive leadership lessons.

#### Righteously conciliatory, but...

David demonstrated a good attitude toward the remaining family of Saul, and those who have sided with Saul. He did not attack Ish-bosheth, although he is set up as a rival king. Instead David negotiated with Abner to bring a peaceful resolution to the situation. Were it not for the dishonesty and violence of Joab, all might have been well (2 Sam 2 & 3). When Ish-bosheth was murdered by the sons of Rimmon, David's response was to execute the men who did the deed (2 Sam 4). The death of Ish-bosheth opened the door for David's unopposed kingship, but he

did not reward those who had acted so unjustly toward Saul's house.

But David's handling of this affair was not perfect. He killed those who murdered Ish-bosheth, but what of Joab, who had murdered Abner? David mourned for Abner, but he did not punish Abner's murderer. David called on the Lord to punish Joab (3:39), but he took no action himself. He, the anointed king, the one appointed to execute God's wrath on wrongdoers, failed to be fully just on this occasion. It seems that he feared Joab. It seems that David felt that he could not manage the kingship without Joab's assistance. He paid a terrible price, throughout his reign, for his unwillingness to deal firmly with Joab.

#### Glorifies God, but ...

A godly leader is always one who properly acknowledges God. The temptation is always there for a leader to think too highly of himself. The remedy for this ill is to exalt the Lord. Most of the time David dem-

onstrated a desire to exalt God. He brought the ark to Jerusalem and worshiped enthusiastically as he did so (2 Sam 6). He desired to build a house for the ark of the Lord (2 Sam 7).

While David meant well in all of this, in both cases he rushed ahead of God's word.

In bringing the ark to Jerusalem, he did not do so according to the instructions of the law and tragedv resulted (2 Sam 6; cf. 1 Chron 15). If David had written himself a copy of the law and studied it, as the king should have (Dt 17). Uzzah might not have died.

While his motives in wanting to build a Temple may seem admirable. God had never asked for this (2 Sam 7:7). The timing and the situation were not right. The Lord would allow Solomon

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to build the Temple, but David was rushing the matter. It was fine for David to lead Israel, but David needed to follow, not lead, the Lord. His enthusiasm for honoring God sometimes needed to be tempered with greater patience and a closer attention to the Lord's instructions.

#### David sins, but ...

David is, of course, famous for one terrible sin. His adultery with Bathsheba and the subsequent killing of Uriah are a terrible blot on his record (2 Sam 11). But, just as many of his good deeds are marred with a slight tint of error, his great sin is redeemed by a swift and forthright repentance. The contrast between Saul's reaction to Samuel's rebuke and David's reaction to Nathan's rebuke is the best measure of the difference between the two kings. Saul made excuses. Saul blamed others. Saul accepted no responsibility until Samuel turned to leave. David, on the other hand, responded to rebuke with an immediate confession, "I have sinned against the Lord" (2 Sam 12:13).

More than anything else, we need leaders who will admit when they are wrong. We need leaders who resist the temptation to blame others. We need leaders who see themselves as accountable to God, and who will admit when they have dishonored the Lord.

#### The price David paid

Wrongdoing comes back to haunt us. David's wrongs came back to haunt him. The Lord allowed the natural consequences to take effect. David's sins had an effect on how others responded to the king. David's lack of self-control was repeated in his children. And his refusal to deal with Joab played a role in the grief he experienced in his family as well.

David kept Joab around, despite the fact that the man clearly could not be trusted. David's son, Amnon, followed this example. Amnon kept an unfaithful friend as one of his trusted advisors. The advice of Jonadab led Amnon to commit an unthinkable sin (2 Sam 13:3ff). That sin led Absalom to murder Amnon and set the stage for Absalom's well-known rebellion against David. David's sin with Bathsheba was clearly connected to these tragic events (2 Sam 12:10–12). His poor example in keeping Joab around is also involved.

Later, it was Joab who persuaded David to condone Absalom's wrong and bring him back to Jerusalem (14:1–21). It was Joab who persuaded David to receive the unrepentant Absalom at court (14:28–33). It was Joab who, in direct disobedience of David's orders, stabbed the helpless Absalom with three javelins (18:14).

At this point in the history of Israel there was the danger that the kingdom would be divided. The Northern tribes took offense at the treatment they receive from the men of Judah (2 Sam 20). David attempted to heal this rift by appointing a different commander over the army (19:13). But, as he had done before, Joab murdered the man appointed to replace him (20:8–10).

Even after all the bad advice he gave, even after he had three times murdered someone David did not want him to kill. David still did not deal with Joab as his deeds demanded. In his heart, he knew that it was not right, but he never brought himself to punish Joab for his crimes. On his deathbed David instructed Solomon to execute Joab (1 Kings 2:5-6). Solomon did this (1 Kings 2:28-35), but David's failure to deal with Joab made the beginning of his son's reign more difficult than it needed to be. It also allowed the sense of injustice felt by the Northern tribes at the killing of Abner to fester. Future generations paid a terrible price for this uncalled for delay in carrying out justice.

#### So many leadership lessons

There is a tendency, when looking at the leadership of Saul and David, to see only the good in David and only the bad lessons in Saul's life. I have tried, in these two articles, to balance this. I have also tried to point out leadership lessons that can be learned from other characters in the books of Samuel (particularly Eli, Samuel, and Jonathan).

There are many leadership lessons in the books of Samuel. Some are taught by means of positive example. Many are taught by means of negative example.

The principles that come through most clearly for me are these. First, no one is a perfect leader. Every leader described in these books, even David, had serious flaws.

Second, the most significant difference between David and Saul is probably the way they reacted to rebuke. Both kings had good points and bad points, but Saul has been remembered as a leadership failure and David as a leadership success. The fundamental difference between them is that David accepted a just rebuke and Saul did not.

Third, David prepared for his success as king by being a great follower before his reign began. A man who is a great follower will likely make a great leader someday. A man who has never been willing to submit and be a follower has no business trying to lead.

Fourth, David's success as a leader was also facilitated by the attitude of Jonathan. Leaders need friends. It is a great thing to be the faithful friend of a leader. Jonathan is among the great men of scripture. He never held an official leadership post, but his acceptance of his role kept Saul's kingship from being an even greater disaster, and paved the way for the successful reign of David.

Lastly, the books of Samuel remind us that leadership success or failure begins in the home. All through these books we are reminded that the things that made or broke a leader were often matters of the home, rather than of the court or the battlefield.

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Website: www.sbchurch.ca

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