

Pine Orchard Celebrates 100 Years



The celebration of a 100th anniversary is a significant event, whether talking about a person or a congregation of the Lord's church. The Pine Orchard, Ontario congregation (just north of Toronto) celebrated just that on October 3, 2004. See page 8 for details.

To Forgive or Not to Forgive The Heart Choice

(Editor's note: Aziz Sarah is the Evangelist with the Church of Christ in Jerusalem, Israel. His article about the need for forgiving and the reasons why we, as Christians, must forgive is very powerful. Read it prayerfully and you will be blessed.)

Spring 1990 at 5 am: Israeli soldiers break into my home and invade the room I share with four brothers. They ask for our identity cards and ask us questions. Later they decide to take my older brother with them, as he is suspected of throwing stones at cars. He is 18 years old at the time. My Mom pleads desperately with the soldiers, but to no avail. She would not see her son again until ten months later, upon his release from prison. While he was in prison he was interrogated and beaten for fifteen days, until he would admit that he threw the stones. Eventually he gave in. When he finally came out of prison his condition was so critical that we rushed him to the hospital. He held on for about a month and then died after surgery. I was 10 years old at that time. Years of mourning followed in my family, but I could not accept my brother's death the way that they did. I became extremely bitter toward God. I could not understand how he could allow my brother to die so brutally and unjustly. Why would he do that to me?!

I wanted revenge, but I didn't know who to take it out on. I understood that I couldn't take revenge on all the Jews. I knew that they were not all responsible. But I did want revenge on the ones who hurt my brother. I began to hate the army and all its soldiers, and grew up with deep bitterness. While my family decided to move on in life,

Aziz Sarah

I did not; and I was consumed with a mission for revenge.

When I got to high school I found a way to express my bitterness: I got involved in Palestinian politics so that I could legally enter Israel. In politics, I found my revenge through writing. I became the editor of a political magazine designed for and directed at the youth groups of a political movement. My writings were full of bitterness, and they expressed all the anger in my heart. I wanted to pass my anger on like a fire to as many people as possible. In many ways this became my life's passion, and accordingly, I became a prisoner to these feelings. After some time, I could not live with them anymore, so I tried to run away from them by leaving the country. My grades were good enough to get scholarships to leave Israel, but God

did not allow it. My anger toward the Jews kept me from learning Hebrew before that point, and then I was stuck in Israel without the ability to speak the national language.

Then in my Hebrew Class I was invited to study the Bible. At that point, I realized that I had to deal with my heart and confront my bitterness. I started to learn about forgiveness, which had seemed impossible to me all my life. As I started believing in Jesus, I realized that I had to live like him. This included forgiving those who sinned against me. I learned that I needed His forgiveness for my own sins, but I still did not want to forgive the soldiers that killed my brother. After being in the Church for a while, I started changing. Suddenly I was becoming friends with disciples of Christ who were both Arabs and Jews! I decided not to hate all the Jews or all the soldiers, but to reserve my hatred for those who killed my brother. I wouldn't give that up.

Mark 11:25

"And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your sins."

I had so many sins for which I needed forgiveness. Still, I didn't believe that I could forgive others. I had good reasons to hate and I couldn't just overlook them. But it was tearing my heart apart. How could I betray my heart? How could I betray the blood of my brother? His murder changed my life like nothing else. Could I really move forward? I felt it was impossible, that

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A Fool for a Client

Steve Cordle

Prior to entering full time preaching, I spent some time working in the legal profession as a legal assistant. In the legal field there is an axiom that states that anyone who represents himself in a court of law has a fool for a client. I would submit that the same can be said of humans who try to represent themselves to God or who try to get to God through some means other than Jesus Christ. Many people will try to get to God on their own by claiming "God and I have an understanding." Some will claim Jesus may be the way for Christians, but others may choose a different path to God and still get there. All of this flies in the face of Scriptural teaching for several reasons.

First, we have to know and understand that there is only one mediator between God and man: Jesus Christ. 1 Timothy 2:5-6 states: "There is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time." As the Life Application Commentary points out there are three elements that interplay in this verse:

1. We have a mediator. There is a bridge between God and human beings, so we have hope.

2. God wants to reach out to all human beings.

3. Jesus as man reached all humans.¹

God chose Jesus Christ to be the mediator between Himself and men. Vine's Expository Dictionary of New

Testament Words defines a mediator as: "One who mediates" between two parties with a view to producing peace."² Strong's defines the word as a "go between."³ Notice that Paul said there is one mediator. That statement limits our options as far as having representation before God.

Second, we may ask why do we even need a mediator? The Old Testament states that sin separates us from God in Isaiah 59:1-2 where the prophet states: "Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His

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ear heavy, That it cannot hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear."

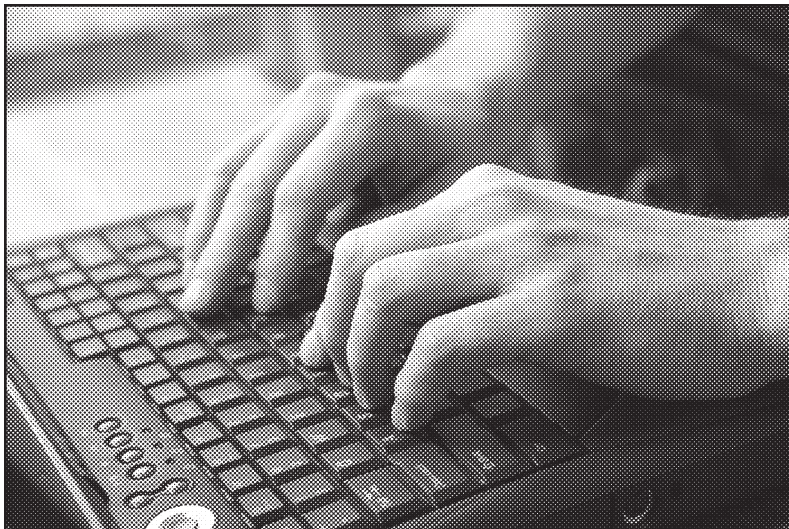
In our separated state we need help being reconciled to God because there is nothing any human can do to earn salvation by our own good deeds here on earth. Again the prophet Isaiah tells us how our righteous deeds stand before God: "But we are all like an unclean thing, And all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away." (Isaiah 64:5). Because our good deeds are useless to obtain salvation, we can see why anyone who attempts to justify themselves before God is foolish. Anyone who wants to

stand before God without the blood of Christ covering him will have to plead his own case before God and like the lawyer who represents himself in court, this person has a fool for a client.

Jesus is our mediator who represents His people before God, which makes Him our advocate as John states in 1 John 2:1-2 where the apostle states: "My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." What is an advocate? An advocate is one who defends you against an accusation like a lawyer does. New Ungers Bible Dictionary says an advocate is one who pleads the cause of another.⁴ Notice, John does not tell anyone to act as their own advocate or tell anyone they have an understanding with God. Only Jesus can plead the sinner's cause with the Father.

The fact that God provides Jesus as our mediator and advocate shows that he wants to reach all people. That is why God sent His Son. We all know John 3:16 tells us that "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." Later, Paul told Timothy that God wants all to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth (1 Timothy 2:4). Because God knew there was no way humans could meet His high and perfect standard for righteousness and

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Which Comes First

Wayne Turner



If John Kerry wins the Presidency of the United States, he will be only the second Roman Catholic ever elected to that office. With such a great opportunity to promote Catholicism, why have some Catholic bishops and archbishops campaigned against him? According to an October 9 article in the New York Times, several Catholic clergy have used their influence to try to defeat Kerry. Among them is Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, highest-ranking prelate in Colorado, who has gone so far as to state that those voting for Kerry are “cooperating in evil” and should confess their sin. What could possibly have made these Catholic leaders publicly turn on one of their own?

Obviously, the problem isn't John Kerry himself. What they oppose is Kerry's position on issues like abortion and embryonic stem cell research. According to the article, archbishops in St. Louis and Newark, as well as a bishop in Colorado Springs and others, have “declared that the obligation to oppose abortion outweighs any other issue.”

Liberal Catholics are dismayed by this position. They note that traditionally, the Catholic Church has also expressed moral concerns about the death penalty or war. However, in this election, many Catholic leaders have given the abortion issue a higher priority than the death penalty.

This tension in American Catholicism reminds us that sometimes people find themselves in a position where their values conflict. At such a time, they must prioritize their values and decide which ones take precedence over the others. These Catholic leaders argue that while life is sacred and must be upheld, war and the death penalty are sometimes justified. In their view, abortion is always wrong. Their opposition to abortion under all circumstances ranks higher than any bond of fellowship they might have with another Catholic.

Jesus often had to face opposition from people who tried to create controversy using such value conflicts. On several occasions, his opponents raised questions based on their understanding of the Sabbath restrictions of the Law. Was it right to heal on the Sabbath? Could the disciples pluck grain and eat it? Jesus countered by raising the value of mercy, which was also part of the Law. When the woman caught in adultery was brought to Him, Jesus countered their rigid demand for justice according to the Law, with compassion and love, subtly reminding his opponents that according to the Law, all stand before God as sinners.

Sometimes, the conflict in values was the result of tradition. Jesus pointed out how the value of honouring and caring for one's parents had been superseded by a tradition of renouncing all possessions and dedicating them to God. Although it may have sounded noble for a person to devote everything to God, it actually put them in conflict with what

God really wanted – loving and caring for parents.

People today make similar choices in prioritizing values. For example, a person may choose to drive faster to arrive at their destination on time (or in less time) over the value of upholding the speed limit. They are placing the economy of time ahead of obeying the law.

We should note that not every choice of priorities is necessarily between right and wrong nor are they always based on misunderstanding or tradition. Some choices may honestly reflect matters of individual taste or preference.

Some people may seek spontaneity or variety in worship over routine and order. Others may prefer quiet and reverence while others choose enthusiasm and joy. Some may want an emphasis on individual meditation and reflection while others stress community.

Occasionally, the priorities chosen by some church members may be poor. Many of us may have encountered those who hold what they believe to be truth in merciless, unkind and even brutal ways. They justify the harsh, unloving treatment of others by claiming they are merely upholding the truth. Some people may place great emphasis on doctrinal “correctness” and conformity to traditions while living materialistically, spreading rumours or criticizing their brethren. Others may downplay doctrine in their search for spiritual experience and cultural connection. Similarly a pet doctrine, issue or hobby may be pursued with such single-minded intensity that it divides the church and “weightier matters” like love, justice and mercy are neglected.

Whether we realize it or not, we all have to sometimes choose between priorities. These choices may be based on many different things, including our feelings, preferences, tastes, customs, traditions and even impulses. As Christians, God and His word should be our first priority, ahead of everything else. God's values are never in conflict. If choosing priorities is difficult, we need to re-examine and re-evaluate them to see if they are consistent with God's.

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 "Good advice for those who have the vision to see past this earthly life to something better. However, like other good advice, it is sometimes easier said than done. There are many enemies and fighting them alone is very difficult. But, there is Good News!!! God has provided help through fellowship with Himself, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and his spiritual family, the Church. Satan and his servants are an imposing force against Christian living but they are beatable.

"...what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, that you also may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ. And these things we write, so that our joy may be made complete. And this is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin" (1 John 1 :3-7 NASV). What a warm and encouraging word is "Fellowship". It speaks of the wonderful relationship enjoyed in Christ. It encompasses the entire scope of the Christian's life here on earth.

Some of the ways

this Christian fellowship is described is in such terms as: 1. Partner and fellow worker (2 Cor. 8:23), 2. Fellow soldier (Phil. 2:25), 3. True comrade (NASV), loyal yokefellow (NIV) (Phil. 4:3), 4. Fellow servant (Col. 1 :7), 5. Fellow citizens and members of God's household (Eph. 2:19). Because of the reconciling work of Jesus, Christians are brought into this wonderful, supportive relationship with God and his church.

In Ephesians 2 Paul discusses this relationship by talking of the fact that unrepentant sinners are dead in transgressions (against God) and sin. The future is dark and gloomy, without hope. However, because of the redeeming work of Jesus, those to whom Paul was writing – and us – have been made alive in the one body of Jesus Christ. This new life sees one at peace with God and with his fellow man. All dividing barriers are destroyed and people of "every nation, tribe, language and people" (Rev.14:6) are joined in the Family of God. When

one understands the terrible implications of being the enemy of God, when one understands the unhappiness and stress of being an enemy with our fellow man, he will come to appreciate even more the blessing of reconciliation with God and peace with man.

One of the really wonderful parts of being in the kingdom is that you are not alone in the battle against sin. A wonderful concept is seen in the Greek word, KOINONIA This word is used 21 times in the New Testament and is translated 13 times as fellowship. In Romans 15:26 it is translated as contribution when speaking of the gift that was being sent from Macedonia and Achaia to the poor saints in Jerusalem. In 2 Corinthians 9: 13 the word is translated as sharing or as distribution. In a couple of places it is also translated as communicate.

The implications of this word should remind us that we are not alone when we are a part of the body of Christ. It speaks of a spirit of mutual helpfulness. Christians are told to "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2). This will only happen when there is trust and respect that appreciates the implications of this KOINONIA In this association of believers there grows a closeness that will lead to help and encouragement in overcoming sin and weakness.

The task that the Christian has been given would be completely impossible without the partnership and co-sharing of this KOINONIA Just as Aaron and Hur held up the arms of Moses so the battle could be won, so do Christians serve together in a joint participation, supporting and sustaining each other in the Master's task. As fellow citizens of the heavenly kingdom, awaiting the transformation of "our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious

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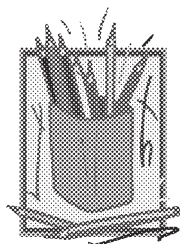


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True Colours

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When God revealed His plan, He never failed us even down to the minutest detail. When He promised Abraham a son to begin the long line of descendants of God's people, He did not fail him... though there appeared to be hiccups along the way from the human perspective and perhaps because of it! (Gen 17:1-8, 19, 20)

When God likened Himself to a mother who cares deeply for the welfare of His children, it was spot-on. (Psalm 27:10) When He allowed Job to undergo suffering under Satan's evil and mischievous plan, He had already equipped Job with the wherewithal to weather those storms. It is important to seek God. Psalm 77:2 **"In the day of trouble I sought the Lord..."**

When Christ was likened to the Shepherd caring for His sheep in Psalm 23, it is indeed a beautiful depiction of the special and tender relationship between master and follower. He cares and listens and accords mercy... but we need to ask. (Psalm 66:20)

When Christ repeatedly asked that He may do the will of God, and not His own, He meant it and underwent the ordeal that was to touch our hearts and keep us faithful to Him. Love cannot be a "put on"; even if attempts were made to invent love, it would manifest its true form under duress. Loyalty and love are intertwined and Christ professed both to us. God works to ensure salvation to men. (Psalm 74:12) How, you may ask? Well, He uses us His children to spread His word.

The credibility of God is never in question. When He said He would do something beyond man's perception of 'possible', He never reneged. The parting of the Red Sea was one such glorious example, as was the great virgin birth of Christ.

One of the most endearing characteristics of God is His Truth and unwavering commitment to it. We are indeed blessed that we will never be disappointed... as others are by gods who cannot deliver, mere illusions of deity which are in fact, less enabled than we, who bear the image of the invisible God, having been created by Him and not by another human.

God means what He says, and we

need to respect that. Psalm 62: 11 "God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God."

I had to take care of a young dying patient, whose internal systems were wrecked over a very short period by a blood vessel problem. I referred her to at least 10 experienced specialists from both private and public sectors, and as she lay dying with multiple organ failure, asked for permission from the family to dialyse her to buy time. They were Taoists and very nice people. They asked for time to decide, even as time was our greatest enemy. The young husband, father of two young children, told me he needed to await the opening of the temple the next morning so that he would approach his deity for guidance. It was so tragic that he needed time to consult with his god, who it appears, is governed by man's time. (Read Isaiah 44:9-20)

When she died, they thanked me graciously and invited me to visit and stay with them in a nearby country. Middle class folk and very caring, they published a huge obituary in their newspaper and thanked all 10 specialists by name and sent it by post to me, the principal physician. When I experience at first hand such tragic ignorance in such decent folk, I feel the fire to be a part of the mission work that extends to our Asian neighbours. When I watch documentaries of cannibals in native rural backward countries being converted to a brand of Christianity dictated by whoever reaches them first, be it the Baptists or Catholics or Methodists, I feel a sadness that we are so far behind. Even seeing how natives convert to wearing clothes to cover their shame after realizing God's view on nakedness... it is a true testimony to the myriad potential each person stores within himself in his capacity to become more spiritual.

I recall on entering university and during orientation in King Edward VII Hall, that there was a group of second

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year medical students who already knew a few things about me. eg. that I was on the Bukit Timah District Girls' Team for Badminton while in Raffles Institution. Sounds impressive on the testimonial? The truth is, yes, I was on the school team, but we entered the district level by pure default, as we had so many "no shows" and walkovers it was embarrassing. I was nowhere in the league of fitness expected of me. Anyway, as truth would have its way, I was "coerced" to participate in the Inter-medical Games between Universiti Malaya and University of Singapore in Kuala Lumpur and it so happened their singles player was a Selangor State player, and needless to say, defeat is bad enough, but a total disaster amounting to ignominy bent on picking the shuttle is perhaps putting it mildly. My only consolation of that trip was that I managed to bring two university classmates and a Singapore Airlines trainee pilot friend to the service with the Kuala Lumpur Church of Christ the following day.

So truth will out. There is no way you can kid yourself that you are who you claim to be, not unless you had lived through the necessary trials and tribulations befitting your professed grade. So it is with claiming to be Christian. How easy to claim something and be unable to live up to it!

There are quite a few outstanding Bible characters who did not live up to their claims, living lives of deceit in spite of their apparent proximity to the Truth:

Ananias and Sapphira, a tragic account of their plan of deception which resulted in their deaths consecutively. Their bad example serves as a reminder of the heavy penalty that Christians have to pay when misleading others out of personal pride. (Acts 5:1-5)

The disciple, **Judas**, who might be called the great

pretender, totally misled the other disciples. A professed advocate of the poor, but in reality a greedy and self-serving person hiding within the flock of disciples, only to stand out like a sore thumb on that dark night in the Garden of Gethsemane. (Mk 14:11,43)

On the other side of the coin, are special people who lit up as lights in the dark world of deceit: **John the Baptist** who accepted graciously and without any guile that even as a great prophet, he would diminish as Christ increased... Lk 7:20-23, Jn 5:33... that he would serve the Lord and the Truth even to the point of decapitation. Did he plead for mercy from a deceitful man who had the power to spare his life? He did not need to, for his destination was in the world where God and the ministering spirits reside. When I think of John the Baptist, I think of a courageous and principled misfit, one who was able to live in natural surroundings eating and preaching the unconventional and preaching

truth fearlessly and dying in dignity with no regrets. Centuries later, we view his sacrifice with a deep sense of satisfaction that such a person existed to show us the Way.

Stephen stands out in my mind as the courageous symbol of true discipleship; when I think of Stephen, I think of love intertwined with sacrifice and courage. Love for the souls of the perpetrators of evil, sacrifice of life for the greatest cause, and courage to carry it through. An awesome combination. He knew he would not survive the stoning, but he forgave, showing that his priority lay in his plan to keep going in the right path, and arriving at the right destination. (Acts 7:58-60)

Joseph is to me the picture of dependability, generosity, and sentimentality. He was in a special class. He viewed life from every possible angle for he had been at the receiving end... of betrayal, of false accusation, of wrongful imprisonment, of wilful seduction. Yet, of every possible weakness that he could have exhibited, it seems the only weakness he allowed for himself was to hold back a brother on false grounds for a selfish reason, that he might see another so special to him. An act of sentimentality coupled with ingenuity?? (Gen 44:12)

We are expected to "prove all things." I Thess. 5:21. Can we prove our love for God and loyalty to His cause? Have we gone through experiences that we can recall that we had that drew us closer to Him in spite of us having to face some hardship? Did we feel like leaving when times were bad? Are we claiming the crown without the cross?

Can we, like David, say "Examine me O Lord, and prove me; try my reins and my heart."? (Psalm 26:2)

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By Geoffrey Ellis and Elgin Whitfield

On Sunday, October 3, 2004 the Pine Orchard congregation in Ontario celebrated its 100th year. Descendents of original families, now in the fourth generation, continue to be faithful. A rural church that lasted, Pine Orchard is now reaching out to a city population that is fleeing to the country!

The Pine Orchard story begins in 1904 when Wesley Lundy and his wife, Ida (daughter (?) of Samuel and Ada (Yake) Keffer) moved to a farm between the 4th and 5th concessions in Whitchurch Township, York County and began holding services. Members attending the church at Stouffville (est. 1852) some 15 miles away and now living in the area joined the Pine Orchard group. Early families included the Brandons, Lehmans, Lundys, and Widdifields. For three years they met in homes including the Charles Brandons and the Nelson Widdifields. Then for nine years the congregation met in the area Temperance Hall. On November 1, 1916, and for \$100, the present property was secured. The brethren set about to erect the building. The original deed included an extensive "restrictive clause," excluding the presence of a paid pastor, musical instruments, fund-raising events, and various societies.

The items listed, and the need for listing them, reflect the agonizing conditions that prevailed at that time. A fellowship that for some 80 years had struggled to achieve the restoration of Biblical Christianity was in the final stages of separation. Reflecting the more conservative and minority position, those who began the new congregation at Pine Orchard exhibited both courage and hopefulness.

In fact, the Stouffville area was

the focus of a conservative rally in the years leading up to the planting of Pine Orchard. Two Stouffville area men were involved, Samuel Keffer and H. M. Evans. Keffer, then serving in Meaford, encouraged Evans, then working with the Sherwood congregation (Vaughan Township, est. 1875), to take up the editorial challenge following the demise of the Toronto based Bible Index, November 1893. Within two months the Gospel Messenger was being published, first from nearby Claremont, then Stouffville, and for the last year of its 27-month life from

Orchard and Stouffville congregations. In the meantime, H. M. Evans returned to publishing, launching the Bible Student in 1904, from Beamsville. In its pages are early reports of the Pine Orchard effort.

The first two reports include lists of donors that include Pine Orchard: respectively, support for the Madison Wright family in the loss of their four-year old daughter (Dec. 1, 1904) and its move to Vancouver (Feb. 1905 issue), and support for L. J. Keffer's ministry in Victoria, BC (Dec. 1905).

The Bible Student's directory of churches reported the Pine Orchard church "meeting at Wesley Lundy's" beginning with the July 1905 issue, and the first listing without reference to Lundy's, in the December 1906 issue. Charles W. Petch reported his March 1-20, 1908 meeting at Pine Orchard, with nine baptisms. Included was a report on the beginnings of the congregation and its current size, 32. A twenty-two day meeting in 1909, also conducted by Petch was reported in the

March issue, four baptisms. Similar reports follow concerning Petch's activities. The last item noted: C. W. Petch reported a wedding in his home at "Cedar Valley" between Gertrude Brandon and Earl Lehman (March, 1911; the Bible Student discontinued in 1913).

The Pine Orchard congregation hosted the June Meeting on June 11 and 12 in 1932. The Newmarket Agricultural Society provided a tent and Henry McKerlie of Toronto was the featured speaker.

In 1957 the original building was moved on to a basement. A furnace was installed, permitting the retirement of the old wood stove. It was not until 1985, when a classroom addition

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Beamsville. Keffer entered the field as an itinerant evangelist serving the "loyal churches" in the fall of 1894. He moved to Stouffville in 1895, and discontinued his itinerancy in 1896, discouraged by lack of support received. A third person with ties to the area is identified: Charles W. Petch, whose family centered in nearby Petchville, married a Meaford girl, Ada Elford in 1899, then headed off to Nashville Bible School for two terms, then to Carman Bible School for a term. He was preaching in Ontario (Selkirk, St. Catharines and Fenwick in turn) during the early years of Pine Orchard and became the first evangelist to work with Pine Orchard extensively. He moved to nearby "Cedar Valley" in 1911 to farm and to preach for the Pine

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The News From Jerusalem, As It Might Have Been Reported

Steve Hasbrouck

With all of the heat of presidential debates, wars, lies and half-truths, I thought this morning I would sit down and jot what might have been some headlines and news stories concerning another, far more important country.

Latest Polls in Galilee: In a recent town hall meeting in the city of Nazareth, it became quite clear that the upstart cleric from that same city was not the favoured candidate to lead the new nation of God. In fact, the debate became so heated that local townspeople even tried to throw the young would-be-king over the edge of a cliff, to dispense with such absurd suggestions that he was in fact the real king.

Turn of Events in Jerusalem: After a ticker tape like parade through the streets of Jerusalem, crowds have turned against the usurper to the throne. It became quite clear this morning that incumbent Herod was in no danger of losing his throne after a long trial that found the carpenter-turned-cleric was guilty of crimes against the religious majority. The imperial government pronounced capital punishment for crimes of high treason and vowed to carry out the sentence immediately. The governor told reporters trying to investigate the veracity of the accusations that truth was not the most important thing. In fact, the governor, somewhat like a philosopher, asked, "What is truth?" He also confirmed that, when questioned, the accused refused to answer.

In Another Related Story: There have been reports circulating that the trial against the insurgent group led by one Jesus of the city of Nazareth was actually held against existing Jewish legal laws. However, the leaders were quick to point out that the crime was of such a nature that it must be dealt with severely as a warning to others. They also pointed out

that one of the followers of the young cleric, Judas by name had seen the error of his ways and cooperated fully with authorities in apprehending the leader. Reports that this man soon committed suicide afterwards have not yet been confirmed. Another follower denounced his loyalty to the leader during the trial. As this goes to press, it has also been reported that the rest of the group have mostly fled the city and only a few die-hard loyalists stayed to watch the execution. Religious authorities were disgusted to find that two of their legal body, the Sanhedrin, were also actually secret followers of this rebel and one of them had the criminal buried in his own cemetery plot. All of this is further proof of how insidious these vacuous claims to the throne really are.

New Alliance Formed: As a result of the events here in Jerusalem these last few days, a stronger alliance has been formed between the imperial gov-

ernment and the royal household. The Jewish leaders have openly claimed that they have no king but Caesar, despite the claims of the usurper from Nazareth. In addition, both the governor from Rome and the king have forged a stronger friendship as a result of their cooperation in the apprehension and prosecution of the rebel forces. This should forever dispel the idea that the local populace wants the liberating armies of Rome to leave their country.

Doctors Concerned: Doctors caring for the governor's wife have been quite concerned over her frail condition, brought on by the events of this week. She has complained of losing sleep over all that has happened and doctors have prescribed some narcotics to help her deal with this. In a related event, the governor publicly showed he was not to blame for the way things turned out. To insure that the people understood this, he ceremonially washed his hands before the crowds, putting to rest all doubts about his duplicity in the matter.

Thousands Embrace New Religion: It has been less than two months since the rebel cleric from the Galilee district was executed for crimes of high treason and yet today, many of his followers claimed to have seen him alive. One of the followers who formerly denounced the cleric during the rebel's trial, stood before a crowd of holiday worshipers and claimed that the people were guilty of murdering this would-be-king. The crowd was so stunned by the accusations that at least three thousand were heard to have joined the new religion. The religious authorities in Jerusalem are meeting to see what further actions can be taken to squelch this rebel uprising.

And on it goes. Let us remember, that no matter what our political beliefs, if we are

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Reminder: To be published in the following month's Gospel Herald, each congregation's information should be sent to Walter Straker before the third last Tuesday of the month. Please clearly mark the email or the envelope: "NewsEast."

ONTARIO

Ajax: The congregation has hired Joel Bojarski, who has been preaching fairly steadily for the last few months, driving out from Cornwall. He will be moving to the city to work full-time with them.

Beamsville: On September 19 Don Smith began a 6-lesson series on "The Prodigal Returns." On September 28 Harvey and Olive Parker celebrated their 58th anniversary. November 7-9 the Great Lakes lectures will be held featuring "The Message of Acts in the 21st Century." On October 3 the congregation held a special collection for Haiti. The GLCC/GLBC Partnership Dinner was well attended, and over \$20,000 was donated to the two schools. A seminar, "One Step at a Time Through Grief," was conducted on September 28, at the Tallman Fireside Room in Vineland.

Brantford (North Park Street): The

Brantford ladies met with the Fennell Avenue, Hamilton, ladies on Saturday, September 11, at Dundern Castle for fellowship. The congregation's youth nights began for the winter on September 24. Non-perishable food items continue to be gathered for distributing to the hungry in the community.

Bramalea: Geoff Ellis gave a 3-lesson series on baptism on September 26. Also, that day the congregation was informed that Kevin Hunter was hired to be its full-time pulpit minister. Kevin is one of the congregation's deacons who presently lives in Orangeville, but will move into Brampton, and hopes to begin his work on November 1. The November Bible Bowl has been postponed for lack of other congregations' interest.

Cornwall: On August 17, Katie Mattiuz was baptized. The congregation has started a one-on-one mentoring program for new Christians to ensure their "new babes" get their spiritual milk.

Grimshy: On September 19 the congregation had its annual outdoor morning service and potluck at Centennial Park.

Meaford: On September 21 the congregation hosted an Alzheimer Community Coffee Break to increase public awareness of Alzheimers and to raise funds for the Alzheimer Society of Grey-Bruce. This event also allowed the congregation an opportunity to meet people they would not have otherwise met. The annual "Fish Fry for Cuba" was scheduled for October 29. This provides an excellent opportunity for fellowship and to make a special contribution to the work of the church in Santiago, Cuba.

Newmarket: The ladies are studying "Life Directions - Experiencing the Gift of God's Grace." A special ladies' lunch was held October 2.

Owen Sound: Ninety-five ladies participated in the congregation's annual Ladies' Day. All who attended enjoyed good weather, good food, good lessons - and a good time.

Pine Orchard: The congregation celebrated its 100 years of existence with Geoff Ellis as guest speaker. Morning service was followed by a potluck meal.

Sudbury: The College and Careers class has begun a mid-week in-home meeting Tuesday evenings, as well as regularly planning monthly gatherings. The group's focus is to gather for a small Bible study while further developing the relationships of the growing group. Also, the meetings provide a great place to gather with Christians of common interests. If you know of any out-of-town students in the area studying at either of the city's colleges or the university, please contact the church, attention of Edward Klym. Insert the student's address or phone number, and a member of the group will be in touch.

Tintern: On October 3 the congregation worshipped around the theme, "A Celebration of Thanks." They printed invitations, invited friends and neighbours of the community, and worked to make it a special day for everyone. There was worship, followed by a tradi-

tional Thanksgiving meal. Samson Ling from Huntsville was guest speaker. 205 attended, with several community visitors among them.

Toronto (Strathmore Blvd.): The young adults did a great job in planning and implementing the plan in the Lectureship, September 24 - 26. Dominic Dos Santos and Ike Etienne had great lessons on the theme, "Fan Into Flame The Gift of God". Recent baptisms include Sarah Ellis (at GLCC), Emily Soriano, and Margaret Ramsay. Money to help the brethren in Jamaica was carried there by Pauline Williams. A shipment of materials is going to Haiti as well. (Support for Haiti has come from several individuals and congregations.) Welcomed were Heather Halls, from Sarnia, worshipping at Strathmore while in school in Toronto, Robel Melles from Asmara, Eritrea, and Mike Crowder who lives in Oshawa. A going away party was held in honour of Fern White who is moving to a new apartment at Grove Park Home in Barrie. Fern has been a faithful and active member of the congregation since 1951. Edith Doherty, the only surviving member of the congregation from its beginning in 1924, passed away on October 19 at age 95.

Waterloo: The 25th Annual Ontario Men's Retreat was held September 17-18 at Camp Omagh. Greg Toohey was baptized on September 27. A big hit with the university, college and career students is the meal before Wednesday Bible study with the ladies of the congregation supplying the meal. Special prayers are requested for Abdul Razaq in Pakistan who evidently suffered persecution and is now unable to walk. GLBC's short course, "The Spiritual Discipline," will be conducted November 1-5 with Scott Roberts, Brandon, Manitoba, teaching. The brethren plan a gospel meeting November 26-28 with Drew Chapados of Windsor. The theme is "Will and Grace: A True Story."

Windsor (Westside): "100% Day" was scheduled for October 3, with a potluck to follow morning service. Drew Chapados was one of the speakers at the 2nd Annual Young Adults' Conference at the Lincoln Park congregation in Detroit, with the theme of "Holiness." An open meeting was planned for October 21 for the Overcomers Outreach program. The annual fall clothing giveaway is planned for December 2, 3 and 4.

NEW BRUNSWICK

Moncton: A month after Tim and Dianne Johnson moved to Edmonton, the congregation met for a group meeting and fellowship meal to exchange ideas on how to proceed as a congregation. The congregation misses the Johnsons as well as Shawn Leblanc, who is studying at Great Lakes Bible College in Waterloo to become a preacher. Alan Peters, one of Moncton's members, did a great job on his first sermon. Four of the congregation's ladies drove to Halifax to enjoy a ladies' day with the many sisters from the Maritime congregations.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA

Abbotsford (Central Valley): The Weirs and Wedlers arrived home safely from their trip to Tsay Keh and Fort Ware. "We made a lot of good contacts and held several Bible studies, two in the church building (Catholic) in Tsay Keh. We met with the Christians in Fort Ware and were able to do some teaching. We brought materials to help the women teach the kids. John Wedler is a heavy-duty mechanic, welder, and millwright, and has worked in lumber and logging mills for many years. We were asked to come back in November and again in February so John can begin to train their people in these trades. A sawmill set-up would provide jobs for them and improve their living conditions. If it is possible for us to do this kind of thing, the opportunity is open to us to teach Christian principles along with it. In Tsay Keh, I had Bible studies in the offices where the folks worked. I was told, 'Nobody has ever studied with us directly from the Bible and showed us what it says - you make it so plain and your Bible is so easy to understand.' We let them know that we were there to help and give

because that is what the Lord taught us." (Norm Weir)

Burnaby: The transition from a single service to a shared service concept has gone smoothly. Grades 9-12 spent Saturday, Oct. 23, sharing food with hungry people in downtown Vancouver.

City Church (E. Vancouver): Our regular daytime classes are filled to capacity in the morning sessions. We now have more than 30 students registered for the intensive low intermediate course. We start at 9:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, study for an hour, take a break for 10 minutes, study for another 50 minutes of straight English, and then we spend 30 minutes in Bible study. Many of these same students join others for the afternoon classes. On Mondays we teach the Life of Christ, on Wednesday we teach one hour of English grammar, based on a Bible text, and then an hour in a Bible story. We just finished the story of Ruth. Fridays are for the Book of Acts. Today we covered the rest of Peter's sermon in Acts 2, followed by the reactions of the people and then a special study on the meaning and purpose of baptism. It always amazes me that students who have little or no background in the Bible can readily understand the purpose and place of baptism in the context of obedience to Christ, without ever denying the important place of grace. Currently we have three evening Bible classes. These classes are not for the weak nor timid. Classes begin at 7:30 p.m. and often run until 10:30 or 11:00 p.m. In the kitchens and crowded apartments of new immigrants, together we pour over the pages of the Bible, teaching everything from the existence of God to Christ to how to become a Christian. We have several individuals who are very close to the Kingdom. Not only are they excited about God, they invite

their friends to come and join the classes. One of our young brothers, Alan Lin, is working hard to study the whole Bible and is preparing to preach for our congregation soon."—report from Steve Hasbrouck

Deep Cove: The first copies of Dan Kieran's book "If There is No God: Meditations on Believing", were received in October. They will be available through Amazon.com and Barnes and Noble (online version), Baker-Taylor distributors and others. The book delves into all the ramifications that people who do not believe in the Creator find in the many aspects of their lives.

Salmon Arm: Attendance was good as John Clayton, author of the "Does God Exist?" series, conducted a series of seminars here from Friday evening, Oct. 15, through the Sunday morning service, with visitors from neighbouring congregations in attendance.

MANITOBA

Manson: The beginning of August, Deidre Muller, daughter of Dean and Kemberlee Muller, was baptized into her Lord... later in August, Lana Huyghebaert, daughter of Luc and LaDean Huyghebaert, was also baptized into the Lord. — reported by Ken Stames

Winnipeg: Wes Johnson was baptized. A songfest held September 18 and 19 was an opportunity to celebrate our faith in singing, fellowship, and good food. The upcoming youth rally will feature Michael Mazzalongo of Montreal as guest speaker. He will also be speaking at the men's breakfast and Sunday evening service, where his subject will be "Same Sex Marriage and the Bible. Russ and Val Quirey gave a presentation on the work of the church in Brazil. It is our intention to support them in every way, including financially.

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MISSION NEWS

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Jamaica: We lost one church building in Jamaica, but the Preacher Training school in Kingston, and the homes of most of the Christians there were spared major damage from the recent storms. Phone service had been restored in Kingston, Jamaica, by Sept. 14, but they were still without power. Gladwyn Kiddoe called one of his sponsoring congregations to report that their family and the students at the Jamaican School of Preaching were okay. The school's roof was damaged, although they didn't know how badly at that time. The west side of the island was hardest hit and the church building at Bull Savannah which Danny Corbitt, former UTA Student Director, and several students, helped build a few years ago was gone. Gladwyn was going to Negril to check on members of the church there.

Haiti: Raymond and Merle Fillion were here the month of September when much of this island was decimated by the hurricanes. The school compound, however, in the central part on high ground, sustained no damage as the torrential rains drained off. A new class was started this year for kids from 6 to 12 who have never had any schooling. Ten pounds of rice is being distributed to 30 families every two weeks. We are now in the process of building our 9th house in the village. This leaves only two more to go to complete the first row of houses. There are now 10 surrounding villages that are depending on our mission for spiritual guidance and instruction. The leaders of those villages come for a day of study once a month. Some come from a nine-hour walk away. Raymond preached on the book of Colossians the four Sundays he was there. A sign on the Jamaican beach in large block letters proclaimed "WE TRUST IN GOD". When the people asked their president how to prepare for the storm, his answer was simple: "Pray". Was the fact that Ivan veered slightly to the south of Jamaica so that it didn't score a direct hit – an answer to the prayers of Christians, as well as those who did not know where else to turn?

Kyiv, Ukraine: Early in the spring, Rick, Carol, Natasha and Larissa Pinczuk travelled to Ivanofrankivsk in Western Ukraine, to reactivate plans

to open a Christian Medical Clinic there and to establish the Lord's Church in this city of 300,000. They visited with Svitlana Shkandriy who had successful hip replacement surgery, paid for by donations from supporters of the work. A private construction firm in Ivanofrankivsk has agreed to build and donate a building for the proposed Medical Centre if the medical equipment can be supplied for the facility. The Slavic Evangelism Ministry shipped 15,000 Ukrainian New Testaments from its warehouse in Kyiv in June for distribution in Western Ukraine. A successful VBS was conducted by the Shevchenko congregation in the summer. Three recent baptisms were reported. Rick writes, "While we continue to be excited and optimistic about what our Lord continues to do in this part of His Vineyard, we regret that our work continues to be handicapped by a lack of funds for our on-field expenses." Support can be sent to: Ridgewood Church of Christ, C/- Slavic Evangelism Ministry, 2455 Commerce Street, Beaumont, Texas, 77703. Rick and Carol can be contacted directly at: jpinczuk@carrier.kiev.ua. – from Sem Mission Reports

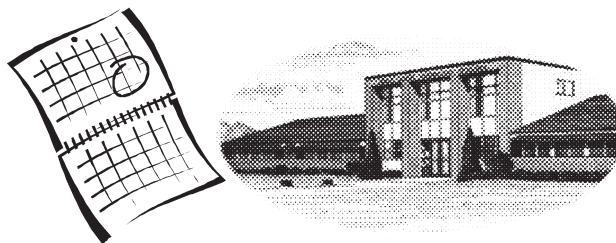
Sendai, Japan Mission: In addition to reporting and fund raising with congregations and individual in Canada and the US, and follow-up team counselling at Abilene Christian University in Abilene, Texas, the

team was given several opportunities at the World Mission Workshop in York, Nebraska. Joel Osborne was the event's worship leader; Jon Straker spoke several times, including the "Commitment Service" to encourage new missionaries; Crimsen Ruhnke participated in a panel discussion on mission work, and spoke about her impressions of her first two years; Ben Berry, along with the rest of the team, spoke to 75 individuals at a special Sendai, Japan, information/question & answer meeting. Also, Walter and Shirley Straker were able to meet with the East Hill church's Sendai mission committee at the Workshop. After three busy months, the team was scheduled to return to Japan the end of October. They praise God and express heartfelt appreciation for the many, many North American Christians who upheld them through prayer, hospitality and travel funds when they were in North America. November 5 the team is scheduled to have a rare opportunity for its singing group, "Offering," at Shokei College's Annual Gospel Meeting. This event, one of the College's major annual events, is mandatory for the attendance of its several thousand students. Please pray that God will be lifted up at this event. What We Can Do Now: **1. Pray.** The Sendai team firmly believes that keeping the Japanese work and people always before the Heavenly Father is the most essential assistance North Americans can provide. And they want

North Americans to remember that Sendai Christians continually pray for us as well. Prayers are requested:

i. For God to be glorified through the team as it works together and with the Sendai people, and that they will be given wisdom in their next three years on the field. **ii.** For new Christians, LST and other contacts. **iii.** For Paul & Mitsuyo Mawatari, current preacher and wife, who have retired to build a Christian school at Mt. Zao. **iv.** For Sendai's church leaders. **v.** For successful fund raising and preparation of new team members: David Moon, Lydia Fukushima (whose father preaches in Japan) and, possibly, Pam Keesee, former LST intern. **2. Communicate** with the team: Joel Osborne's email is joelosborne4@yahoo.com; Jonathan Straker's is jstrake@yahoo.com. **3. Donate** toward the support of Jon & Michiko Straker and Joel Osborne. Funds may be sent to Sendai Mission, Bramalea Church of Christ, 750 Clark Boulevard, Brampton ON, L6T 3Y2. If you have questions, please call the church at 905-792-2297, or email bramaleacofc@bellnet.ca. You may also check out the team's website at www.sendaimissions.com.

(Walter Straker)



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- Nov. 26–27** WAVES Winter Wonderland Craft Show
- Dec. 10 & 11** Drama Production at GLCC
"Joseph's Son"

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I would never forgive. Yet what is impossible for man is possible with God.

What helped me to forgive?

1- Jesus expects his followers to forgive others as He forgives them. There are no exceptions. With my sins I am in no way better than those who killed my brother (it took me a long time to accept that). I am a sinner and need forgiveness as much as they do. If I want to be forgiven I need to forgive. That was hard to accept too. I prayed that God would open my eyes so that I could see who I really am. For some time, instead of moving towards forgiveness, I moved toward ignorance and deceit. I thought I had forgiven, but I only deceived myself and justified my sin. I told myself it was normal to be a little bitter and that I don't have to forgive completely. Jesus, however, gave me full forgiveness and I couldn't do any less. When I learned that my sin killed Jesus, I knew that I was guilty of murder as well. I killed someone innocent who loved me and wanted the best for me.

2- Jesus understood that forgiveness is not easy. It does not come naturally. Jesus had to go to the Cross to achieve forgiveness for me. I have to go to the Cross as well to forgive others. *"During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered"* (Hebrews 5:7-8).

"He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, 'Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.' An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground" (Luke 22:41-44).

Jesus had to suffer to achieve our forgiveness, so we have to expect and accept that forgiveness will also be painful for us. Despite the pain of being betrayed, spat at, and treated without mercy, Jesus did not give in to Satan, but sought help from God. Although he was distressed when he went to the Cross, he did not let this keep him from submitting to God. As we carry our cross of forgiveness let us remember Jesus. He prayed with tears. He told God that it was hard for him to carry the Cross but he still did it. In the Church we face the same thing right now; we get hurt and bitter and angry, but we have to make a choice to forgive exactly as Jesus did. Forgiveness is not between the church and us; it is between God and us. We are responsible before God to forgive others completely and unconditionally. He forgave us fully, but this was only possible because he denied Himself and went to the Cross to accomplish it. We need to make the same decision in our lives: We need to go to the Cross so we can forgive those who have hurt us.

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body", (Philippians 3:20, 21), Christians work together to lead others to the Master and minister to the needs of others. One person can accomplish a lot, a working fellowship of Christians can accomplish much more.

The Christian fellowship is one that is chosen when a believer accepts the offer of Jesus for forgiveness and obeys the gospel. Sometimes, because of work or other activities, Christians may be put into a relationship with people who are not of like mind. One has to be strong to resist the influence of evil. Worship services, Bible study, ladies or men's classes, shared ministries of service, pot-lucks, and other social times with the Christian family, all help in overcoming the influence of those committed to "deeds of darkness".

The Christian is in fellowship with God, 1 Cor. 3:9, Christ, 1 Cor. 1:9, the Holy Spirit, Phil. 2: 1, and each other, 1 John 1:7, in worship, work, benevolence, and evangelism. What great joy to be a part of this wonderful KOINONIA.

The expression, "one another" appears several times in the New Testament in reference to our fellowship. We share in this responsibility/privilege because, as Christians, we are walking in the light. (1 John 1 :7) Having heard the call to come out of the darkness (of sin) Christians walk together in that light (righteousness). (Eph. 5:8-11)

Frequently this fellowship will be seen in the efforts that are made to "...encourage one another..." (Hebrews 10:25) Knowing that our days are numbered on this earth, the effort is made to encourage each other to stay on the path of righteousness. In the singing of songs in worship Christians are able to teach, encourage, and challenge one another in Christian living.

This fellowship is often very "hands on" as Christians help each other with the burdens that must be carried. (Gal. 6:1,2) Far too many people are eager to find faults and failures and heap ridicule on the guilty. Certainly, there are times when people must be confronted with their sins and failures. However, Paul's point seems clear. The first obligation is to work toward restoration of the offender. It may well involve a sharing of the offender's burden until he/she is able to bear it alone. (Of course, with the help of God.)

Make note of this truth. There are elements in human relationships that may weaken and destroy fellowship. Things such as liberalism are often destroyers. With this attitude faith is often treated as opinion and no clear statement is given as to faith and how it should operate. Legalism is very much the opposite of this with the listing of rules that must be obeyed... many of them based on personal attitudes or preferences. Both these things can cause a breakdown in KOINONIA.

Perhaps the greatest enemy of fellowship is indifference. This is an attitude in which there is no cooperation or mutual sharing. It is that "I can't be bothered..." attitude that often drains the energy out of the most devoted and energetic.

Look to the goal. Walk in the light for it is there that you do not have to go it alone.

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thus there was no way we could plead our case for salvation before Him, God provided us with an advocate to plead our case. As Adam Clark states: "We still have him before the throne who died for our offences, and rose again for our justification; and there he makes intercession for us. He is the righteous; he who suffered, the JUST for the unjust, that he might bring us to God. Do not, therefore, despair, but have immediate recourse to God through him."⁵

As Christians, we must remember to not fall in the trap of so many who want to earn their salvation. We must remember that it is only through faith in Christ that we have salvation and that if we attempt to get to God and our eternal home without Christ we will find ourselves defenceless when we stand before God on judgment day. When that happens, anyone in that situation will have to defend themselves

in God's court of law and will have a fool for a client.

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was made to the back of the original building, that indoor bathrooms were added.

The congregation numbered 43 in 1962 with members coming from Uxbridge, Newmarket, Stouffville and Pine Orchard. Even today the membership is widely scattered in those same communities as well as Bradford, Keswick and Markham.

The Pine Orchard congregation, as many country churches, has been the place from which many Christian families and individuals have set out to other places in Ontario and beyond. However, faithful families have remained and been influential in sustaining the Lord's work here for 100 years. Descendants of the pioneer families are still actively involved, including the Brandons, Prestons, Lehman and until recently the Lundy's and the Widdifield's. Not having a full-time preacher, has

meant that over the past 100 years many different men have filled the pulpit at Pine Orchard. Some of those who travelled faithfully to preach each month were Charles Petch, Lemuel Keffer, C.G. McPhee, Alex Stewart, H. Mckerlie, Albert Bennets, Fred Smart, Keith Thompson and Art Jackson. Local members who have also taken a regular turn in preaching included Wesley Lundy, Ford Lehman, Howard Lehman, John McKay and more recently Craig Hodgins, Darryl Culley and Elgin Whitfield. Mention must be made of the stalwart efforts of especially Ford and Howard Lehman, who as father and son provided leadership for many years.

We are grateful to those visitors who shared our anniversary gathering on October 3. A brief history of the Pine Orchard church of Christ is being compiled by Craig Hodgins. If you are interested in more information about the congregation or a copy of the history, contact Elgin Whitfield at 705-228-8155. Our prayer is that if the Lord tarries, we will have many more years of service in this part of His vineyard.

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children of God, then we are siblings in Christ. You have your political views and I have mine. The fate of the world does not rest on the turn of politics but rather on the plans of the Almighty in Heaven. If you have never really studied or understood this, please study the book of Daniel. Daniel was a teenager when Jerusalem fell to the Babylonians and he was in his mid eighties when he was thrown in the lion's den under a new conquering government. The king who would have burned three young men alive for not bowing down to him later ate grass like a cow for not honouring God.

(If you would like to study the book of Daniel, Sunset International Bible Institute has a course by Brother Ted Stewart, either on videotape or audiotape which is excellent for home Bible study. Sunset has not approved this ad; it is solely the suggestion of the author of this article.)

There is only one Christian nation in the world and it goes by the name Kingdom of God. There are Christians in every nation under the sun, but there are no Christian nations. We are the light of the world, the salt of the earth. No matter how events change, no matter how bad things become, we should shine all the brighter in a dark and fallen world. If we would do that, God would be honoured and more men and women would turn to Him.

I believe it and I want to encourage you to believe it, too.

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OBITUARIES

McPhee, Betty Marie

Betty Anderson was born in Meaford, Ontario on August 29, 1927. She was one of eight children, five boys and three girls, born to Arthur Anderson and Margaret Jane Foster; and was the last surviving of the siblings. Betty was married to Ralph McPhee; and together they had five sons, two sets of twins separated by a single birth. Ralph was in the military; and so he and Betty moved about considerably. First of all they lived in Sault Ste. Marie, then Camp Borden, Kitchener, Meaford, back to Camp Borden, and finally returning once again to Meaford where she remained until her passing on October 1, her son Paul's birthday, at the age of 77.

Betty enjoyed walking, music, animals, flowers, her apartment, and especially her family and friends. Betty was kind and compassionate, a gentle and caring woman. She was a generous person who was known for being unselfish and giving. One who was interested in the lives of others, putting their interests and needs before her own. For years she volunteered at the Meaford Long Term Care Centre and was very responsible and dedicated about her commitments to the residents and staff at the home. Although it was not her first choice, it is, perhaps, fitting that Betty got to spend the last couple months of her life in the home where she had served so faithfully and where she was loved, respected, and appreciated by all. Most importantly, Betty will be remembered as a beloved sister in the Lord whose life exhibited many of the qualities of Christ; especially forgiveness and servanthood.

Betty is survived by her husband, Ralph, their sons Don (Eileen) of Listowell, Ron (Sharon) of Barrie, Paul (Laura) of New Hamburg, Bob (Ann) of Owen Sound, and Brian (Peggy) of Winnipeg, Manitoba. She will also be fondly remembered and sadly missed by her nine grandchil-

dren and three great-grandchildren, one of whom, Justin, shared her birthday, two sisters-in-law, her many nieces and nephews and their families, her brothers and sisters in the Meaford congregation, as well as numerous other friends and neighbours. Besides her parents and her siblings, Betty was also predeceased by a granddaughter, Carla.

At her funeral, which was conducted by the writer, several of her sons "arose and called her blessed" as they brought words of praise, gratitude, and tribute to a worthy woman.

Randy Morritt

Glew, Charrie Alice

After a brief battle with cancer, Charrie passed away on August 13, 2004 at the Henderson Hospital in Hamilton, ON in her 46th year. She was born in Grimsby, ON, on May 19, 1959, the sixth child and second daughter of Russell and Blanche Maddeaux. The family moved to Beamsville when she was born and later moved to For Erie at about the time she was seven years old. Over the years she lived in St. Catharines, Milton, Toronto, and finally in Brantford.

Charrie had a wonderful sense of

humour and is remembered by her family and friends as a person who could see the funny side of things, even in difficult times. She was good at remembering birthdays, anniversaries, and other special occasions. She believed in staying connected with those who were important to her and while many will say, "We need to get together sometime," she would make it happen. She had a loving heart that went out to people having difficulties and would often get in touch with people she read or heard about in the news who were having trouble and helped them where possible.

She is mourned by her husband, Terry, sons Chad (Sherry) MacDonald, and Peter (Bobbi) May. Her mother, Blanche Maddeaux, and father, Russell (Helen) Maddeaux. Brothers William (Shirley), Patrick (Sharon), Joseph (Marion); and sister Anna (Mervin) Cox. Predeceased by a brother Rex in 2003. Charrie will be greatly missed by a large extended family and many friends.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, August 18 at the Tallman Funeral Home in Vineland by the writer. David McKenzie led singing. May God bless those who mourn and give them comfort in the days ahead.

Max Craddock

Whitfield, Emma Loretta

On October 7, Emma Whitfield, the oldest member of the Meaford congregation, was called home to her eternal reward at the age of 93. Emma was one of ten children, six girls and four boys, in the family of Howard Whitfield and Ruby Cann. She was born in Thessalon, Ontario on February 5, 1911. Although Emma never married, she was certainly not without family. Emma spent most of her early life in Thessalon before coming to live with her sister, Gladys, in Toronto and then moving with Gladys to Meaford in 1978. Here she remained until her passing.

Emma will be remembered as a kind, loving, considerate little lady who loved to laugh and smile. Emma was a friend to all she met; and was loved, admired, and

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respected by all who knew her. Her younger brother, Mervin, fondly speaks of her as "my little angel". Emma had a rare gift for being contented and happy wherever she was and whatever the circumstance. She never complained. Although she never had what might be considered a home of her own; she was at home wherever she was. When one was with Emma, one got an idea of what Jesus was like—especially what He was like as a servant. Whenever there was a need, especially in the family, Emma was there. When children were born to her sisters and brothers, Emma came to help out in any way she could. She was always ready to come on a moment's notice. One of her greatest joys was to help others. After coming to live at the Meaford Long Term Care Centre in 1987, Emma took great pleasure and satisfaction in doing little chores, helping others, and being involved in every activity she possible could. One of her greatest disappointments was having to give up setting the tables and helping with some of the food preparations due to her physical limitations.

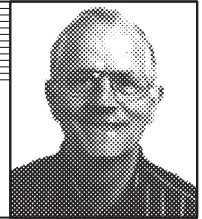
Emma was predeceased by five sisters and three brothers. She is lovingly remembered and sadly missed by her the last surviving sibling, her brother, Mervin, of Sault Ste Marie, two sisters-in-law, Martha and Betty Whitfield, both of Meaford, and a brother-in-law, Paul Barnes of Blind River, Ontario. She is also remembered as a cherished aunt and great-aunt by her many nieces, nephews, and their families. Emma also leaves behind her church family, especially her brothers and sisters in Meaford, and numerous friends, especially her fellow residents and the staff and volunteers at the Meaford Long Term Care Centre.

At her funeral, conducted by the writer, and assisted by some of Emma's nephews and a nephew-in-law, two nieces, Ruby Ford and Wilma Lansdell, brought fond and fitting tributes to Emma and displayed some of Emma's handiwork and creativity. Emma has been taken from us physically; but in our hearts and minds her memory lives on and brings us comfort and encouragement.

Randy Morritt

BOOK REVIEWS

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There are many books and articles now available that are critical of Dan Brown's bestseller, **The Davinci Code**. Many unbelievers who agree with Brown's theories are very excited about it and promote it vigorously. The book is fiction but is based on many false ideas such as those of the "Gnostic Gospels".

The author claims that Jesus married Mary Magdalene and had children by her who were hidden away in France. Christians are supposed to have tried to cover up these things because they discourage worship of Jesus as God. The Emperor Constantine is supposed to have edited biblical texts to prove the divinity of Christ. There is some talk about making this book into a movie. Let us hope and pray that this does not happen as falsehood is often accepted more readily than truth.

Many books are coming out to offset the false ideas of this evil book. Among those available now are "**The Davinci Code**" by **Hank Hanegraaff and Paul Maier** (\$7.50), "**The Truth Behind the Davinci Code**" by **Richard Abanes** (\$9.99), "**Cracking Davinci's Code**" by **James L. Garlow and Peter Jones**. Probably other books will be coming out also.

The Bible Answer Book by Hank Hanegraaff, Nelson, Nashville, TN. 303 pages, \$ 22.99 (Cdn)

The author has answered thousands of questions during his fifteen years hosting The Bible Answer Man radio broadcast. He has written some bestsellers such as *The Prayer of Jesus, Resurrection* and *Christianity in Crises*. He also writes for the excellent Christian Research Journal. We cannot agree with all of his writings, but generally he does a great job.

He refutes the errors of the cults and also those of the liberals. The author was interviewed on the popular Larry King television program. King said the person he would most like to interview was Jesus Christ. No doubt the Lord would have some questions for Mr. King.

Eighty one questions are answered on a wide range of topics. These include salvation (in which he ignores baptism) spiritual

growth, unforgivable sin, Holy Spirit, finding a good church, prayer, forgiveness of others, Sabbath, Christmas, demons, lying, abortion, capital punishment, homosexuality, who made God, truth, the Trinity, is Jesus divine, virgin birth, purgatory, Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormonism, New Age, astrology, evolution.

Read with caution (as with all books) this can be read with great profit.

Hard To Believe, The High Cost and Infinite Value of Following Jesus, by John Macarthur, Thomas Nelson Publishers, Nashville, TN., 221 pages, \$21.50 (Cdn)

John Macarthur has written many outstanding evangelical books. He is not backward in speaking against things he considers to be erroneous. In this book he rightly opposes the efforts of Robert Schuller who attempted to replace the biblical gospel with a new gospel. He also opposes the New Age mystic Deepak Chopra who said to him on CNN television: "You and I are in two different universes." Our Lord said that He did not come to bring peace but a sword. He added that we must love Him above our families, the world and anything else that would separate us from Him. Salvation is by Christ alone. Like Paul, we must never be ashamed of the Gospel of Christ. Like great reformers such as William Tyndale, we must be ready to die for the truth. Like great prophets such as Elijah, we must stand up for the Lord even if we have to stand alone.

Again we quote, "If you suffer for the truth of the gospel, and you will, remember you're in good company. You're following the best example who ever served God; you are on the Lord's side, casting off self-righteousness to walk through the narrow gospel gate that leads to eternal life, and faithfully giving that gospel to others."

Unfortunately, although Macarthur upholds many basics of the gospel, he thinks that the sinner can simply pray for salvation. He needs to look more closely at the examples of conversion in the book of Acts.

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

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

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

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

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

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BURNABY (Greater Vancouver): 7485 Salisbury Ave. V5E 3A5 Sun. a.m. 9:45, 10:30, 6 p.m. (Midweek groups meet in homes. Call for times & locations.) Kirk Ruch, ev.: Kirk@SBChurch.ca ; Mike Parker, youth: FishFreaks@SBChurch.ca ; office: welcome@SBChurch.ca (604-522-7721) Website: www.SBChurch.ca.

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

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

CRESTON: Corner of 5th Ave. and Cook St.; Sun. 10, 11; 130 5th Ave. N. V0B 1G3; 250-428-7411 (off) or 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: (604) 943-0515 (off)

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

NORTH BEND: North Bend Community Hall; Sun. 10; SS 1, Boston Bar, BC V0K 1C0; 867-9420.

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

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

SALMON ARM: 2460 Auto Rd. S.E.; Sunday 10:00; Call for times and locations of other meetings; (250) 832-3828 or 804-4833; Box 51, V1E 4N2; Doug Kendig, John Murrey, Gordon Parmenter and Blair Robers, elders.

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

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

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

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DAUPHIN: 220 Whitmore Ave. W; Mailing address: Box 70, Dauphin, R7N 2T9; Sun. worship 9:00 & 10:00; Sun. & Wed. nights call for details; (204) 638-6321 (off), Fax: 638-0872; Randy Foss, ev., email: wwyes@hotmail.com

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

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GRIMSBY: 63 Casablanca Blvd., south of Q.E. exit; Sun. SS 11:05; Worship 9:45, Sun evening – 1 small group at building, 6 pm, during week – small groups; Box 181, L3M 4G3; (905) 945-3058

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

HAILEYBURY/NEW LISKEARD: 554 Helmer Pedersen Drive, New Liskeard; Sun. 10:30; Wed. 7:30; Contacts: Jim Robertson, PO Box 1556, New Liskeard ON P0J 1P0 (705)647-5488 or Mike Tinney PO Box 702, Haileybury ON P0J 1K0 (705)672-9241

HAMILTON: 321 East 27th Street (at Fennell), L8V 3G8 (Mt. Hamilton); Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:00, (905) 385-5775(off); Mike McCabe, ev., (905) 574-3022(h), mike_p_m@yahoo.com; Chris Gardner, sec., (905) 388-9174

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

HAMILTON (West): Mohawk College, Fennell Ave./West 5th St.; Sun. 9:30 and 10:30 (Please phone for Sun. p.m. and midweek information); P.O. Box 78041 Westcliffe PO, L9C 7N5; Wayne Page (905) 648-5100.

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

HUNTSVILLE: 36 Hilltop Dr. P1H 1C5 (off Hwy. 11BN); Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Wed. 8; Ken Skinner 705-382-2283 or Evelyn Preston, sec. 705-767-3237.

ICE LAKE (Manitoulin Island): 1-1/4 mile S. of Hwy 540; classes 9:45, worship 11:00, Sun; Les Cramp ev; 705-282-0974; PO Box 3, Mindemoya, ON POP 1S0.

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

KINGSTON: 446 College St., K7L 4M7; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; (613) 546-5409 (off.); e-mail: kingstonsccofc@aol.com; Preacher: Richard Maddeaux Associate Preacher: Gordon Gibson

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

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

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

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

NEWMARKET: 230 Davis Dr.; Sun. 9:45, 11:00, 6:30; Wed. 7:30; Box 21581, L3Y 8J1; Nathan Pickard, ev.; 905-895-6502(off); e-mail-pickardnathan@hotmail.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SELKIRK: 1/2 km. N. of village; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30 in homes; Box 13, N0A 1P0.

SMITHVILLE: 246 Station St. L0R 2A0; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7. Chris Nicholson, ev. (905) 957-6039

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

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

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

SUDBURY: 2663 Bancroft Dr. P3B 1T7; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:00; Edward Klym (ev), 705-560-3964, Wes Bailey, sec. 523-0933,

SUNDRIDGE: Hwy. 11 N.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; P.O. Box 927, P0A 1Z0; (705) 384-5214, Steve May, ev. 384-0597.

THESSALON: 8 Albert St. off Hwy. 17; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; Guy Stopard, ev. 705-842-3340; Eric White, RR 2, POR 1L0 (705) 842-6533.

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

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

TINTERN: R.R. #1, 4359 Spring Creek Rd., Vineland, ON L0R 2C0; Sun. 11:15, 9:45, 6 (call to confirm); Wed. 7:00; Jim Holston, ev. (905-563-6348 (res), 563-6311 (off).

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TORONTO (Scarborough): Scarborough Y.M.C.A., 230 Town Centre Court; Sun. 9 a.m., 10 a.m.; (Mailing Address: PO Box 47011, 300 Borough Dr., Scarborough, ON M1P 4Z7); Devon Bennett, ev., 905-686-2486, cell: 416-522-6237, Fax: 905-686-0612; e-mail: devon.bennett@sympatico.ca

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

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

WEST MANITOULIN: Meets in homes, call ahead; Sun. 10:30. Mailing address: 10787 Hwy 540, R.R.1, Gore Bay, POP 1H0. Contact Bill Baker 705-282-2095 or Dieter Nollert 705-282-2908

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

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

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

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

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

BENGOUGH: E. side Hwy. 34; Sun. 10:30, 11:15; Norman Kemp, Box 134, S0C 0K0; (306) 268-4522.

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

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

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

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

RADVILLE: in private Residence at (810 Mann Ave.); Richard Thue, sec., Box 532, S0C 2G0; (306) 869-3103 (res.).

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

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

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

WAWOTA: Hwy. 48 W. of town; Box 454, S0G 5A0; Sun. 10; Mid-week call; Brent Olson, minister, 306-577-4992 or contact Cam Husband, 306-538-4585.

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

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