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The world continues to be troubled by natural disasters of one kind or another. If a person survives these with his life, that is reason for rejoicing. No one wants to lose his earthly possessions but faith can make the loss bearable. This truth is reinforced on page 14.

Returning to Some Basics

The following is a series of five bulletin articles on some simple foundational truths that we used to emphasise and seem to have forgotten. Perhaps some will want to run these over a period of weeks in their church bulletin, or study them all at once as they appear here.

Hear

"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ" Romans 10:17.

Today it is generally accepted that one must hear the word of Christ before one will become a believer; but this has not always been an accepted truth. In the past there have been many who believed that faith is a gift imparted by God through the direct operation of the Holy Spirit, and that the proclaiming of the word and the distribution of the scriptures were not needed to produce faith. Even today some hold to this theory.

We certainly do not deny that God could have arranged things in that way, if he had so chosen. But has he so chosen? Or is the presentation of the word necessary to the production of faith? Romans 10 indicates that it is the hearing of the word of Christ that produces faith. Reading the New Testament from cover to cover we find no exception to this process. At times God may have marked someone out as a person he wanted to bring within the fold of faith, but in each case he accomplished his will by means of the word proclaimed by a human messenger. That is the case with the Ethiopian Eunuch (Acts 8), with Cornelius (Acts 10), and with Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9 and 26). In each of these cases God chose to give a special calling to these people, and in each case he did so through a human messenger proclaiming the word (Philip, Peter, Ananias).

This is not merely an academic question. If we really believe that faith comes by hearing, then we must believe that the proclamation of the word is essential to the salvation of others, and that the continued hearing of the word is essential to the growth of our faith.

Evangelistic efforts are not optional for those who really believe that we must "hear." Let us listen to Romans 10 again, "But how are they to call on him Thayer Salisbury

in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?" (Rom 10:14)

The belief that faith comes by hearing the word also implies that continued growth in faith will most likely occur when we stay in contact with the word. I have yet to meet a Christian strong in faith who was not also a Christian regularly hearing the word. I have met people who knew the word (as it applied to others) but were weak in faith. But I have never met anyone who was neglecting to study the word and yet was growing in faith. We must hear.

Repent

"No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish" Luke 13:3.

I am sorry; I did not write the Bible. If I had written it, we might not have to turn away from our sins. But God inspired the Bible, and he made this point very clear: we must repent or we will perish. This truth is made clear in Psalm 32. The writer says that as long as he remained silent about his sin he wasted away. It was only when he confessed his sin that restoration was possible. Peter tells the crowd at Pentecost that they must repent (Acts 2:38). Jesus says it twice in Luke 13. He says it in verse three and then repeats it in verse five. This is not an optional matter with Jesus.

Of course, it is an optional matter with plenty of people. Lots of folks will let us go on with sin and say nothing. Many Christians have found that they can do wrong and never admit it and still remain in fellowship with most "Christians." The sad truth is that churches conducted in this manner serve the purposes of Satan

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rather than the cause of Christ. Such easy terms of fellowship embolden people to continue in sin and so perish.

Baptism without repentance is a soapless bath. Restoration without admission of wrong is a human ceremony not recognized or approved in heaven. When a sinner seeks membership in the church without a willingness to admit sin, the church cannot accept them. It cannot, for the church that does so ceases to be Christ's church. The person too proud to admit sin is too proud to enter the presence of God (cf. 1 Pet 5:5). The church that welcomes such a person loses more than it gains.

Repentance is essential, both for conversion and for restoration.

Believe

"And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him" Hebrews 11:6.

No, the church secretary did not get the articles out of order. I am trying to cover the items of the 'five finger exercise' in this series of article. I chose to cover repentance before belief because the Bible puts them in that order, and because taking them in that order helps us to remember that, biblically speaking, belief is far more than mental assent.

Jesus did not say, "Believe and repent." He said, "Repent and believe" (Mk 1:15). No one can really believe until he turns from sin; for to believe, to really believe, means to obey. The Philippian Jailor was told to believe (Acts 16:31). He responded by washing the wounds of Paul and Silas, by being baptized, and by feeding Paul and Silas (33-34). Only then does the scripture say that he rejoiced with his house "having believed in God" (34). His belief was not one thing and his actions something else. Washing their wounds, accepting baptism, and feeding them was faith in action.

As mentioned in the first of this series, faith starts with hearing the word and it grows as we continue in the word. To continue in the word means to continue reading and hearing the word, of course, but it means more than this. We must put the word into action or our faith is *continued on page 8*

The Joy of the Lord is Your Strength

The USA Constitution considers "the pursuit of happiness" a self-evident truth. Yet, the pursuit of happiness is the unhappiest of all pursuits – because true, lasting happiness is illusive.

The theme of this article is joy, not happiness. Joy and happiness have little in common. Happy has the same root as happenstance, that which is not always under our control; happiness is what we experience during an act. Joy is what we experience after an act. Joy is a deeper, more abiding emotion. Going to a game, picnic or party are often happy experiences. They usually help us to forget our problems temporarily and relax. But they do not usually bring lasting joy because their positive effects usually end when the fun ends.

Hollywood stars often demonstrate that happiness has little to do with joy. These rich, popular individuals have many fancy cars, expensive homes, lavish parties and lifestyles – everything that the world considers as "happiness". Yet in memoir after memoir, these celebrities reveal the unhappiness hidden beneath all their "happy" lifestyle: addiction to drugs and alcohol, depression, broken marriages, troubled Richard Kruse

children and profound loneliness.

We can't always have what we want. Solomon wrote that obtaining it can be unfulfilling (Eccl 2:10, 11). Happiness is basically a fleeting feeling. Yet, by clinging to the belief that a pain-free, fun-filled life equals happiness actually lessens a person's chances of ever attaining real joy. Most things that lead to real joy include some discomfort or pain.

Many people avoid the very endeavours that are the source of genuine joy. They fear the physical, emotional or mental pain brought on by such things as marriage, raising children, professional achievement, religious activity, civic duty, charitable work or even some sports or hobbies, such as gardening. The true commitment that leads to joy often travels on a path through discomfort, pain or sorrow.

Joy, therefore, is not so much a feeling as a condition or state of being; it is the fulfillment of healthy desire. Why is it important? Because the "joy of the Lord is your strength". The Hebrew word for strength means "security" or "safeguard". Being filled with the joy of the Lord gives people strength to obey the Law; the joy is a protection against the judgments of the Law (Leviticus 26).

Nehemiah 8:1-12 provides insights on the joy of the Lord.

1. The Joy of the Lord is Rooted in Scripture. Neh 8:1-5

Ezra reads the Law, which would include at least parts of the first five books of the Bible, that instructed the Israelites on their relationship with God, how they were to conduct their personal lives and how to live in community. I've read that the Hebrew language is noted for having few words, yet has 27 words for joy and rejoicing. This is probably more than any other language. Joy was part of the total national and religious life of Israel, and was particularly expressed in terms of noisy, tumultuous excitement at festivals, sacrifices and coronations. Deuteronomy 12:7&12 have these words: "There, in the presence of the Lord your God, you and your families shall eat and shall rejoice in everything you have put your hand to, because the Lord your God has blessed you. And there rejoice before the Lord continued on page 9

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A Radical Restoration?

Wayne Turner



Ave you ever thought about the many different ways people use the word "church?" It can refer to a building or place of worship, a denomination, a religious institution, all denominations and religious bodies together, the universal body of Christ or a local congregation. People speak of "going to church" and "doing church." It can

be written as capital "C" Church or small "c" church. There are mega churches, multisite churches and house churches. Church can even be used as an adjective, as in referring to those who are "churched" or, more commonly, are "unchurched."

In recent years, we have seen the growing trend in Canada for people to see church as an archaic and irrelevant institution of the past. They have abandoned their traditional religious beliefs for either new religions or no beliefs at all. However, there are some people who, while leaving their old connections with "church," are seeking something more Biblical.

According to George Barna, noted American pollster, a "faith revolution is redefining 'church'." According to his research, over the past twenty years, traditional church participation (measured by attendance, Sunday school, prayer and Bible reading) has remained relatively unchanged. In his book, *Revolution*, Barna identifies a faith movement that involves over 20 million adults in the U.S. and is "reshaping the American faith community." He calls these people "revolutionaries."

What makes them revolutionary? While leaving their connections with traditional local churches, they are not abandoning their faith in God. They are not seeking less of God; they want more of Him than they see possible in their local church. They see a difference between the local church and what they see as the Church – the Biblical body of Christ. As Barna puts it, "instead of going to church, they have chosen to be the Church, in a way that harkens back to the Church detailed in the Book of Acts." These people are not seeking to disengage from God. Rather, they want a more meaningful, "robust faith experience."

There is not a single, clear expression of these interests and desires. Nor does there seem to be a consensus as to how these should be expressed. Barna notes that, as they turn away from the traditional local church, people are turning to "alternative forms of organized spirituality, as well as individualized faith experience and expression." This includes "involvement in a house church, participation in marketplace ministries, use of the internet ... and the development of unique and intense connections with other people who are deeply committed to their pursuit of God." Some may not leave their local churches, but will rather supplement that involvement with "faith-related efforts that have nothing to do with their local church." "Revolutionaries" are more serious about their faith and are dissatisfied with what their local church is delivering in terms of "resources, opportunities, evaluation and developmental possibilities."

At this point, most church leaders would ask why these people didn't make their needs known and try to help their local churches become more effective meeting those needs. They did, but became frustrated by their inability to introduce positive changes which would help them to become more effective and fruitful. Essentially, this movement is a reaction to the "lukewarm spirituality" and passivity that afflict most local churches of almost every religious type.

"The defining attribute of a Revolutionary is not whether they attend church, but whether they place God first in their lives and are willing to do whatever it takes to facilitate a deeper and growing relationship with Him and other believers." They are not content with a "lackluster church experience" or a "mediocre or unfulfilled spiritual life." They are seeking something that will enhance their zeal for Christ and "ignite ... a life of obedience and service."

It could be revealing to examine the Restoration Movement, as it has developed from its own radical roots. Over the past two centuries, the Restoration Movement has seemed to focus on the pattern of activity of the first-century church: the "Apostles' teaching and fellowship, breaking bread and prayer" of Acts 2. Many, if not most of us, have understood that merely restoring the forms and activities was not enough. We needed the faith, heart, love, courage and commitment of the early church as well. We need to keep reminding ourselves that it is not enough for us to be content with simply "going to church" – that passive, lukewarm spirituality is not New Testament Christianity – that a sleepy, comfortable, inactive church member or congregation does not glorify Christ, and that the zeal and committed discipleship and community of the first century church also needs to be restored in our lives.

These Revolutionaries may not yet have everything figured out about what it means to be the Church of Acts, as we understand it. However, they seem to be starting at the right place – putting their love for God and commitment to Christ first in their lives, even if it means disengaging from their past, traditional religious affiliations with local churches to pursue the faith, commitment, sacrifice, service and community of the New Testament church.

Is it possible that, at least with some of these Revolutionaries, we are seeing an attempt at a new, radical restoration of the New Testament Church? If so, will they see us as fellow Revolutionaries or as more like what they left – the local churches who somehow became bogged down and ineffective along the way?



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Godliness is a Choice

Goldiness does not just happen. One must make a choice and develop a proper mindset if true godliness is to be realized. For our encouragement there are examples in scripture of those who made godliness their choice.

Joshua, the second leader of Israel, was one of only two adults who left Egypt with Moses and entered the Promised Land. He was a godly leader and followed God in his leadership of Israel. Near the end of his days on earth, he gathered Israel together for a renewal of the Covenant at Shechem. He reminded them that God had made the descendents of Abraham into a great nation. (Joshua 24) He also reminded them of God's care for them, providing the things they needed while in the wilderness.

The blessing of God continued when they crossed the Jordan and fought against the people of Jericho and the Amorites, Perizzites, Canaanites, Hittites, Girgashites, Hivites and Jebusites. God blessed them with victory and Joshua reminded the nation that God, "...gave you a land on which you did not toil and cities you did not build; and you live in them and eat from vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant" (Joshua 24:13).

After speaking to the nation and reminding them of all these good things he makes one of the best known statements in scripture, "Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshipped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:14, 15).

Joshua is challenging them to make a choice regarding godliness. This was a decision they had to make for themselves individually since godliness is dependent upon personal response to God. In this context the statement made by the people is interesting. In reference to it one might be reminded of how easy it is to join a group in making a statement but how hard it is to sometimes live up to it in one's personal life. "Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us to forsake the Lord to serve other gods! It was the Lord our God himself who brought us and our fathers up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and preformed those great deeds before our eves...We too will serve the Lord, because he is our God'" (Joshua 24: 16,17a, 18b). A wonderful commitment though their history would tell us it was somewhat short lived!

The challenge of godliness faces one every day and total commitment is necessary to achieve it. Godliness requires that one submit to the direction of God daily. Far too many people appear to see "religion" as something

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The 11th chapter of Hebrews gives an impressive list of people who committed themselves to living this same kind of lifestyle. While the people listed in that chapter did not live without any sin in their life, they did make the commitment and worked at living godly each day. This was no easier for them than for us today because there was strong opposition to them by the evil influences of their day. Yet, they are remembered in that chapter because they overcame the influence of sin and followed the way God had planned for them.

Likewise, it is not much different for all who want to live godly today. Evil influences are at work to turn mankind from godliness to desiring the things that satisfy the flesh. The god of this world still offers his falsehoods and lies to bring men and women to godlessness rather than godliness.

The statement of Paul in Romans 12:17-21 gives insight on how to live a godly life. "Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: 'It is mine to avenge; I will repay,' says the Lord. On the contrary; 'If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

To live a godly life then one can begin with these principles. **1.** Commit himself to control his human reactions – evil for evil – by doing the godly thing – good. **2.** Personal examination must be done regularly so one will do things rightly before all. **3.** Godliness makes the effort to live at peace with everyone. **4.** Forgiveness, rather than revenge, will be the order of the day for the godly person.

And, finally, remember that God will strengthen the one who chooses godliness giving him strength to succeed.



Remembering

Lurned 50 this past September and have been marking my half century by remembering. Remembering how I grew up, remembering how the churches of my youth encouraged young people, the optimism that I encountered, the love that was evident. There were times when I thought that they were all crazy. I remember thinking that these people have no real training for this and the people in the community think that they are peculiar, well more than peculiar; the people think they are weird.

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Churches were planted across Canada and congregations were growing in ways that we find almost unbelievable today. All this by generations that were for the most part untrained, who by their own admission, at times, didn't really know what they were doing, and in communities that thought they were peculiar.

YES! I know they were not perfect, and yes I remember hearing of some of their early failures, and yes I got to witness first hand a few of them, and even participated in some in my younger years. In sharing my remembrances I have found that some of my contemporaries have very different memories of the same people, places and events. How could we have such different remembrances? Perhaps they are remembering the bad without the good and I am remembering the good without the bad. Perhaps what has happened in their lives between then and now has caused them to view those events in a mostly negative light. Might it be that in my old age I have grown sentimental for the simpler days of my youth? Those days were, of course, no simpler than today, but when viewed through the lens of time and viewed through the eyes of a younger person they appear simpler. I know my overly sentimental memories are not as accu-

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rate as recorded history, but neither are the overly critical memories of some of my contemporaries.

Remembering the past does not mean that we are going to be controlled by it. I am not suggesting that we blindly follow along in all that has been done in the past. If something isn't working perhaps we need to try something different, but if it isn't broke why fix it? I had a friend who owned a car that ran great; it was a muscle car in the days when muscle cars were really where it was at. He wasn't happy with his muscle car, so he started to tinker with it, and although he believed that his tinkering was actually helping his car to run better, the rest of us could tell that it was running worse. So ... he tinkered with it some more, and it ran even worse and so it went. He was giving a girl he knew a ride to church in his car. He hoped that this girl would be his girl friend. His car stalled and he couldn't get it to start. He tried everything he knew but nothing worked. They came in late for church after pushing his car off the road, she was not impressed! If

it ain't broke don't fix it!

By choosing not to remember the past we take a chance at repeating the mistakes of history rather than learning from them. By choosing not to remember the past we choose not to stand on the shoulders of past generations. We instead will make our own mistakes and learn our own lessons, thus condemning ourselves to going no further than past generations, and very likely not as far as past generations.

When all I can remember is positive I know that my memories are less than accurate. When all I can remember is negative I know that my memories are less than accurate. We will not be able to learn much from the past if our memories are overly positive or overly negative.

Please consider these memories that will never fail you...

Remember the body of Christ that was broken for you and the blood of Christ that was shed. When you celebrate the Lord's Supper you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (1 Corinthians 11:23-26) Jesus knew how important it was for us to remember, and how flawed our memories can be, so he gave us a physical weekly reminder of His body that was broken for us, and His blood that was shed for us.

Remember and be guided by the Lord's words as Paul was (Acts 20:34-36). It is so easy to forget Jesus words. We don't forget them all at once but little by little we do. It takes discipline and daily reading to remember those life-giving words that so bless our lives. Some choose to forget Christ's words, they choose to live counter to His teaching, and often blame Him for the results.

Remember the teachings that have been passed down to you, follow spiritual men and women as they follow the example of Christ. (1 Corinthians 11:1-3) Many of the great teachers of my youth had very little formal education; most had never been to high school. You see when they were young high school was considered advanced education and times were tough; most never went on to receive more education because they were needed on the farm, or they needed to get a job and contribute to the family's finances. They were, however, educated in the Word, some if it self taught and some of it was received as others shared what they had learned in their study. They didn't often miss an opportunity to hear someone preach or teach, not because they legalistically attended Worship Assemblies or Bible Classes, but because they hungered and thirsted for the Word. The teachers of my youth didn't know much about teaching except how important it was, so they did the best they could and I have come over the years to appreciate it more than words can express. I don't remember many of the lessons, to be truthful; I don't remember any of them. I do remember their lives and what an example they were to me as they lived what they taught. Yes, there was some hypocrisy, and a few who didn't live up to what they taught, but for the

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most part they remain, even today, fine examples to me.

Remember those who have put their faith in Christ and who love all the believers. (Ephesians 1:15-17) They are not perfect; they make mistakes just like you do. The fellowship of people of common purpose and common love will inspire you. Continue to give thanks for all that have put their faith in Christ and learn from your memories. They can make you stronger.

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Returning to Some Basics... continued from page 2 not a growing, saving faith.

There really is no such thing as "faith only." Wherever there is faith, something will always happen. Even a stunted, diabolical faith will at least produce trembling (James 2:19). Saving faith, biblical belief, is not a merely a mental process. It is a way of life.

We must hear, we must repent, we must believe.

Confess

"Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 10:32, KJV).

There is often a confusion when we talk about confession. We use the term for two different ideas. On the one hand we speak of confessing faith in Christ, as indicated in the passage above. On the other hand, the same word is used when we admit that we have sinned. As James says, "Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed" (James 5:17). When we repeat the words "hear, believe, repent, confess, be baptized" which kind of confession is in mind? I am not sure what others have in mind, but I would have to say that both confession of faith in Christ and confession of our sinfulness are required.

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We cannot be saved apart from confession of faith in Christ. That is the point Jesus is making in Matthew 10:32. Not only must we believe in him, as many other passages indicate, but we must be willing to say so.

Confession of faith in Christ is the primary confession of the Christian life but it is needed only because of our sinfulness. If we were not sinners we would not need to be saved. So the need to face the fact of our sinfulness is just as fundamental as the need to confess Christ. The one who denies sinfulness is, at best, self deceptive. As John reminds us, "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us" (1 John 1:8).

Both kinds of confession are needed. We cannot approach God in pride, claiming to be fine as we are. If we attempt this it will lead to serious problems in our lives (Psalm 32:3-5), to our still being sinful (John 9:41, in context), perhaps even to mental disturbance and an inability to think clearly (1 Cor 2:14). We cannot approach God on our own, but only through Christ Jesus.

When we truly hear the word, it produces faith in Christ and an awareness of our sinfulness. Both need to be confessed.

Be Baptized

I am sure that many of you have heard, or have asked, a question something like this, "What is the big deal about baptism? Why does the church of Christ put so much emphasis on it?"

We put an emphasis on baptism for several reasons.

1. The command to baptize comes from our Lord (Matt 28:19), and we take very seriously what he has commanded. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

2. Baptism focuses us on the death,

burial and resurrection of our Lord (Rom 6:3-4). "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."

3. Baptism places us in Christ (Gal 3:27). "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ."

4. Baptism is involved in removing our sins (Acts 2:38 & 22:16). "And Peter said to them, 'Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." "And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name."

5. Baptism saves us (1 Pet 3:21). "Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

I am sorry, I did not write the Bible. If I had written the Bible it might not say these things about baptism, but I did not write it, and it does say these things. In view of what the Bible says about baptism, the question ought not to be "Why do you emphasize it?" The question ought to be, "Why do so many who claim to be Bible believers delay submitting to the Lord in baptism?"

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your God, you, your sons and daughters, your menservants and maidservants, and the Levites from your towns, who have no allotment or inheritance of their own."

The Old Testament scriptures present many joyful occasions: Feasts and sacrifices (Deut 12:5-14; Psalm 126), as well as coronations (1 Kings 1:39-41). Spontaneous joy is pictured in the Psalms at Temple worship (Psalm 42:4; 81:1-4) and as individuals (Psalm 16:7-11; 43:4). Isaiah pictured the heavens and earth joyfully praising God. (Isaiah 49:13; 61:10-13).

It is in the scriptures that we learn about God and what he desires for his children. According to the scriptures, "The prospect of the righteous is joy, but the hopes of the wicked come to nothing" (Proverbs 10:28). The scriptures reveal God's great grace, a source of eternal rejoicing.

2. The Joy of the Lord is Based on Reverence for God. Neh 8:6.

The raising of hands was a sign of dependence on God; bowing down was a sign of deep respect (Neh 8:6). The Psalmist declared in 34:1-4, "I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. My soul will boast in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together. I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears".

The pursuit of happiness can be futile and idolatrous. But the pursuit of God is a pursuit of joy. To discover joy, we must abandon the search for joy itself and go looking instead for the ONE who is himself joy. Was Martin Luther correct when he suggested that the reason only a few arrive at spiritual joy was because most do not seek God?

Obedience leads to joy because it keeps before our eyes our best and most beloved friend, the one who showed his love for us by laying down his life (Jn 15:13). There is a true relationship between joy and our walk with God. "Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight." (Psalm 119:35).

Hebrew religious ritual proclaims God as the source of joy. In contrast to the rituals of other faiths in the East, Israelite worship was essentially a joyous proclamation and celebration.

Pure joy is joy in God as both its source and object. It is like a circle: God gives joy to us and we return it to God.

3. The Joy of the Lord Produces Sorrow for Sin. Neh 8:9.

The Psalmist sang: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have got understanding" (Psalm 111:10). Consider two different kinds of fear: **Ordinary fear.** In the beginning the threat of punishment leads to obedience (Deut 28:15-68). Moses motivated the Israelites to obey the law by threatening curses if they did not obey. **Perfect fear.** Isaiah (11:3) said that the Messiah, "will delight in the fear of the Lord". Perfect love (fear) drives out the ordinary fear (1 John 4:18). Perfect fear is the desire to follow God's will because it means being with God; fear of falling away from that relationship.

Obedience has different stages: Some are like slaves who fear punishment. Others are like wage earners, who value gifts rather than the giver. They seek personal rewards. Then there are the friends of God who obey because they love God and know he loves them.

"Blessed are those who mourn – they shall be comforted" (Matthew 5:4). They can rejoice because, according to the Psalmist, "he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us." (Psalm 103:10-11).

4. The Joy of the Lord is Experienced in a Community of Believers. Neh 8:10-12. (12:43-47)

The Israelites were to identify themselves with other believers - the people of God, joyfully assisting those in need. The joy of the Lord springs from God, and has God for its object. There was nothing in the character of Baal, Zeus or any pretend gods of the ancient middle east to make glad a pure spirit and heart. Joy is not simply an emotion; it is a quality, grounded upon God himself and indeed coming from him (Psalm 16:11).

In Romans 15 Paul was writing about believers relating to one another; accepting one another. In that context he wrote: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit" (verse 13).

Every believer is called upon to share the joy of Christ by a daily walk with him and a

daily practice of rejoicing in the knowledge of him and his salvation (1 Thess 5:16; Phil 3:1, 4:4; 1 Pet 1:8). He also anticipates the joy of being with Christ forever in the kingdom of heaven Rev 19:7.

Believers who are spiritually healthy rejoice mainly in God himself. They rejoice because there is a God and because of his characteristics. We can say: his power, my protection; his wisdom, my guidance; his faithfulness, my foundation; His grace, my salvation.

Understanding and accepting that true joy has little or nothing to do with happiness is one of the most liberating and practical realizations we can achieve. The joy of the Lord liberates us from envy: we realize that all "the rich and famous", who people were so sure are happy because they are always having so much fun, actually may not have much real joy after all. It liberates us financially: purchasing a new car or fancy clothes that will do nothing to increase our happiness now seems pointless. The joy of the Lord can guide our use of the resources in our possessions for the glory and praise to God. It liberates our time: now we can devote more hours to activities that can genuinely increase our joy in service to others.

The joy of the Lord will safeguard our hearts and give us strength to obey joyfully the will of the Lord, since the joy is produced by the Lord and not by ourselves.

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ONTARIO

Beamsville: A new ladies' study - taught by Jan Taylor - on "The Names of God" has begun. The congregation welcomed John and Glynnis Fleming to its fellowship. On September 28 a seminar, "Drugs: What Your Kids Should Know," was taught by Dr. Wayne Hindmarch, Dean and Professor of Pharmacy at University of the Toronto and attended by members of the congregation and GLCC students. On October 8, Art and Val Fleming were hon-

oured as they celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary.

Bramalea: On October 2, Deivaldi Ramotar and her family hosted a Thanksgiving service. This included singing, prayers, a lesson and delicious food. Over 70 people attended. On October 10, Canadian Thanksgiving was enjoyed at the home of Evan and Debbie Whittington with 37 members and visitors attending.

Brantford: A congregational meeting and potluck meal was planned for September 11. A fall meeting with Steve and Phyllis May is scheduled for November 4, 5, and 6. Sister Viola Jones passed away on Monday, September 19.

Grimsby: Jeff Cobb is overseas for military duty. He can be reached by email at Jeffreycobb@auab.aorcentaf. af.mil. The ladies' study nights have begun again after completing the book: "A Woman of Confidence." On September 11. \$445 from the regular contribution was donated to the Katrina Victims' Relief Fund.

Guelph: The congregation is praying for growth spiritually and physically, and for its ongoing search for support.

Kingston: Another Queen's student is worshipping with the congregation. The members have begun studying the book of Acts in the Sunday a.m. Bible class.

Meaford: Barbara Harvey (from the Vandeleur congregation), Tanya Bowins, and Tammy Galbraith were recently baptized. The congregation held a successful "Serving and Saving" workshop with Jerry Tallman of Rochester, Michigan, September 11-14. The first annual young adult retreat took place September 13-14. On September 22, the congregation hosted an Alzheimer Community Coffee Break at which \$134 was raised for the Alzheimer Society of Grey-Bruce. The ladies had their annual garden party at Doris Breadner's on September 24, with Doris' daughter, Bonnie Cox, of Lansdowne House as guest speaker. Georgian Bay WAVES had their annual Harvest Craft Show roast beef dinner on October 1 and raised \$1600 for Great Lakes Christian College. The "Fish Fry for Cuba" was planned for October 21 with proceeds going to Cuban missions. Presently, the congregation is collecting socks and mitts to be sent to the First Nations' people of Lansdowne House.

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Meaford is planning for a Youth Rally to be held February 17 - 19, 2006. Watch the December and January issues of the Gospel Herald for more information.

Thessalon: On Oct 9. Shane MacFarlane was baptized. It sure was a special Thanksgiving for the congregation. Max Craddock from Toronto preached in a gospel meeting on the them of Grace, September 22 - 25.

Tintern: Aidyn Dyck was baptized on September 19. On October 2, the congregation conducted a special event called: "A Celebration of Thanks." There were 191 individuals, members as well as a large number of guests, who attended the worship, followed by a traditional Thanksgiving meal.

Toronto (Strathmore): Planning has begun on Vision Canada 2007 which will be hosted by the Strathmore congregation, June 26 - 29, 2007, on the campus of Great Lakes Christian College. More details to follow soon. Sister Annalie Acosta has joined the family at Strathmore. She and her family have recently moved from Ottawa. Marlon Molina has been hired to work part time with Max in various aspects of the Strathmore ministry. Several of the men of the congregation are doing most of the

Sunday evening preaching.

Vandeleur: The congregation rejoiced over the recent baptism of Barbara Harvey, who had been attending ladies' class and services there for quite some time.

Waterloo: The Saturday quilting class is scheduled to begin again this fall. On October 15, a special collection was planned for the campus ministry. As many as 50 college students attend the Wednesday p.m. meal and college Bible class.

Windsor: The congregation's two-week collection for hurricane relief totalled \$3,500 US. This was taken to a special meeting for Detroit area churches and the total of all congregations was \$17,000 for "God's Helping Hands" and \$89,000 for the Churches of Christ Disaster Relief. Wednesday night adult classes recently began a series focusing on the life of the apostle Peter. On November 25 and 26, the church's annual clothing giveaway is planned.





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(The help of Barbara Lewis in gathering news is appreciated.)

ALBERTA

Edmonton: Recently several families of Christians moved here and identified with us in fellowship. The horrors of African refugee camps became very real to us when one such Christian arrived in Edmonton from Guinea. His mother had died in a camp after trying to keep her family together. His wife, whom he found in the camp struggling to look after her two small children, had lost her parents in war. We have helped them furnish an apartment as they try to settle into Canadian life. Kim Young returned to Edmonton from Korea after working there a year and is setting up a new business in

the city. About fifty members of the congregation enjoyed "family \ddagger " with pictures and reports on the situation in the churches there. camp", Sept. 16-18, at Ross Haven (a lakeside camp just outside Edmonton). We learned good ideas from Lloyd Deal of Edmond OK who taught a Personal Evangelism Workshop on Thanksgiving weekend. September marked the onevear countdown to the start of the new congregation the Edmonton church will begin in the southern part of the city. A team of 40-50 people are preparing themselves for this task, and praying for God's wisdom and help. Meanwhile, the church is continuing to search for an evangelist to replace David Friesen who left Edmonton in the summer to prepare for mission work in Australia. (Submitted by Tim Johnson)

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Central Valley (Abbotsford): A couple of weeks later than planned, Sept. 29, saw John and Willodene Wedler, Norm and Jen Weir on their way north again for a little over two weeks' stay in the villages of Fort Ware and Tsay Key.

worship with the few Fort Ware Christians on Sunday. The delay in leaving was at the request of the schools, which begin the year with an "outdoor" school for a full week. The children are divided into groups. With parents and teachers as leaders, they go into the forests to set up hunting-type tents (with wood stoves in them) in order to find out how their ancestors lived. Those who go hunting (it is deer and moose season) learn to cut up the meat and smoke it, and how to tan the hides. Others are taught to use canoes, fish and to dry their catch. All find out about the flora and fauna in their habitat, as they are taught to make bannock and dry berries. They learn beading and other native crafts, as well as more of their original language. Both teachers and parents do a lot of preparation for this week, as it is considered school time. Before leaving, Norm made the Keymobile more dustproof, as this was a major problem on the June trip. A number of baby guilts made by Burnaby ladies last spring were especially welcome since there were so many expectant mothers in both places.

Burnaby: ACU Bible professor Randy Harris spoke at both Sunday services on Sept. 18 after conducting a Young Adults retreat during the previous weekend. It is called "Ignite" from the scripture in 2

Administrative Officer

The Dauphin Church of Christ is seeking applications for the position of administrative officer for Parkland Crossing. A ministry project of the Dauphin Church, Parkland Crossing is a community service and affordable housing option for the Parkland area of Manitoba. It is located in the former Western Christian College facility purchased by the Dauphin Church of Christ. The administrator position will be responsible for the overall operation of the facility.

Approximately 80,000 square feet currently houses the Dauphin and District food bank, a clothing give-away area, a catering service, meeting rooms, a gymnasium, sixteen apartments/house rental units, and is home to the Dauphin Church of Christ. The opportunities for development are open to the imagination. Applicants need strong organizational and motivational skills, the ability to work with all levels of government and funding organizations and knowledge of non-profit, volunteer based operations.

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- a strong commitment to Christianity and service
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is found. Salary is dependant upon experience.

They planned to arrive in time to

Tim. 1:6a. For the second year this was an opportunity for young adults, ages 18 to 25, as well as mature high school students in grades 11 and 12, to get away from the daily grind of work and school to a quiet, peaceful place. "Ignite" was designed to remove everyday distractions to enable all present to give Jesus their undivided attention and receive the blessings of His undivided attention. Kalahan Kuc Kob, a political refugee from Sudan, gave the closing speech in a Sudanese tribute to commemorate the life and contributions of Dr. John Garang De Mabior, who was killed in a helicopter crash on July 30, having been in office as president of Southern Sudan only three weeks. Dr. Garang is credited with saving the unity of his country after 22 years of bitter civil war, which saw millions killed or driven from their homeland as refugees to other countries. He kept alive the possibility of a United Sudan brought about by political settlement rather than conflict, and achieved this goal with the help of President Jimmy Carter in 2001. Several hundred Sudanese people in the Vancouver area came together for the Memorial Service on Sept. 10, which was sponsored by the South Sudanese Association of British Columbia. Erol and Debrah Dogan are returning from their three month's stay in Israel on Nov. 17

with pictures and reports on the

City Church (E. Vanc): "Our son, Stephen Jr., is now seeking full support to work with the City church of Christ. Stephen has been pursuing coursework in classical studies at UBC to better prepare him for the background of the New Testament and wants to be full-time by May of 2006. The City church, while small and barely able to pay the rent for a room at a community centre, has agreed to help Stephen next year with a small amount of support. The Lord told his disciples to pray for workers. We have. In I Corinthians we are told that the worker is worthy of his wages. We understand that. So now we are asking God to supply Stephen's needs so that he and his wife, Christina, can compliment the teamwork here. They have already proven themselves by teaching the Saturday night Bible class and Stephen takes the lion's share of the preaching on Sundays. If you know of a congregation that is looking for a field to work in, please mention Stephen to them.

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The South Pacific: A Bible school, "The Christian Institute of Biblical Studies - Fiji", is being established to provide Englishspeaking Christians in the Oceania region of the South Pacific with Biblical studies to equip them to go into the far reaches of the South Pacific which has a combined population of some 30 million people speaking over 1,000 different languages. At present there are fewer than 20 missionary families serving in this region, spanning 50 million square miles. Providing Biblical training to foreign nationals will allow the kingdom to multiply itself many times over into language groups and countries where we presently have little or no work going on and/or where there are small groups of struggling Christians. A board for the Institute will include brethren from PNG, Fiji, Vanuatu and American Samoa. Fiji is located in the hub of the Oceania region. Its location will allow the Institute to be

unique, as it will be situated among the customs, cultures and climate of the students' respective island nations. By allowing a minimum alteration of their life styles, they will have a minimum of stress when they return from their studies to their island nation of citizenship. Plans call for the school to be operational and open to the first students in Feb. 2007, and to be self-supporting in five years. Our hope is to have a campus of 10+ acres in order to grow cash crops. There is a need for financial help in the initial building and starting stage (upwards to \$225,000 U. S.). Also needed is a sponsor and monthly support for the school (\$3,500) and a sponsor and support for Tobey and Kathy Huff, who have over 27 years of active missionary work in this area and are heading up this unique challenge. Their present address is: 4835 S. Jackson, Joplin MO 64804 Ph/Fax: (417) 206-0264 Cell (471) 540-0642. - (From a report by Tobey Huff who recently returned from a trip to the South Pacific to check out the feasibility of starting the school at this time.)

International Bible Correspondence School: After much research, writing and suggestions, a study in the Book of James has been completed. Its major aim is to help students become more spiritually mature. Richard Kruse states that in some ways this is the most challenging study offered. "First of all, our students use English as their second or third language, providing them with a challenge in answering discussion questions. Secondly, they are challenged to apply the lessons in order to answer the questions." The studies come under five headings: "Knowing God", "Believers in Jesus As Lord", "Teachers", "God or Me", and "Justice". Each helps the student grow toward spiritual maturity by studying the article, as well as the words and thoughts on a number of different subjects suggested in each lesson.

India: A few years ago, India Missions began a project to help Christian young people from poor Indian families get a college education or some type of skill training. It was funded by a foundation which contributed \$12 to \$13,000 each year. Because of the sudden stock market drop after 9-11, the funding stopped completely. This year



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a total of 48 students have applied for financial help for college education. While four did not indicate how much help they needed, the other 44 can be sent to school this year for \$12,504 (U.S.) Our colleges and universities cost twice that amount for just one student! By giving this kind of help to today's youth in this country, they will become the financial backbone of the church in India tomorrow. Some of those who have already graduated are now lab technicians. computer operators, schoolteachers, etc. If you can help, please earmark your checque "Educational Fund" and mail to Church of Christ India Missions, P. O. Box 1448, Hamilton, AL. 35570, U.S.A., OR, to Central Church of Christ, P. O. BOX 178, Cleburne, TX. 76033, U.S.A.

Papua New Guinea: The PNG Mission Forum hosted by the Pleasant Valley church in Little Rock, AR. on Oct. 28-29, featured reports from a number of current ministries. The speakers included Jason and Sheryl Moriarty (Calgary), Velma Forman (Abbotsford, B. C.), Rose Cobb, (TX), Jab Mesa (Principal of Melanesian Bible College), Fred and Sandy Burrows, Andy and Catherine Scott (Scotland), and recent visitors and future missionaries. Joe Cannon, who, with his wife, Rosabelle,

originally started the mission work in this island, gave a talk on "Interview and Stories". Jab Mesa told about the future plans for the college in Lae, and Andy Masters, with Wayne Simpson of Memphis, compared the work in Africa with that in PNG. "Prayer in Missions" was the theme of a talk by Larry McKenzie from the Highland Street church in Memphis. The theme of World Missions was continued by the Pleasant Valley church over Sunday.

Japan. Sendia: Joel Osborne visited family and friends in North America from October 1-17. He also attended his 10-year high school reunion at Great Lakes Christian College. Jon and Michiko Straker were in North America in September and October. Jon performed Pam Keesee's wedding on September 24 and was one of the keynote speakers at the Harding University World Mission Workshop in Arkansas. Team activities include: LST follow-up classes; Hachinohe monthly trip to train members in LST followup, discipleship, and outreach; Children's/Women's Ministry; "Bn'B – Bento & Benkyo" (Supper and Study); Teaching English to volunteer tour guides at the International Center; and a new opportunity - a monthly Bible lesson at a Christian kindergarten (Joel). Note: Ben Berry's September report contains a day-byday schedule answering the question: "What Do You Do?" An excerpt states: "Almost every day starts with what I like to call 'TAWG,' meaning 'Time Alone With God' – a time of prayer, Bible reading, and reflection." If you wish to receive a copy of Ben's report, contact the Bramalea church. Special Prayer Requests: • Brother and Sister Hosoi, who continue to grieve over the death of their daughter, Megumi. LST follow-up. Several Bible classes have begun as a result of this summer's LST project and the York College choir tour. • Sendai church. The absence of several people has left gaps and heavier responsibility on local members and the team. • Ongoing Sendai preacher search. To receive information or reports, contact Bramalea Church of Christ - 905-792-2297, or bramaleacofc@bellnet.ca; Joel Osborne - joelosborne@vahoo.com; Jonathan and Michiko Straker - jstrake@yahoo.com.

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November 2005						
1	Tuesday	Jeremiah	24-26	Matthew	20:17-34	
2	Wednesday	Jeremiah	27-29	Matthew	21:1-22	
3	Thursday	Jeremiah	30-31	Matthew	21:23-46	
4	Friday	Jeremiah	32-33	Matthew	22:1-22	
5	Saturday	Jeremiah	34-36	Matthew	22:23-46	
6	Sunday	Jeremiah	37-39	Matthew	23:1-22	
7	Monday	Jeremiah	40-42	Matthew	23:23-39	
8	Tuesday	Jeremiah	43-45	Matthew	24:1-28	
9	Wednesday	Jeremiah	46-47	Matthew	24:29-51	
10	Thursday	Jeremiah	48-49	Matthew	25:1-30	
11	Friday	Jeremiah	50	Matthew	25:31-46	
12	Saturday	Jeremiah	51-52	Matthew	26:1-25	
13	Sunday	Lamentations	1-2	Matthew	26:26-50	
14	Monday	Lamentations	3-5	Matthew	26:51-75	
15	Tuesday	Ezekiel	1-2	Matthew	27:1-26	
16	Wednesday	Ezekiel	3-4	Matthew	27:27-50	
17	Thursday	Ezekiel	5-7	Matthew	27:51-66	
18	Friday	Ezekiel	8-10	Matthew	28	
19	Saturday	Ezekiel	11-13	James	1	
20	Sunday	Ezekiel	14-15	James	2	
21	Monday	Ezekiel	16-17	James	3	
22	Tuesday	Ezekiel	18-19	James	4	
23	Wednesday	Ezekiel	20-21	James	5	
24	Thursday	Ezekiel	22-23	l Peter	1	
25	Friday	Ezekiel	24-26	l Peter	2	
26	Saturday	Ezekiel	27-29	l Peter	3	
27	Sunday	Ezekiel	30-32	l Peter	4	
28	Monday	Ezekiel	33-34	l Peter	5	
29	Tuesday	Ezekiel	35-36	II Peter	1	
30	Wednesday	Ezekiel	37-39	II Peter	2	

Please help the Sendai team in God's work to make

The Land of the Rising Sun A Land of the Risen Son

Joel Osborne and Jonathan Straker are still in need of support for the mission work in Sendai, Japan. If you would like to find out more about this work and how you can help, you can check out their website at www.sendaimissions.com or contact the

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True story about some people I recently met

(Editor's note: The article below has been circulated on the internet and posted on several web pages. Mike Dowdy wrote it two days after meeting Joe and Anna and sent it to a handful of close friends and relatives. Mike has given us permission to print this and provided a copy of the original item as he wrote it. While we do not know what, if any, religious affiliation he has, (or his subjects), this article is a practical lesson about the power of faith.)

Just returned from New Jersey. While en route there, I was stuck in traffic on Interstate 81, just below the Virginia state line, (Bristol, Tennessee), due to a traffic accident with a fatality involved. This accident involved a tanker truck hauling a hazardous material load that developed a leak, which meant that we weren't going anywhere for several hours.

After being told by the Tennessee state troopers that we would be sitting still until the clean-up was completed, I set my brakes on the truck and got out to stretch my legs. Other truck drivers did the same, and at one point there were 5 of us standing there by my truck, complaining.

Sitting right beside me in the left lane, were two elderly people in a Silverado pickup truck, which was loaded quite well. The man, (Joe), lowered his window and asked what was going on regarding the traffic situation. Soon we were all talking with this couple. I mentioned that if I had known about this, I would have bought something to drink, (water), for I was becoming thirsty. The lady, (Anna), said that they had plenty of water, and sodas in the cooler in the bed of the truck, and offered everyone Mike Dowdy

present something. While she was back there, she said that she had plenty of tuna salad made up, and asked if we would be interested in a sandwich.

After some urging from Joe, we agreed to a sandwich. While Anna was making the sandwiches on the tailgate of the truck, she was singing like a songbird. To be close to 70, (I guess), she had a remarkable voice.

When she finished making the sandwiches, and putting everything up, Joe raised the tailgate of the truck to close it. I noticed a Mississippi license plate on it. I inquired as to what part of Mississippi they were from. Joe said Biloxi. Knowing that Biloxi had been ravaged also by hurricane Katrina, I asked if they sustained any damage. Joe said that they lost everything but what they had on and what was in the pickup. All of us drivers tried unsuccessfully to pay them for their drinks and the sandwiches. They would have nothing to do with it.

Joe said that their son was living around Harrisonburg, Virginia, and that they were going there. He was in the real estate business and that there was a home that became open, and that they were going to start all over there. Starting over at their age would not be easy.

I will soon be 48 years old, and I have to say that I have never fefore eaten a tuna sandwich with side orders of reality and humility. These people lost everything except the pictures, important documents, and some clothes. Joe had managed to get their antique heirloom grandfathers clock into the bed of the truck and Anna got her china and silverware, but that was all. These wonderful people lost practically everything they owned and still would not accept any money for their food and drinks. Joe said that "it was better to give than it is to receive."

They sought refuge behind a block wall that he had built years ago, and they watched their belongings and their home disappear in the winds of Hurricane Katrina. Joe said that during all this he had one hand holding onto Anna and the other holding on to God. Their truck and themselves came out of Katrina unscathed.

As I stated before, Anna was singing a song while making the sandwiches. The song is titled "I know who holds tomorrow," an old gospel song. She knew every word, and was quite a gifted singer of it. Have you ever heard it? The chorus of this song is, "Many things, about tomorrow, I don't seem to understand. But I know who holds tomorrow, and I know who holds my hand." There is no doubt, in my mind, who was holding both of their hands.

I know there have been many, many emails that have circulated over the years about things that will touch your heart, but this one I personally was involved in. Forget all of the politics that the news is striving on, and think about people just like Joe and Anna. If you can, help out with the victims relief funds. If you cannot, at least offer a prayer for everyone.

Do what you wish with this email, forward it, delete it, what ever. I know that these two elderly people got to this old boy. I will always remember them. Joe and Anna, if by some strange way you, or someone you know gets this, and shows it to you, God Bless you!

Hartselle, Alabama



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He can be contacted by e-mail at jrhasbrouck@telus.net. Stephen represents the third generation of preachers on both his mother's and father's sides of the family. Currently I am helping a mother with her English so that she might pass the TOEFL test for entrance into university in Canada. She told me, "When I first started studying with you, I felt it was impossible for there to be a God. But now, after studying for almost a year, I think it is possible for there to be a God. Maybe I will believe one day." That summarizes what we are doing. We are doing what I like to term "raw evangelism." This is not your "take John out of his denomination and get him into the truth" kind of work. This is taking a person out of atheism or agnosticism and helping him come to the point where he believes that God really exists. This work is hard and time consuming (not that the other isn't!). Frustration can build because results are not fast. But with a world that is increasingly hostile to Jesus Christ, unless this kind of basic evangelism is done, the future of the church looks very precarious. God will always have his people. But will we be part of what it takes for Him to have those people? I want to be a doer, not a watcher."-Part of a report from Steve Hasbrouck

Vancouver (Oakridge): Oakridge celebrated Laura Sigurdson's 90th birthday with a potluck dinner crowned by a big birthday cake at the close of their worship period on Sept. 25. Laura has been a faithful member for as long as the Oakridge building has been standing. She followed her boyfriend, Oscar, from Manitoba to Vancouver, where they were married a short time later. Laura was baptized by Claire Marshall in 1959 following a year of Bible study in a class for ladies that he was conducting in a home in her neighbourhood. Laura still drives her own car, and seldom misses a service. She actually achieved that 90 years on Sept. 29.

MANITOBA

Carman: It is wonderful to report the baptism of three more precious souls recently. Alice Wiebe, mother of Gwen Morgan, August 14, Allyson Davis and her son Adam on August 31. The two senior adult classes have been combined for a joint study of the book of Hebrews; Dale Elford will be the teacher. (as reported by: Don Jefkins)

Winnipeg (Central): A Prayer Sisters group has formed to strengthen and encourage one another through prayer. The Annual Clothing Giveaway was mentioned in columns/articles in the Free Press, Sun and the community newspapers (Metro One, Lance, etc). Without any request for help, a number of people from the community called, emailed or came by the building to say, "I really like what you are doing. Can I donate as well?" In the past, in our best year, there were about 150 people in the four hour period. At one point, an estimated 4-500 people were there at one time. About 1,000 bags with flyers were given away. 300 mini-donuts, 150 cups of coffee, 120 cans of Pepsi and Seven-Up, 216 bottles of water, over 400 servings of soup and about 12 gallons of McDonald's orange drink were served. Over 75 people were involved in helping with the give away. Sobey's-Unicity, McDonald's, Pepsi, Graham's Ponies, and Funquest Amusements donated generously. John Muller was added to the eldership and Dwaine Gauthier, Charles Johnson, Scott Johnson, Billy Leung and Richard Wiebe were appointed to serve the congregation as deacons.



Employment Opportunity—Business Administrator We are seeking an enthusiastic, analytical, and assertive individual to serve as a member of our leadership team acting as the Chief Financial Officer for the **Great Lakes Christian College** and **Great Lakes Bible College.**

The successful candidate will...

- Be a member of the leadership team
- Develop the annual budget for all funds operated by the schoolsPrepare accurate and timely financial statements and forecasts
- for senior management and the Boards Prepare year-end audit schedules and act as liaison with
- Prepare year-end audit schedules and act as liaison with external auditors
- Monitor all financial transactions to ensure accuracy and adherence to school budget
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- Serve as the Health Plan Administrator
- Process Payroll
- Supervise, train, and motivate staff

Qualifications

- Preference will be given to individuals with a background in finance and/or accounting
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The Rewards

- A challenging and creative atmosphere
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Please send your resume and cover letter to Art Ford, President at: Great Lakes Christian College 4875 King Street, Beamsville, ON L0R 1B6 Fax: (905) 563-0818 E-mail: <u>aford@glcc.on.ca</u> Phone: (905) 563-5374 x.211

Please consider joining an organization dedicated to offering an educational program centred in the person and principles of Jesus Christ.

Please note that only qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview.



So, You Want To Be Like Christ, Eight Essentials to Get You There, by Charles Swindoll, W Publishing Group, Thomas Nelson, 192 pages, \$24.99.

Here is another wonderful book by the prolific author, Charles Swindoll. Like "Ol Man River" he just keeps rolling along. Recently we reviewed his great book, "Getting Through the Tough Stuff." Now he has given us another tremendous book. In it he gives us eight essential disciplines for living the Christian life. These disciplines will cause our relationship with Christ to flourish as in a beautiful orchard of fruit.

The author quotes the great words of Paul to Timothy, "Discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness" (1 Timothy 4:7). The word "discipline" reminds the author of "those gruelling days in boot camp that he endured after joining the U.S. Marine Corps."

He urges us to compare ourselves to Christ instead of to others." Keep Jesus as your standard. All other human examples are driven by a survival instinct, an internal compulsion to preserve and nurture self. Only Christ modeled godly selflessness throughout His entire life. While others seek to preserve their own lives, He came to lay His down. Many great thoughts are presented on the theme of prayer. He quotes another who says, "It's not a question of changing God's mind or exercising some magical influence or spell." We must make prayer a priority in our lives.

A very frank discussion is presented regarding the problem of lust. This is one of the greatest challenges faced by men. To deal with this problem he presents "Five Steps to Living Above the Flesh."

Do you think you are sacrificing a lot for the Lord? Consider the sacrifice of five young Christian men who were murdered by Auca Indians in the Ecuadorian jungle. That story coupled with this book can change your life.

The Book That Breathes New Life: Scriptural Authority and Biblical Theology. By Walter Brueggemann. Fortress Press: Minneapolis, 2005. 228 pages. \$35.00 (US).

This book consists of past articles Brueggemann has written in various scholarly journals. These articles have been collected and divided up into three sections: (1) Biblical Authority, (2) Old Testament Theology in the Twentieth Century, and (3) A Conversation with Other Theologians. The first section is suitable for those who desire to learn how scripture is authoritative, while sections two and three have been written for those who have had some sort of theological training.

Brueggemann raises the question about how scripture is authoritative? Scripture is the living word of God that calls the church to live alternatively in the world. When the church begins to live scripture then we know and understand that scripture is authoritative in our lives. Scripture must have a claim upon our lives.

Included in section one is excellent scholarly work of how scripture is read in a modern context as well as a postmodern context and how these two contexts influence our reading of scripture. – Reviewed by Nathan Pickard

Experiencing the Passion of Christ, by John Macarthur, 140 large pages (10 inches by 13 inches), \$25.99 (Cdn)

The author describes our present situation "Recent years have seen an unprecedented interest in the inner workings of our society's criminal justice system. Nearly every week, it seems some new, gross miscarriage of justice on 20/20, 60 minutes, 48 hours, or similar network news magazine programs is seen."

Yet, though Jesus was the only sinless individual who ever lived he had to suffer the most heinous death of anyone who ever lived. This book goes over the story of His passion in a most gripping fashion. Reading and meditating on this book will totally change your life. Preachers and teachers will find help in influencing their listeners to make great changes in their lives.



On the Vision Network Friday mornings at 8:30 am (ET) and the Christian Channel

Wednesday mornings at 7:30 am (ET)

website: keytothekingdom.ca



The program is being produced in Toronto and the speaker is Max Craddock.

Vision TV has launched the first digital Christian Television Network and is carrying the program on this additional venue at

no extra cost until January 26, 2006. The new channel will reach a potential 1,000,000 homes initially.

We pray God will bless the continued outreach of Key.

Your support is needed to carry on this work. Please contact us with questions or comments.

(Questions and/or support can be sent to Elders, Strathmore Blvd. Church of Christ, 346 Strathmore Blvd., Toronto, ON M4C 1N3 • phone: 416-461-7406 • e-mail maxc@strathmorecofc.ca)



Coach, Norman Kitson

Norman Coach passed away peacefully at the Georgian Heights Nursing Home in Owen Sound on September 16, 2005, at the age of 81. He was the beloved husband of the former Rose McIntosh.

Norm was born in Virden, Manitoba on January 4, 1924. He met Rose in Barrie while stationed at Camp Borden near Angus. Previously he had enlisted in the army during WWII in Winnipeg. They were married on November 26, 1943 in Virden, Manitoba and later were blessed by God with two sons, Raymond and Ron. Norm first worked at a furniture factory in Southampton for two to three years then he moved to Owen Sound where he delivered gas to customers in rural areas. He did this for approximately eight to ten years. Then he worked for a trucking company for a short while and later owned and operated Grey-Bruce Heating until his retirement.

About thirty years ago Norm was baptized into Christ by Stuart Bailey and has been a faithful member of the church in Owen Sound ever since. During that time he often lead singing, passed emblems during communion and lead the hearts of brethren in many prayers. He was a very kind and honest man. Norm was the church mechanic and often serviced many cars and furnaces of church members at no cost because he felt that that was what good neighbors were for.

Norm is survived by his beloved wife, the former Rose McIntosh, his two sons Raymond and his friend Marilyn, of Meaford and Ron and his wife Mary-Anne, of Owen Sound. He is lovingly remembered by his three grandchildren, Della, Ted and Rick and their families as well as by ten great-grandchildren. He is the dear brother of Gus and his wife Joyce, of Vancouver and dear brother-in-law of Lloyd McIntosh and his wife Joan, of Newmarket, Len Callan, of Vancouver and Ruth Perkins, of Woodstock. Norm is also survived by several nephews and nieces and is predeceased by his two sisters, Hilda and Fran.

Funeral services were conducted at the Downs and Son funeral home in Hepworth on September 19, 2005, with the internment being at Boyd Cemetery in Shallow Lake, Ontario. Memorial contributions to the Ontario Heart & Stroke Foundation would be appreciated as your expression of sympathy.

His two favorite hymns were "My Faith Look Up To Thee" and "It Is Well With My Soul." Certainly his faith in God's Grace has made it well with his soul. Always remembered and deeply missed.

Brian Thompson

McLeod, Mary Elizabeth

Mary was born December 26, 1913 in Toronto in an area called the Town of Weston. She was the oldest of 5 children Mary Edith, Harold, Norma and Madeline. She was predeceased by her siblings and parents William Stewart Clegg and Beatrice May Clegg.

She met an aspiring young athlete, Robert Alexander McLeod, who won the British Empire cycling event in 1934 and the Olympic Cycling event 1936. They were married in Feb. 1935 and had 3 children, Wesley, Robert Jr., and Lynda. They moved to North York in 1950 where the family built their own home. Mary was widowed July 3, 1958, when Robert died from a second brain tumour operation. She was totally devastated.

She became a Christian in the early 1960's. Mary had 8 grandchildren Cameron, Andrew, Clayton, Rilla, Susan, Jim, Tracy and Stacy. She had 13 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild. From 1973 to 1980, she lived with her oldest son Wes and his family. From 1980 to 2000, she lived in a senior citizen apartment by Fairy Lake in Newmarket, Ontario

In 2000 her health was beginning to deteriorate so she moved to Grove Park Home in Barrie, Ontario. She accepted this and was very happy with the staff, residents, friends and relatives who visited her. Mary was a woman greatly loved by all. She always had a warm handshake, a smile, a laugh. She loved to joke. She was a very generous person.

Mary passed away peacefully September 25 at 2:30 a.m. She will be greatly missed. A memorial service was conducted October 5, 2005, at the Newmarket Church building by the writer assisted by Nathan Pickard. Her daughter Linda, daughter in law Ruth, and grandchildren Rilla and Kevin paid tribute to her life. Rilla and Clayton sang several duets and singing was led by Clayton.

Keith Thompson

My Son is Crazy...

but Promising.

By Tim Kelly



THIS FAMILY COMEDY DELIGHTS WITH NON STOP LAUGHS!

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DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES

This listing includes most but not all of the churches of Christ in Canada along with a few in bordering states. Please help us to keep it useful by updating the information regularly. Listings are \$9.00 per year and changes are \$4.50 each. The information, unless otherwise specified, is in the following order: Place of meeting; times of Bible Class, Worship and mid-week gatherings; mailing address if different from meeting place; (Post Office is at the beginning unless otherwise indicated); preacher; phone.

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PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

CALGARY: (Northside): 803-20A Avenue N.E., T2E 1S1; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; recorded message; 276-8088; Derek Chambers, ev..

CALGARY: 4030 Maryvale Dr. NE, T2A 2S8; (June – August) Sun. service 10 am, (Sept – May) Children's Bible Classes 9:30 & 11:15, Worship 9 & 10:45, Wed. 6:45 p.m. Small Groups (Fri – Mon, eve.) Phone (403) 272-2111; E-mail: info@calgarycofc.com

CAMROSE: 4901-42 St. T4V 1A2 Sun. 10:30 am. Thurs. 7:00 pm 780-672-1220 (off); Elders: Bob Watts, 780-672-3671; and Dennis Lindstrand, 780-672-4978.

EDMONTON: 13015 - 116 Avenue, T5M 3C9. (780) 455-1049; FAX 454-9545; Sun. 9:30am, 11:00am; Wed. 7:00pm CARE Groups at the building and in various homes. Evangelists: David Friesen, 460-4258 and Tim Johnson, 461-0323. Elders: Henri Bouchard, Vern Hibbard, Walter Hreczuch, Peter Ross; www.edmontonchurchofchrist.org, e-mail: 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; <davenportcoc@aol.com>

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ABBOTSFORD (Central Valley): #5 – 2580 Cedar Park Place V2S 6B2; Sun. 10,11; Tues. 7:30 at address above, Norm Weir, ev. (604) 850-8670 (off); 859-5973 (res). If no answer 852-5052; email: normjen@shaw.ca; website: http://allann.dyndns.org/cvcoc

BURNABY (Greater Vancouver): 7485 Salisbury Ave. V5E 3A5; 9:45 & 11:15; Sunday School 10:30 (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; 7:00 p.m. at #102-8075 Mary Street at John Forman's house. Phone # 604-792-7806; Al McCutcheon, sec. 604-824-6703

CRESTON: Box 866, Creston, BC, VOB 1GO. Phone: 250-428-5937 or 250-428-4376.

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

DELTA: Delta Christian School, 53rd & Ladner Trunk Road, Ladner; 9:45, 10:45; Midweek: Call for times; PO Box 18623, RPO Ladner, Delta, BC V4K 4V7: (604) 943-0515 (off) **KAMLOOPS:** Meets at 655 Holt Street (The Chris Rose Therapy Centre for Autism) Sunday 10:00 am; Mailing address: PO Box 971, V2C 6H1; 250-374-3512; Dane Bengard, ev., 250-377-3386

KELOWNA: 1317 Ethel St., Kelowna BC, V1Y 2X1; Building 250-861-9486, Sunday 10:45 a.m. Worship, Evangelist: Barrie Forman, 250-764-4313, sonlove@shaw.ca, cell 212-0080; Elders: Wayne Muirhead, 250-861-4008, marwayn@hotmail.com; Ted Windmill, 250-763-8445, edward_windmill@telus.net

NANAIMO: 1720 Meredith Rd., Sun. 10:00, 11:00, Wed. meeting in homes 7:00 PM. Please phone for times and place. Grant Hannan Min. Office 758-9412 Cell, 729-1893; Wayne Peckett, Sec., 758-6985.

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

PRINCE GEORGE: 9465 Old Summit Lake Road, V2K 5S8, 250-962-6978

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 Biair 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 service 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; (Mailing address: 6669 Granville Street, Vancouver, BC V6P 4X1) Stephen C. Hasbrouck, Sr., ev.; Ph: 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.).

VERNON: 4107 Pleasant Valley Rd, V1T 4M1; Sun. 10, 11; Murray Ververda, ev., (250) 545-5256 (res); 545-6892 (off).

VICTORIA: 3460 Shelbourne St., V8P 4G5; Sun. 9:00 traditional service; 10:30 contemporary service; midweek in homes; (250) 592-4914 (off); contact Mr. Martin Moore; email: secretary@shelbournestreet.com website: www.shelbournestreet.com

VICTORIA (South Island Church of Christ): Mail: South Island Church of Christ, c/o 1600 Charlton Rd., V9E 2C8 Phone for place and time. K. Hannan, 250-474-6149 or D. Morton, 250-479-8480; e-mail SICOC@shaw.ca

PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

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

CARMAN: Main Street S.; Sun. 10, 1:15; Wed. 7:30; Box 955, ROG 0J0; contact Ray Winkler (elder), 745-3226; Dale Elford, ev, 745 6969 (office) DAUPHIN: 220 Whitmore Ave. W; Mailing address: Box 70, Dauphin, R7N 219; Sun. worship 9:00 & 10:00; Sun. & Wed. nights call for details; (204) 638-6321 (off), Fax: 638-0872; Randy Foss, ev., email: wwyse@hotmail.com

MANSON: Bidg. in Manson Village; Sun. 10, 11; Box 2, ROM 1J0; Wilf Rogers (204) 722-2293 or Lloyd Jacobs, (204) 722-2278, elders; Ken Starnes, sec. (204) 722-2085.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE: Contact Gerald Mccutcheon, 239-1817.

WINNIPEG (Central): 217 Osborne St. S., R3L 1Z4; Sun. 10 worship, 11:15 Bible School, Wed. 7; Office: (204) 475-6462 Fax: (413) 677-6165 web site: http://www.winnipegchurch.ca; Jim Hobbs, sec. for elders (204) 261- 9861; Wayne Turner, ev. (204) 257-7926 (res); wayne@winnipegchurch.ca Chad Celaire, youth min. (204) 284-6280 chad@winnipegchurch.ca

PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK

MONCTON: 365 Pine Glen Rd., Riverview (Moncton), E1B 4J8; Sun. 10, Wed. 7:30 p.m.; (506) 854-6887; Royal Maillet (506) 532-2956; other contact: Kenny Woodman (506) 382-9409

SAINT JOHN: Meeting in the home of FRED NELSON, 3 Charleston Court, Quispamsis, E2E 4W9; Sunday meetings flexible; Phone (506) 847-2802 or Tom Goud, 847-2199.

NEW YORK STATE

BUFFALO (Linwood): 2523 Main St., 14214; Sun. 9:30, 10:45, 6; Training Class 5; Wed. 7; John Smiley, ev. (716) 832-7171.

NIAGARA FALLS: 359 14th St., Niagara Falls, NY, 14303. Off(716)285-6534, Home (716) 886-2871. Sunday Bible study 10 am, worship 11 am, evening 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm. Minister Eddie J. Cornelius. e-mail BROCNFCC@juno.com

NORTH BUFFALO: 350 Kenmore Ave., 14223; Sun. 10,11,7; Wed. 7:30.

SARDINIA: Rt. 39, (1 mile west of Rt. 16), Sun. 10 & 11, Wed. 7 PM, mailing address: PO Box 186, Sardinia, NY, 14134, Glen Mueller, ev., (716)-496-5143, Cell (716)-560-6304, gemsar@ adelphia.net

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

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

KENTVILLE: 177 Middle Dyke Rd. exit 12 off Hwy 101, Sun. 11, 10; Wed. 6; Box 26, B4N 3V9; (902) 678-8881 or Ray Fisher, ev; 582-3457; Toll free 1-866-236-7891

SHUBENACADIE: Mill Village Church, 3613 Indian Rd.; Sun. 10:15, 11; Wed. 6:30; R.R. 1, BON 2H0; D. Hallett (902) 758-2133; J. Mackey, (902) 758-2633.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

AJAX (Serving Durham Region): 290 Harwood Ave. S, PO Box 21018, Ajax ON L1S 2J1; Sun. 9:45, 11. 7; Call for mid-week information; Box 162, L1S 3C3; Ph. (905) 683-2477(off); Malcolm Port, (905) 668 3346 res.

AURORA: 15216 Yonge St. S.; (entrance beside Benjamin Moore Paints); Sun. 9:30, 11:00, Wed. 7:30; P.O. Box 71523, L4G 1L9; Contact: Scott & Linda Harvey, (905) 473-5631 or leave message; e-mail: <churchofchrist.aurora@rogers.com> or Clare Preston, (905) 841-2272

BARRIE: 345 Grove St. E. (at Cook), L4M 2R6; Sun. 10, 11, 6:30; Wed. 7:00; (705) 722-7155 (off.). BEAMSVILLE: 4900 John St., LOR 1B6; Sun. 9:30, 10:30 am, 6:00 pm small groups in various places (small group in library at building, Visitors welcome); Wed. 7:00; Don Smith, ev. 905-563-7655 (off); e-mail: don093@sympatico.ca

BRACEBRIDGE: 14-4 Manitoba St., P1L 1R9: (705) 645-3356; We worship at home each Sunday.

BRAMALEA: 750 Clark Blvd., (south of Hwy. 7 on Finchgate Boulevard), L6T 3Y2; (905) 792-2297; bramaleacofc@bellnet.ca. Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Thurs. 7:30; Kevin Hunter, ev (905) 455-5796 (res); Walter Straker, ev (905) 789-1632 (res).

BRANTFORD: 267 North Park St., N3R 4L2; Sun. 10, 11, last Sunday of month 6:30; Wed. 7; contact Ray Knight (519) 754-0401; office (519) 759-6630; Jamie Azzoparde, ev. (519) 770-4814 (res)

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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, POA 1C0; (705) 382-2026.

COLLINGWOOD: 494 Tenth St.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; C/O Peter Dale, 75 Peel Street, L9Y 3V5; (705) 444-0010 (office); Don MacMullin, ev.

CORNWALL: Gladstone Public School, 825 McConnell Ave; Sun 10,11; Wed 7:30; Allen Bojarski, ev. Phone (613) 933-1825; Fax (613) 933-2464; Emails: abojarski@cogeco. ca or churchofchrist@cogeco.ca; Jeremy Bojarski, youth minister. Phone (613) 933-8445; Mark Duperron, treas. Phone: (613) 932-3701; Church mailing address: 1702 Dover Road, Cornwall, K6J 1W1; website: http://home.cogeco.ca/-abojarski/index.html

FENWICK: 765 Welland Ave.; Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; P.O. Box 416, LOS 1C0; (905) 892-5661; email <DonHipwell@AOL.com>

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 (off); other contact (905) 945-8668

GUELPH: The Evergreen Senior Center, 683 Woolwich St.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30 (phone for location); c/o 25 Keys Crescent, NIG 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 POJ 1P0 (705)647-5488 or Mike Tinney PO Box 702, Haileybury ON POJ 1K0 (705)672-9241

HAMILTON: 321 East 27th Street (at Fennell), L8V 368 (Mt. Hamilton); Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7:00 p.m., (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.

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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: kingstoncofc@aol.com; Richard Maddeaux, ev., Gordon Gibsdon, ev.

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

LONDON (East): 380 Adelaide North, Tolpuddle Building Common Rm., entrance off of Adelaide at King St. S. Parking in Marshall Street Lot behind building. Sun: 9:45 a.m. Exhortation; 10:05 a.m. Bible Study; 11:00 Worship; contact Gordon Worrall (519)434-1981

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

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

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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 333; (705) 475-0911, e-mail: davidrlock@acncanada.net; WebSite: www.northbaycoc.com.

OMAGH: 1412 Britannia Road, Milton,L9T 2X8; 10, 11, Thur. 7; Office Hours - Monday-Friday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (905)875-2939, Steve Corbett,(416)999-1006, website: http://omaghchurch.n3.net, Harold Ellis, Sec., RR # 3, Campbellville, L0P 1B0, Brian Meneer, ev. (905)383-5259.

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

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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; 935-9581 (off.); Email: cofc@mergetel.com; WebSite: churchofchrist.n3.net **ST. THOMAS:** 60 S. Edgeware Rd, N5P 2H6; 519-633-2210 Sun 10,11 Call for midweek date and place; Wil Maddeaux, 519-637-0741.

ST. THOMAS (Southside): 15 Hepburn Avenue, N5R 4J4, (519) 633-4180 Contact: David Langeman. Please call for times. email: dlangeman@rogers.com

SARNIA: 796 Errol Rd. E., N7V 2G7; Sun. 9:30, 10:45, 6:30; Wed. 7; David H. Dunn, ev.; (519) 542-4108 (res); (519)-339-1161 (off); email: dhdunn@sympatico.ca

SAULT STE. MARIE (Eastside): 99 Melville Rd., P6A 5J6; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7:00; 705-942-9283.

SAULT STE. MARIE (Pinehill): 132 Cunningham Rd., P6B 1N4; Sun. 9:30, 10:50; call for Sun. pm time; Wed. 7; Roger Lansdell, ev., (705) 256-1977 (off/res), cr. lansdell@sympatico.ca;; Rob Whitfield, sec., (705) 949-7612, <rwhitfield@ sympatico.ca>.

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

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SOUTH RIVER: Jaspar 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.,NSA 3N6; Sunday Worship 10:00, Wed. Bible Study 7:30; voice mail (519) 273-5280; Larry Hoover (519) 271-9545;

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, POA 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), P70 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 </baselies/@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 LOR 2C0; Sun. 11:15, 9:45, 6 (call to confirm); Wed. 7:00; Jim Holston, ev. (905-563-6348 (res), 563-6311 (off).

TORONTO (Bayview Ave.): 1708 Bayview Ave., M4G 3C4 (1 block S. of Eglinton); Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30; Michael Hilborn, sec., mhilborn@rogers.com; 63 Campbell Ave., M6P 3T9; (416) 489-7405 (off.).

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 427); 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) 885-2938 (res).

WALKERTON: Victoria Jubilee Hall; 111 Jackson st.; Sun 10 a.m. and 11a.m.; Gregory Smith (519) 392-8128; Mailing- RR2 Teeswater, ON NOG 250; email- gregory@gregorycnsmith.com

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; wwwgeocities.com/wsidecoc.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MONTREAL (French): 2500 Charland, H1Z 1C5; Sun. 10:15, 11:00; Wed. 7:00 (Fr. class); 1st Sat. 6:30 p.m. "Phoebe" women's class; last Sat. 6:00 youth meeting; 387-6163 (off.); Fredeick Feruzi, ev. e-mail: feruzikj@hotmail.com

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, H32 2T1; 514-637-7604; Leonard Amanatey, ev; email <churchofchristmontreal@hotmail.com>; website: www.churchofchristmontreal.com

MONTREAL (Verdun - English/French): 503-5th Avenue, Verdun, QC H4G 2Z2; (514) 765-8919; English: Sun 10, 11; Wed. 7; Michael Mazzalongo, ev. 514-766-4911; email: Mazzalongo@videotron.ca; website: www.verduncoc.org French: Sun 11, 10; Wed. 7; Roger Saumur, ev. (450) 635-5105; email: rogersaumur@sympatico.ca

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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 Verteuil, Ste-Foy (corner Jean-Noel); 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, SOC 0K0; (306) 268-4522. **ESTEVAN:** 1302 8th St., S4A 1H6; 634-3116; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7; Tim Pippus, ev., 634-8195, res.

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HORSE CREEK: Sun. 10:30 (May-Nov.); 11 (Dec.-Apr.); Lonnie Goodwin, Box 58, McCord, SOH 2T0; (306) 478-2516.

KENOSEE VILLAGE: Moose Mountain Church of Christ, Mailing address: PO Box 184, SOC 2SO, Sun. 10; Mid-week call: Brent Olson, ev., 306-577-2477 or contact Cam Husband, 306-739-2882

LLOYDMINSTER: 56 Ave. and 47 St., Box 88, S9V 0X9; Sun. 9:30, 10:30; Rolland Bouchard, ev.; (780) 875-4056; email: lloydcoc@telus.net

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

PRINCE ALBERT: Church of Christ, c/o Box 721, Station Main, Prince Albert, SK, S6V 5S2. For meeting times and location phone: (306) 764-6187 – Bob Jenkins, (306) 763-6205 – R. Hugo

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

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

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; Iocation & mail, 134 Cardinal Cres. S7L GH6; Fax: 343-1589; e-mail: stooncofcoffice@sasktel.net

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

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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