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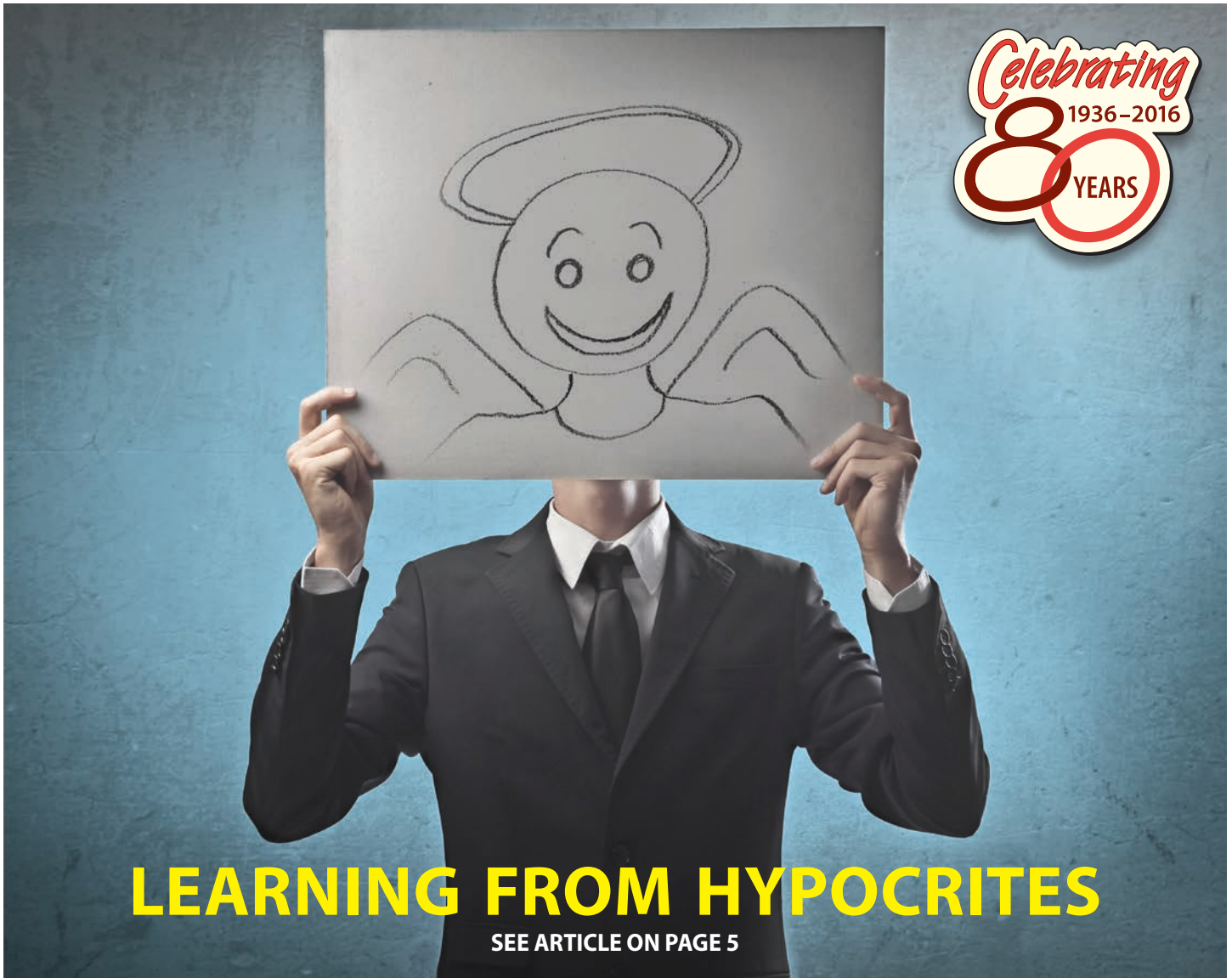
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Peacemaking vs Personal Rights

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In defending freedom of speech, Secretary of State John Kerry told a group of German students that in the United States, “you have a right to be stupid if you want to be.” This of course was said for humour, but also to express the importance of one’s personal rights in American society. Our society holds the rights of the individual in high regard – perhaps even too high in some cases. When we take our rights to the extreme, our thoughts are centrally focused on our own self-interest with little to no regard for our neighbour.

The scriptures however provide a different view of our own personal rights. One great example we have is in the person of Abraham. Following a brief stay in Egypt, Abraham (going by the name of Abram at this point) went up into the Negeb with his family and all his company, along with his nephew Lot with his family and all his company. Then a problem arose as the narrative indicates, “the land could

not support both of them dwelling together; for their possessions were so great that they could not dwell together, and there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram’s livestock and the herdsmen of Lot’s livestock” – Genesis 13:6-7 (ESV).

When it comes to problem-solving in our society, often-times a person’s rights are implemented in bringing about a resolution; disputes may

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be resolved by way of seniority in an office or family environment for example. This conflict between Abram and Lot could have been resolved in a similar manner. Abram was the elder of the two, as he was Lot’s uncle (Genesis 12:5). God had also directly communicated with Abram, giving him the direction to journey “to the land that I will show you” – Genesis 12:1 (ESV),

and establishing his covenant with Abram saying, “I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed” – Genesis 12:2-3 (ESV). Abram was in an extraordinarily privileged position not only in his family, but especially in relation to the divine Creator and his future purposes. So in settling this conflict with his nephew, he could have dictated a solution and directed him where he needed to go to eliminate the quarrelling from the two sides. Abram would have been within his rights to do so.

How extraordinary then that Abram gave Lot authority to choose where he would settle, saying “Is not the whole land before you? Separate yourself from me. If you take the left hand, then I will go to the right, or if you take the right hand, then I will go to the left” – Genesis 13:9 (ESV). Abram made a peacemaking decision, and this takes a humble heart. There is humility inherent in the work of peacemaking because it holds other people’s positions and situations in places of honour. It is a respecter of other people’s situations and feelings above what might just be our own justifiable rights. Godly peacemaking goes against the grain of common thinking today as we are more likely to hear statements such as: “If I am right, I have the right to be right, and I am right to



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let everyone know I am right.” Isn’t that right?

But we remember the words of Jesus when he said, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God” – Matthew 5:9 (ESV). A peacemaker therefore will be recognized as partaking of God’s own character, as He is a champion of peace. Our heavenly Father is said to be the God of peace in Hebrews 13:20, and in prophecy Jesus is described as the Prince of Peace in Isaiah 9:6. In fact it further states in the prophecy that “Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end” – Isaiah 9:7 (ESV). Peace between God and man was the reason for Christ’s coming, “to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross” – Colossians 1:20 (ESV).

Did Jesus give up his personal rights, as the Son of the living God,

to bring us peace? Few scriptures articulate what Jesus gave up better than the words of the apostle Paul in Philippians 2:2-8, where he wrote, “in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross” (ESV). Jesus had the right to be equal with God, as that is who he was, but in humility he would no longer grasp at that right, but instead would embrace existence in the form of a servant – a man, for the sake of peace.

Rejecting our rights for the sake of peace is not an easy decision (this of course is not to be confused with rejecting the truth of scripture for the sake of peace), and this rejection can be all the more difficult when the time comes to put it into action. But Christ is our chief example. Remember that with all the resources of heaven at his disposal, when Jesus was betrayed and arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane, our Lord said, “Do you think I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels?” – Matthew 26:53 (ESV). He would have been within his rights to make this appeal, but made the decision not to.

Can we show the same restraint and learn to give up what we may be entitled to for the sake of peace and relationship with our neighbour that may develop into a channel of blessing?

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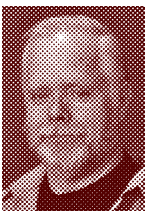
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“Locker-Room Talk”

Wayne Turner



Unless you have been cut off from all media, you are aware of the scandal that swirled around Donald Trump, Republican candidate for President of the United States. In early October of this year, a video of Trump, made in 2005, revealed a private conversation in which he spoke of using his star-status to freely kiss and grope women. For some time, many accusations about his attitude toward and treatment of women have doggedly followed him. The 2005 conversation raised the reaction toward Trump to a new level. His sexually explicit words spoke of actions that are exploitative, if not also assault. At the time of this writing, polls reveal that what had been a close race previously had changed, with Clinton enjoying a growing lead. But the election, itself, is not our concern. By the time you read this, Americans will have elected a new President.

The outcry has been such that Trump has taken what some commentators have called an unprecedented step (for him) and has issued an apology. What many people have objected to is that he tried to minimize his indecent words by calling them “locker-room talk.” In other words, this was a private conversation between two guys, and somehow it was okay to speak in this way. Trump seems to believe, as many people do, that what he does in private does not matter, whether with women or his male buddies.

Is there a difference between what is said and done publicly and in private? When Bill Clinton was President, much was said about his private actions and their effect on his credibility and reputation. At the time, an often heard aphorism said that “Reputation is what you are in public, character is what you are in private.” Thus, it was said, “character counts.” Public and private actions are not isolated and compartmentalized from each other. Together, they demonstrate the true character of the individual. Perhaps, we could suggest that what a person does when they do not think they are being watched may be the truest revelation of their character. This is what integrity is.

The word, “integrity,” comes from the same root as the math term “integer,” which refers to a whole number (as opposed to a number which is a fraction). A person of integrity is one whose whole life – attitudes, values, actions, as well as public and private personas – are one. They are the same – they are the same in public and in private. Often, integrity is seen as honesty and honour. It is more. It is the whole person.

From a Biblical perspective, people without integrity do things in secret or darkness that they do not want exposed. Their actions are shameful. Jesus said that secret things will one day be exposed. His followers were to be people of the light, set out for all to see and benefit from. There

is nothing shameful in their lives, either public or private. The fruits of the Spirit are not just public characteristics. Rather, they are whole-life.

This integrity of character is demonstrated in many ways. We are to be people who always speak the truth, and who keep our word. Paul told the Ephesians not to let any “unwholesome talk” come out of their mouths, only that which builds up and edifies. Christians are not even to speak of the things that some people do in secret. Our speech is always to be “gracious, seasoned with salt.” There is no place for “locker-room talk” in the life of a Christian – ever! Further, we are to “take thought for what is noble in the eyes of all.” Inconsistency in actions between what we are in public and private is hypocrisy – a word that comes from Greek and means having a false front, the mask worn by a Greek actor. The external appearance is not the same as the person behind the mask. The world quickly identifies and labels hypocrisy, discrediting the gospel because of willful inconsistency and dishonesty.

Church leaders are especially to be people of integrity. Looking at the qualifications of elders, it becomes clear that they are to be men who are known and respected in the church, as well as in their families and communities. There are no secret lives which are compartmentalized from their professed faith and values as Christians – no “locker-room talk.” Yet, sometimes, men have been appointed who were not all that they should be, and have damaged their congregations and disillusioned individual members.

Despite Trump’s apparent belief otherwise, character counts – always. It does matter that a person’s private life matches their public one, and what they are in secret is the same as when they are out in the open. As God’s people, we especially need to show Jesus at all times.

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Learning From Hypocrites

In Matthew 23 we see Jesus warning His hearers about the dangers of listening to the scribes and Pharisees. Perhaps, more to the point, he warns about following their lifestyle. “Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, ‘The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat, so do and observe whatever they tell you, but not the works they do. For they preach, but do not practice. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on people’s shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to move them with their finger. They do all their deeds to be seen by others. For they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long, and they love the place of honor at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues’” – Matthew 23:1–6 (ESV).

These were leading individuals in their society who taught the law but failed to demonstrate what they taught. During Old Testament times there were often leaders and teachers who did not provide a good example of what they taught and in so doing they led the people away from the proper honouring of God.

The seven woes of Matthew 23 expose what we might call the “root character traits” that were often being seen in the life of the Jewish leaders. The tone of chapter 23 has been thought of as strange for our Lord and is even seen as offensive to some. That the Lord who teaches that one should love his enemies, even praying for them and doing good to them would call His hearers “hypocrites, sons of hell, blind guides and a brood of vipers” seems out of character.

While Jesus was always clear in His condemnation of wrong doing, His language in Matthew 23 is considered

as vindictive, harsh, and unbecoming to some. Maybe these words had greater impact on these being so challenged because they came, not from a person known to be uncontrolled and ill-tempered, but one who spoke with compassion and love? People tend to disregard the words of those who are known to be out of control and often given to words spoken in haste and anger.

Matthew 23 divides into three sections: First, there is a description of the practices of Israel’s leaders and a warning to Jesus’ followers – (1–12). Secondly, there are a series of woes reprimanding the religious leaders for their evil ways and failure to provide an example along with their teaching – (13–36). Thirdly there is the moving lament over the city of Jerusalem – (37 – 39). (If you have not read Matthew 23 in a while it might be helpful to take time to read it before continuing to read this article).

In verses 13–36 in the ESV Jesus uses some harsh words to describe these religious leaders. He calls them hypocrites five times; blind guides two times; serpents – one time; brood of vipers – one time; blind fools – one time and blind men – one time. There are some important lessons to be

learned from these hypocrites.

The teachers of the law possessed a certain authority because they sat in Moses’ seat. They were to be the leaders of God’s people. For this reason, they would be looked up to and the people would listen to them. However, there was a disturbing problem with them the Jesus pointed out. “They taught truth but did not live it.” Can the same be said of teachers in the church today? Sadly, the answer is too often, yes.

One of the problems that is noted is that they tie up of heavy loads – likely referring to the Law with the added legalistic demands of the traditions that had been handed down. The teaching of the Law had been perverted with the true meaning being lost in tradition. Faithful service had been lost in the desire for the praise of men. “They do all their deeds to be seen by others. For they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long, and they love the place of honor at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues and greetings in the marketplaces and being called rabbi by others” - Matthew 23:5–7 (ESV).

Without doubt the same problem of seeking worldly praise and position is a danger today for the Christian. We love and appreciate those who serve the church as teaching members, elders and preachers. These individuals must bear in mind the danger of becoming Pharisee like in attitude and service. We as members of the Church must also understand the danger of putting the servant ahead of

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his service. Paul gives good direction to all who would serve in teaching in the Lord's Church. The direction Paul gives to Timothy MUST be observed by all. "I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: *preach the word*; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, *with complete patience and teaching*. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry" – 2 Timothy 4:1–5 (ESV).

Earlier Paul had instructed Timothy, "Let no one despise you for your youth, but *set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity*. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching" – 1 Timothy 4:12–13 (ESV). If this was needed by Timothy to be faithful as a sharer of God's word, it is certainly true of God's people today.

As seen in Matthew 23, many of the leaders look for the praise of men. In this connection remember the sad statement in John 12: "Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; *for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God*" – John 12:42–43 (ESV). In Matthew 23:5, Jesus is critical of those who seek human recognition for religious practice.

Jesus pointed out that the Pharisees liked to call attention to their acts of "religious service" – Matthew 6:1–19. He points out the specific examples of seeking public recognition by making their phylacteries (little leather boxes containing scriptural passages from Exodus or Deuteronomy which were strapped either to the forehead or left arm) broad. Also the fringes (tassels) on the four corners of their outer garment extra long. These fringes were in fulfillment of the command of God, Numbers 15:37–39, but they had become a "bragging point" showing their deep spirituality. Apparently this did not fully satisfy their desire for praise and adoration so they "... love the place of honor at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues and greetings in the marketplaces and being called rabbi by others" – Matthew 23:6–7 (ESV).

Among the followers of Jesus today there should be no such system or honour seeking. Since His disciples are all brothers and sisters in Christ,

there is to be no hierarchy among Jesus' followers. In fact, Jesus clearly points out the required nature of those who follow and honour Him. "The greatest among you shall be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted" – Matthew 23:11–12 (ESV). Jesus had earlier stated this important truth when He said, "But Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many'" – Matthew 20:25–28 (ESV).

Clearly there are other lessons to be learned from Hypocrites. But here in Matthew 23, Jesus wants us to learn the importance of living what we teach. Is teaching truth important in serving God? That seems like a foolish question doesn't it? Jesus tells us "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" – John 8:31–32 (ESV). But, perhaps we need to also add, it is "truth obeyed" that sets us free!

Also in our text we are reminded that seeking of the praise of men is diametrically opposed to the spirit of Christianity. Jesus highlights the fact that service is the avenue to greatness, and humility is the means of exaltation.

We will be blessed today and for eternity if we learn these two lessons from Jesus confrontation with the scribes and Pharisees in Matthew 23.

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Signs of the Times

Vacation travels this past summer took Don and I through the Chicago area. One of the things that I noted along the highways in and around the city was the large number of billboards advertising injury attorneys. It seems that the desire for monetary gain as recompense for injury or loss sustained as the result of an accident has become highly profitable for lawyers. While people need to be held responsible for their actions and required to make restitution, far too often these personal law suits are just a form of greed.

With this, as is so often the case, Biblical teaching is the antithesis of popular thinking. “And if someone wants to sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well” – Matthew 5:40 (NIV 1984). Jesus warned His followers about greed. “Then he said, Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own” – Luke 12:15 (NLT).

Greed leads us away from God. “But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows” – 1 Timothy 6:9, 10 (NLT). Scripture equates greed with idolatry. “Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly

nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry” – Colossians 3:5 (NIV 1984).

Rather than greedy, Christians are to be generous. “The wicked borrows but does not pay back, but the righteous is generous and gives;” – Psalms 37:21 (ESV). It is not necessary to be wealthy in order to be generous. Jesus commented on a widow’s generosity in Mark 12:41–44. It was not the amount of the gift that made it commendable but the proportion of the possession that prompted

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His praise. Nor is our giving confined to money. When the crowd asked John the Baptist about fruit of repentance, “John answered, ‘The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same’” – Luke 3:11 (NIV 1984).

Being generous does not depend on how much you have but rather how well you see and understand. One dictionary definition of generous is “unselfish”. That is it in a nutshell. We need to look outward – to see the needs of others and be concerned about them. “Don’t be selfish; don’t try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don’t look out only for your own interests, but

take an interest in others, too” – Philippians 2:3, 4 (NLT).

We need to understand that all we have God has given us. “Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows” – James 1:17 (NIV 1984). Those gifts were not given to us to hoard but to share freely. “Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others” – 1 Timothy 6:17, 18 (NLT). “Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in

need” – Ephesians 4:28 (ESV). “Share with God’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality” – Romans 12:13 (NIV 1984). (Hospitality, as Jesus defined it in Luke 14:12–14, – extended without prospect of repayment – is one way in which we give to others.) “Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms” – 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV 1984). Giving is one of the gifts listed in Romans 12. “If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously” – Romans 12:8a (NLT).

We need to realize that our generosity brings glory to God. “You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. This service that you perform

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is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else" – 2 Corinthians 9:11–13 (NIV 1984).

The key to generosity is a heart that belongs to God and desires to be like Him, as is illustrated by the Macedonian brethren. "And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on

their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints. And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will" – 2 Corinthians 8:1–5 (NIV 1984). John tells us that our love for God is revealed in our giving. "If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion—how can God's love be in that person?" – 1 John 3:17 (NLT).

Compensation for injury or loss is one thing, but a misfortune should never be an excuse for greed. "In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive' " – Acts 20:35 (NIV 1984).

– Virginia Hipwell

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Genesis 4:9—Then the Lord said to Cain “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know, am I my brother’s keeper?”

1 John 3:11-18—“For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that you should love one another. We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one, and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil, and his brother’s righteous. Do not be surprised, bothers, that the world hates you. We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. By this we know love, that He laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk, but in deed and in truth.”

The apostle Paul wrote to the Ephesian church while he was in prison. Ephesians 1:15-16 reads, “For this reason ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus, and your love for ALL the saints [notice that he does not say SOME of the saints], I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.” It is important to note that Paul never asked for prayers that would release him from prison. He was more concerned about his brethren’s faith and love for each other. Paul’s faith was strengthened by the knowledge that his brothers and sisters loved each other. His message applies to us - imperfect as we are - even today. Are we concerned about our brothers and sisters? Do we show love and honour to them?

Romans 12:10 reads: “Be devoted to one another in brotherly love, hon-

our one another above yourself.” Yet sometimes we take the attitude of Cain, who asked “AM I MY BROTHER’S KEEPER?”

There are 3 groups of people who can answer this important question: 1- Non Believers, 2- Denominational People, 3- Biblical Christians. Non-believers can say No or Yes. When they say ‘Yes’ they mean that they are responsible to take care of the physical needs of their fellow man. The denominational people generally mean that they are responsible for the physical needs, plus their interpretation of spiritual needs. Biblical Christians (those who look

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to the Bible as their sole authority) also are responsible for the physical needs of mankind. More importantly, however, each Christian is responsible to our Heavenly Father for encouraging and building up the spiritual lives of their brothers and sisters. Upon acceptance of Jesus as their Saviour, repentance and water baptism, each one is then added to the body of Christ. No one can then claim to be a Christian and live independently from the body. Each one is responsible for each other. Consequently, when the question ‘AM I MY BROTHER’S KEEPER?’ is asked of Christians, the answer is a resounding YES!

Brotherly kindness (from the Greek word philadelphia) means love of the brethren. It is not unity in diversity as proclaimed by many in the religious world today. How can one group say that baptism is not necessary for salvation and then claim to be united with those who do? Brotherly kindness is also not correcting a brother or sister in a hateful way. We should always be motivated by love not hate. True

brotherly kindness involves sincere love, unity, caring, and living in peace. There are many scriptures pertaining to the subject. However, I will note only a few:

1 Peter: 1:22—“Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart.”

1 Corinthians 13:25-26—“That there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, ALL suffer together. If one member is honoured, ALL rejoice together.”

1 Corinthians 1:10—“I appeal to you brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no division among you, but that you are united in the same mind and the same judgment.

2 Corinthians 13:11—“Finally brothers, rejoice, aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you”.

Galatians 5:25-26—“If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.”

In our Wednesday Bible class, with our teacher, brother Marc LeBlanc, we studied 1 Timothy 4. Verse 16 caught my attention and I believe it applies to all of us. 1 Timothy 4:16 reads “Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers”. This is a warning for all to only follow what is authorized by God’s word. We have seen that God’s word is full of instructions about how we should treat our brethren. So AM I MY BROTHER’S KEEPER? YES! Who said so? GOD.

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NEWS

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NEW YORK

Niagara Falls, NY – LaSalle: On September 25 Joshua Starr from the Amherst, NY congregation taught the adult class and also preached while Mark Dailey is at Amherst. Our hearts are saddened as we must say farewell to our dear brother and sister Tony and Eglá Grana. They moved to Houston, Texas the first week of October to be closer to their children. We mailed out our first issue of House to House / Heart to Heart magazine to our neighbors around the LaSalle church building on October 10. This magazine is an evangelistic tool used to tell others about the Lord's church. Please pray for open hearts in the homes we are mailing to.

ONTARIO

Bramalea: David Cariaga, a preacher originally from the Philippines but now in Halifax, preached for the Bramalea congregation on August 14. Life Groups began meeting again in early September after a summer break. Ruth Zimmerman presented a report on her work in Papua New Guinea on Sunday, September 11. On September 15, Dennis and Wilma

MacKay and Fred and Thora Whittington celebrated 65 years of marriage. Both couples were married on the same day. Bramalea hosted a "Mission Sunday" on September 18 highlighting videos provided by each of the missionaries the congregation supports. A special mission contribution was also taken that day. Recent baptisms included: Michael Sadowsa on August 28; Carol Walters on September 15; Philip and Christine Jermakowicz, teen aged son and daughter of Ed and Svetlana, on September 25; Margaret Andrews, a visitor from Northern Ireland, on Sunday, October 2. Other events: Twenty individuals gathered on September 17 to participate in an outside fall work day; the fall pot luck meal was held on Sunday, September 18; ladies' "night out" was enjoyed on September 20; and a men's breakfast was participated in on September 24.

Fenwick: Five ladies attended the Owen Sound Ladies' Renewal, September 16-18. Ruth Zimmerman returned to PNG on October 15. The church contribution on October 30 went to the Melanesian Bible College building fund. A special collection will be taken on November 13 for David and Sally Dunn's work in Ireland.

Huntsville (Hilltop): Two recent celebrations. A celebration of life of Charles Hathaway who is now with Jesus and a celebration of fellowship with Jean-Luc and Marie Volcy who made another journey north from Strathmore. Appreciation of such selflessness providing an intimate review of the Haiti Mission and an encouragement to us cannot be named except as a blessing in Christ's church here.

Thessalon: Three of our young people, Jack King, Isaiah King and Abbie Vine made confessions of faith and were united with Christ in baptism. We commend these three on their decision. Hopefully we can be an example and encouragement to them as they begin a new phase of their faith walk. Also, Donja Jean Trivers was married to Ian Graham on Saturday, Oct. 8 here at the building. We congratulate Donja Jean and Ian and wish them well as they begin their new life together. Lastly, Randy & Lois Morrith have moved to St. Catharines where they will be living with their son, Bruce; at least for the time being. The congregation bade them farewell and presented them with a parting gift on Sunday, Oct. 9. Bill Bunting has moved to Thessalon and will be working with the congregation on a part-timed basis until a new minister can be found.

Toronto (Bayview Ave): Bayview welcomes a new sister in Christ, Facie Chiwanza, who was baptized on Sunday, September 18, after attending Bayview for a year. We also welcome Webern Walcien, who has recently placed membership with us. James Michael Rasmussen made his first appearance at Bayview on Sunday, September 25, accompanying new parents, Paul and Brittany. We were encouraged by some visitors that day and an attendance of fifty-four.

Toronto (Strathmore Blvd.): We welcomed Williams Diogu to our Strathmore family. He is a member of the Lord's church from Nigeria. He is going to school here in Toronto and has requested membership at Strathmore. Steve Gill and Chona Manglicmot were married on October 15 at the Strathmore building. We pray for God's richest blessings as they serve God together as husband and wife. Santiago Molina traveled to Bogota Colombia to participate in the XXXII Encuentro Iberoamericano for Preachers and Leaders of Latin America.

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ALBERTA

Camrose: Charles Speer of Sunset International Bible Institute spoke on "Growth Through Discipleship" October 15 and 16.

Edmonton northside: The Alberta Fall Fellowship was held Thanksgiving weekend. The Praise and Harmony Workshop with Keith Lancaster of Acappella Ministries with "Worshipping in the Splendor of Holiness" lessons given by Chris Swinford of Sunset International Bible Institute was well attended. The men's retreat was held October 21-23. Ed Klym, Evangelist of the Red Deer congregation was guest speaker. "The Compelling Love of Christ" Colossians 3:23 was the theme. Essienubong James is now identified with our congregation.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Abbotsford (Central Valley): On Sunday evening, Sept. 18, Norman Weir had to send out the following announcement about a beloved member of this congregation: "Today at about 4:30 pm, God called Yvonne, our sister in the Lord, home. Always a sad and lonely time for those who are left, our hearts and condolences go out to Rudy, and to their son, Glenn, Cathy and family. We know that Yvonne is safe in the arms of Jesus and is now free of the pain and the loss of health that has been her lot for many months. Yvonne was an ardent believer in her Lord, never once wavering in her faith. Many of the songs we sang in our worship service this morning were the testimony of her life...'My Hope is Built on Nothing Less, than Jesus' blood and righteousness': 'I Believe in the One they called Jesus': 'Be with me, Lord'. The last verse in the song, Be with me Lord, reads...'and when shall come the hour of my departure For worlds un-known, O Lord, be with me then.' How timely and how true. He was with Yvonne to

the end, is with her still, and she with Him. Please remember Rudy in your thoughts, in your prayers and with your presence. There is something so comforting when Christian family surrounds the grieving one, with a hug, a handclasp, with quiet companionship and words of encouragement. Norm" Rudy and Yvonne moved here from Holland after visiting their son and daughter-in-law in order to not only be with their immediate family, but also to help with the work of the Lord in Abbotsford. Their loyalty and love have been greatly appreciated by our members here. In spite of our small quarters, A "Celebration of Life" service for Yvonne was conducted here in Abbotsford on Oct. 2.

Delta: We included a potluck dinner in our welcome to Simon Hui on Oct. 30, when he was our visiting preacher. Simon is now working with the Surrey congregation since his return to Canada. When he previously lived in Canada, he worked with the Chinese people. B. C. preachers were invited to a yearly retreat at the Durali Villa in Vernon, B. C., Oct. 16-19 by Sam Tumlinson. Lynn Anderson, who is well-known now for his books as well as his preaching, expected to attend again this year, as he has frequently in other years. His early preaching experience was for the church in Salmon Arm.

Oakridge (Vancouver): Following a study on what happened on the road to Damascus when Philip addressed a traveling Ethiopian eunuch led a young lady from Albania to be baptized on Monday, October 3. Adelina Vukaj is new to Canada, as well as Vancouver. Pictures of the study and baptism comprised the message in the Wednesday evening Oakridge devotional message. In advance preparation for the Annual Fall Retreat, children's classes were dismissed on Sept. 25 to be present for a sermon called "Recharge" by Stephen Winters, one of the organizers which used the same theme for the weekend at the Spruston Road Bible Camp. More than twenty members were able to participate in the well-organized activities planned by Tim and Elena Johnson, and Anna Winters. To make sure they were not late, an enthusiastic group arose at 6 a.m. for a walk before Bible Class and Worship on Sunday. There was much excitement when promotion certificates were also presented to many of the children in the four children's classes

the same week. A few "Little Seedlings" grew to become "Preschool Buds", Buds turned into "Elementary Blossoms", and 12-year-olds through Grade 12, became "High School Harvesters".

Salmon Arm: Upon learning of the severe drought causing widespread hunger and suffering in several of the African Nations where Warren Scholtz works, we were able to send a thousand dollars to him to help in as many ways as possible. Prepared by Doug Kendig, one of our elders, we enjoyed several lessons from Proverbs on the subject of "Laziness". For those who might need them, they were found in chapters six, ten, fourteen and twenty-four.

Surrey: A "Bible Fun Day" for ages 6 thru 14 was conducted on Oct. 15. After lessons were given by two of our young men, Matt and Justin, they enjoyed songs, games and food. The highlight of the day was a Treasure Hunt. Another deacon, Vincent Genabe, has been added to our list of four inducted a few weeks ago. Another lady in Surrey has been added to Joann's list of current correspondent courses being sent out. When some of those being returned have questions not only about the Bible and what it teaches, but what many religious denominations teach, Joann Simonsen has the added job of responding to them with Biblical answers she is sure they can understand.

MANITOBA

Winnipeg: A family and friend thanksgiving dinner was held Thanksgiving Monday. A Friend Speak workshop was held Oct.29. We have started a series of sermons from the book of Romans. Sunday evenings will be discussion classes based on the morning sermon. The discussion will be led by various men from the congregation. The ladies' Bible study is on the book of Proverbs. Our youth rally was well attended with over 70 teens in attendance. Emanuel Burnstad of Edmonton was the guest speaker.

SASKATCHEWAN

Weyburn: We are sending mittens to the Gentle Road Church of Christ and inner city Regina again this winter. We hosted the Acappella Community Hymn Sing October 30. October 14-16, Harvest Fellowship was held. "Ready, Set, Go!" was the theme and the keynote speaker was Mitch Wilburn.

MISSION NEWS

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HAITI: As early as October 4th, Healing Hands International wrote: "We want to thank you for your prayers and your desire to support our brothers and sisters in Haiti during the extremely uncertain time preceding and during the onslaught of Hurricane Matthew." They were especially concerned about one of their employees, Phenix, and his family living in the town of Jeremie that they had been unable to contact, as the hurricane had already caused extensive damage in several regions of Haiti. As the rains continued to fall and the hurricane lingered, as expected, they heard of much more devastation in the countries of the Caribbean. Their immediate response included sending the following supplies to their workers on the ground: Water filters, Medical supplies (as we respond to cholera outbreaks), Tents with mosquito nets, flashlights and batteries. In the ensuing days and weeks they were prepared to send additional supplies and food as the need arose. HHI asks for Christians to join them as they prayed and cared for the victims of this storm and offered as much relief as possible.

MEXICO: From Patty Kunkle comes news that the project for the winter trip of True North Helping Hands to Baja, Mexico, has been changed due to new regulations from the government. Six years ago, they learned that kindergarten and first year children in one area had been using a very poor shed as a school. After it was torn down, they were put into an abandoned school bus which was not only too small, but also leaked when it rained. Now TNHH has the opportunity to build two classrooms for the children during the trip being planned for Dec. 18th to 28th this year. The cost for each is approx. \$13,000 (Cad), with toilet facilities \$4,000, which will need to be raised before the trip. Patty urges anyone who is considering going to let her know soon as space will be limited this year. Whether coming by plane or car, everyone will meet at the San Diego airport's Terminal 1 in the new food court near the Sky Bridge in San Diego at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, the 18th where vans will meet you for the 140km (90-mile) drive to the campsite. As with all of the building projects, everyone, including children accompanied by or with a permission note

from their parents, is welcome, regardless of experience. Advice on what to bring is found on the TNHH Website. All of the food is prepared and furnished each day, as well as water. Cost per person to stay in a cabin is \$370 USD, but they are limited.

JAPAN: In addition to the work that Joel Osborne is doing in Japan, he also undertook another mission after the Asia Mission Forum in Siem Reap. A group of missionaries and ministers from several Asian nations began a youth mission camp called 'Angkor of Faith' (playing off the word Angkor Wat, for the word 'anchor'). This past March was the 10th and final AOF camp. (Joel helped lead and coordinate the first four.) The church in Japan and a church in Singapore, led by God, have partnered together to start a school which is now in its fifth year. It is an English school that offers free education for poorer children and youth from surrounding villages, and employs local staff, a few of whom are Christians. Joel wrote, "Our desire is for it to be Asians working with Asians in Asia for kingdom purposes. (I am the only non-Asian.) Most Japanese churches and Christians still view themselves as 'receivers' of mission-work as opposed to 'givers' or 'senders' of missions. We are intentionally trying to bring some experience, maturity and confidence to them. People who are not Christians get involved in this because they want to volunteer and do something good. This as an opportunity to introduce Christ to them while they are serving with us. It is a part of the discipleship process. We have daily devotionals and small group discussions that are connected to a theme. We try to connect scripture with what we are doing/how we are serving that day. Many of our young Christians would say that their experiences in Cambodia played a large role in helping them come to know Christ."

In his July-August report, Joel wrote that he had continued to teach for the benefit of young and new members a complete overview of each book of the Bible. It helped them to get an understanding of it as a narrative, promoting confidence and the desire for personal study and meditation. In September, he encouraged them to begin sharing their faith by showing them how to study with others. As the Japanese preacher was on a sabbatical this summer, it meant he and Mito did more preaching, giving them a very busy July and August. Joel observed that Mito was growing in his preaching ability, and again appealed for more help to ease the financial situation of the two men as both are now married. (Ed. Note: And as any man will tell you, wives are expensive!)

UKRAINE (Kiev): Jay Don Rogers, administrator of the Ukrainian Bible Institute for the past 15 years, has had to wear glasses since he was seven years of age. Recently he had a new lens put in each eye, and now has 20/20 vision, both near and distant. Mary Lee wrote that since she had never known him any other way, she was not quite used to her "new" husband! "It's an absolute miracle!" They are regretting the loss of their interpreter, Masha Kolchik, whom they considered their adopted daughter, as she had been their constant traveler on all of their trips for more than five years. She has married an American who is transporting her to Tennessee to live. This required interviewing several men and ladies to take her place, and for the first time, a man was chosen for a four-month trial run. Mary Lee undertook having a special luncheon for 18 ladies to bid Macha good-bye and to thank Lori Ruch from Vancouver, B.C. for teaching the ladies' classes for three weeks in August. Mary Lee also gave each lady a gift bag which included the verse she had gone over with the students many times in her lessons: 'You are very special and God has called you for His purpose.'

"We attended the Lectureship which was conducted on the shores of the Crimean Sea before it was taken over by Russia. As usual, Jay Don presented some of the lectures. After his first of the first day he was given quite an honour. Iryna Sidanych from "The Institute of Management of Education" was present (the University where he and several others have gone to teach on "Character"). She presented him an Honorary Degree of "Academic", which is the highest degree which may be given at any University. Jay Don is so well-loved and respected here that the influence of UBI is really starting to spread, even into the government. Eastern European Missions has also had a lot to do with this University. Their President, Bob Burckle, was in Kiev the following week. He spoke in our chapel and gave a very inspirational lesson about his father-in-law being a prisoner of war in Japan and how his Christianity helped him overcome the horrors. When Jay Don told Bob about his honour and that he was going to be speaking at the University the next week, Bob said perhaps he could request that Ukraine make year 2017, 'The Year of the Bible'. Jay Don took his advice and made the request, the audience seeming to like it. So we will see what happens--only God knows." (Excerpts from September report from Jay Don and Mary Lee Rogers)

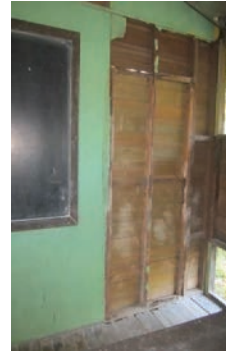
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Since the early 1970's, Bible schools in Lae have been training men and women, from throughout Papua New Guinea, to serve. The Lae Bible School and The School of Life ran from 1975-1987, at which time the Melanesian Bible College (M.B.C.) was started. Now, 41 years later, Christian education is still going strong.

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The M.B.C. offices and 3rd year classroom (left); Termite damage in one of the classrooms (right).

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Thank you!!

The Church on the Rock: GOD'S SOLID FOUNDATION STANDS

by Roy Davison

(From a lesson presented to the Central congregation in Winnipeg. Reprinted from the August, 1994 Gospel Herald)

Ten generations after the flood there was a man who sought a better city. Before God called him, he lived in the great, modern metropolis of Ur, a wealthy trading city with a population of about 500,000. It had a school system, writing, and advanced mathematics. But its inhabitants did not serve the one true God, but Nanna, the moon god, and his wife, Ningal. When God told Abram to leave this worldly city, he left. In Hebrews 11:8-10 we learn why. "By faith, Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would afterward receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going...for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God". Abraham was seeking a city with better foundations than any city on earth. God has prepared a heavenly homeland for the faithful (Hebrews 11:16). Jacob, Abraham's grandson, became the father of a chosen nation, Israel. After 400 years in Egyptian bondage, they were led out and given a law by Moses. Later David was chosen as their King, and God promised that one of his descendants would establish an eternal kingdom. Many generations passed. God sent prophets who told of the One who was coming.

In the fullness of time, God sent His Son (Galatians 4:4). The kingdom of God was at hand. Admittance to the heavenly city which Abraham sought would be provided by one of his descendants. Jesus, the son of Mary and the Son of God, was born in Bethlehem. When He was about 30, he began His ministry and chose 12 men to be His emissaries. When Jesus asked His disciples, "But who do

you say that I am?", Peter answered, 'you are the Christ, the Son of the living God'. Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16: 13-18). Jesus promised to build His church on a Rock, a Rock so firm that even the gates of death's realm would not overcome it. As He later

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declared in the Revelation: "I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death" (1:18). Jesus built a church which defies death. In times of turmoil when God's children in great numbers are being "tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness by which they lie in wait to deceive" (Ephesians 4: 14,15), let us keep in mind that the church of Christ is built on a Rock.

God has ever been a rock of refuge for those who trust in Him. "He is the Rock, His work is perfect; for all His ways are justice, a God of truth and without injustice; righteous and upright is He" (Deuteronomy 32:4). God blessed His people, Moses says, but when Israel grew fat, "he forsook God who made him, and scornfully esteemed the Rock of his salvation" (Deuteronomy 32:15). "Of the Rock who begot you, you are unmindful, and have forgotten the God who fathered you" (Deuteronomy 32: 18). Hannah, the mother of Samuel, spoke these words in prayer: "There is none

holy like the LORD, for there is none beside You, nor is there any rock like our God" (1 Samuel 2:2). In 2 Samuel 22, after David was delivered from his enemies, he said: "The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; the God of my strength, in Him I will trust, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge... As for God, His way is perfect; the word of the LORD is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him. For who is God, except the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God?"

... The LORD lives! Blessed be my Rock! Let God be exalted, the Rock of my salvation" (vss. 2, 3, 31, 32, 47). In Psalm 62, David says, "Truly my soul silently waits for God; from Him comes my salvation. He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be greatly moved... My soul, wait silently for God alone, for my expectation is from Him. He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be moved. In God is my salvation and my glory; the rock of my strength, and my refuge is in God" (vss. 1, 2, 5-7).

Jerusalem on Mount Zion was an earthly representation of that heavenly city Abraham was seeking. In Isaiah's day the rulers of Jerusalem had rejected God's word and had made a covenant with death. The city was doomed. But God promised something better for the faithful few: "Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: 'Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation, a tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation'" (Isaiah 28:16). Jesus Christ is this Foundation Stone in Zion. In 1 Corinthians 3:11 Paul says, "For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Christ is the foundation of His church".

Unfortunately, many religious bodies and organizations have been

formed in the name of Christ, which are not the church which Christ built; they have a different foundation. What did Jesus say about a similar situation among the Jews in His day? They also were divided into many religious parties and denominations. Jesus joined none of them and had harsh words for the sectarians. "Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be up rooted. Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch" (Matthew 15:12-14). If you are a member of a religious body founded on someone or something other than the Lord Jesus Christ, you are blindly following the blind, and you will fall into a pit. In the judgement your group will be uprooted and cast into the fire. Christ is the only foundation. Let us put our trust in Him, "As it is written: 'Behold I lay in Zion a stumbling stone and roc of offense, and whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame'" (Romans 9:33).

In a slightly different figure, Christ is called the Cornerstone. "Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, 'Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone elect, precious and he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame. Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, the stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone,' and 'A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense.' They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed" (1Peter 2:6-8). Notice what determines whether Christ is for you a stumbling stone or the Cornerstone—whether you trust Him or you are disobedient to the word. Under this figure, the inspired apostles and prophets are also in the foundation. "Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being joined

together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a habitation of God in the Spirit" (Ephesians 2:19-22).

The apostles and prophets are in the foundation because of their relationship to the Cornerstone. After His ascension Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to teach them all things (as promised in John 14:26) and to lead them into all the truth (John 16:12, 13). The teaching of the apostles and prophets is the teaching of Christ Himself through inspiration.

Now what does it mean in practical terms that the church is built on the Rock? We already have an indication in the passage which said Christ is a

***The church built on Christ
is the church which obeys
Christ and His apostles.***

stumbling stone for those who are disobedient to the word. Jesus explains what it means to build on the Rock Luke 6:46-49, "But why do you call me 'Lord, Lord', and do not do the things which I say? Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock. But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great." It is simple, really. The church on the rock is the church which does what Jesus says. Matthew 7:21-27, "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord', shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you, depart

from Me you who practice lawlessness. Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken to a wise man who built his house on the rock; and the rain descended, floods came and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. Now every one who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand; and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."

Are we building on the Rock or on the sand? The church built on Christ is the church which obeys Christ and His apostles. In 2 Timothy 2:16-19 Paul warns: "But shun profane and vain babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness. And their message will spread like cancer. Hymenaeus and Philetus are of this sort, who have strayed concerning the truth, saying that the resurrection is already past; and they overthrow the faith of some. Never the less the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: 'The Lord knows those who are His', and 'Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity'." Jesus is building His church on the Rock. God's solid foundation stands. Notwithstanding all the profane and vain babblings, all the cancerous false doctrines which overthrow the faith of some, the solid foundation of God will stand forevermore. The Lord knows those who are His. He knows who is building on the Rock and who is building on the sand. He knows who believes and who is disobedient.

Are you seeking the city with foundations whose builder and maker is God? The foundation has already been laid: Jesus the Christ, the Son of the Living God. Build on the Rock. Do what Jesus says. "Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house" (1 Peter 2:4,5a).

– Alken, Belgium

OBITUARIES

Boyle, Velma Margaret

Born in Griersville, ON on December 4, 1927, a daughter of the late Clayton and Olive (nee Cann) Cramp, Velma passed away at Summit Place in Owen Sound on Thursday September 29, 2016, at the age of 88.

A long time resident of Meaford, Velma was predeceased by her husband Milferd Boyle in 1981 and is recalled as a much loved mother by their children: Daniel and his wife Barbara of Elmira, ON, Kathrine and her husband Randy Hall of Campbell, CA, Arnold and his wife Peggy of Meaford, ON, and Todd and his wife Susan of Owen Sound, ON.

She will be the sadly missed grandmother and great grandmother of Tina Harris and her daughters Samantha and Elizabeth; Christopher Boyle and his wife Sarah and their children Angelina and Keira; Bethany and Danny Fitelson and their children Sophia and Kayleigh; Grace Hall; Trisha and George Cox; Tyler Boyle and Jesse Boyle; and Lucas, Matthew and Adam Boyle.

Velma will be remembered as a dear sister and sister-in-law by Laura (late Maurice Marritt and Gordon Turner) of Meaford, Gordon (Lois and late Gwen) Cramp of Meaford, Alvin (Marie) Cramp of St. Catharines, Grace (late Malcolm 'Mac') Porter of Oshawa, and Les (Joan) Cramp of Meaford, and she was predeceased by brothers Emerson (late Evelyn) Cramp and Elwood Cramp and remembered by his wife Jean of Meaford. Velma is also remembered as a dear aunt by many nieces and nephews and their families.

Velma was active in serving the Lord during her life. Her daughter reminded those at her funeral of that fact, speaking about how

Velma would host an "informal" Bible study in her home for the neighbourhood children which allowed her to get to know them. Some came to Sunday school as a result of this experience. She also worked with the regular Sunday School at Meaford and was active with the ladies' activities.

Velma and Milferd were great believers in and supporters of Christian education throughout their adult lives, visiting many of the brotherhood campuses and establishing a scholarship in Milferd's memory at Great Lakes. Velma was active in working with the Waves, the Women's Association for Vital Educational Support organization for Great Lakes. She was a strong support and encouragement to her husband, Milferd, who served as an Elder at Meaford for several years. Milferd and Velma made a great team. She remained active in her service until her health prevented her doing so.

A funeral service of praise was conducted at the Meaford church building on Sunday, October 2 with several family and Meaford members being involved. Any who wish to honour her memory are encouraged to do so with a contribution in her memory to Great Lakes Bible College in Waterloo, ON.

— Max Craddock

Morse, Mary Olive

Mary Olive Morse (nee Comfort) passed away peacefully on Monday, September 26 at Hotel Dieu Shaver Hospital in her 89th year. Mary was dear sister-in-law to Evelyn Comfort, Joan Comfort and Peter Martinak. She was the cherished aunt of many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. Mary was predeceased by her husband Ernest, sister Evelyn Martinak, and brothers, Harold and Edward Comfort.

Following is a brief excerpt from the eulogy delivered by her nephew, Brian Martinak: "If you were to ask me to describe Aunt Mary in a couple of words, I'd tell you, 'Wherever she went, she was a presence.' You knew you could count on her boisterous greeting, warm, affectionate embrace and endless stories. She enjoyed life. You can see it in her pictures, photo albums filled with humorous captions and pictures capturing family gatherings and celebrations with friends. Forever an actress, she was always first in line for roles in skits performed for the Comfort Reunion, Pelham Seniors or the church. Mary was a support to the family, the church and the community. She volunteered endlessly to drive for Pelham Cares and work on their food drives. She quilted, sewed and knitted baby clothes and blankets for donations to the needy. All her nieces and nephews have quilts lovingly stitched by Aunt Mary and her sister, Evelyn. Even with her recent illness, she kept her smile and self-effacing humour."

Mary will be missed by the church family. She was a regular visitor to hospitals, nursing homes, senior centers and homes of shut-ins. She helped with VBS and was known as the Kids for Christ cookie lady.

The funeral was held on September 29. I officiated with assistance from Shawn Redding and David Stuart.

— Don Hipwell

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

EDMONTON Church of Christ: meeting place in NW of city; 13015 – 116 Avenue NW; Ofc 780.455.1049; Fax 780.454.9545; Sun 9:30 am Bible classes; 10:30 am Worship; Wed 7 pm Bible Study CARE groups at the building and in various homes (phone for location and other times); Elders: Henri Bouchard, Walter Hreczuch, Kirby Salter; Evangelists: Larry Boswell 780.270.6007 and Emanuel Burnstad 780.678.5395; Email: church5@telus.net; Web: edmontonchurchofchrist.org

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

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

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RED DEER: Davenport Church of Christ, 68 Donlevy Avenue, Red Deer, T4R 2Y8, tel. 403-347-3986; (fax) 403.347.332, Edward Klym, Minister/Evangelist; Sunday morning worship: 10:00 am, Sunday School: 11:00 am; Wednesday Bible Class: 7:00 pm Email: davenportchurchofchrist@gmail.com Website: www.reddeerchurchofchrist.com Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/rddcc

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

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

COURTENAY: Tslolum Building, Lewis Park, Courtenay; Worship 10 am; Ev. Bill Pakosz, ph. 250-923-6176; Website: www.churchofchristcourtenay.org, Email: Churchofchristcourtenay@shaw.ca Mailing address: 2239 Oyster Garden Rd, Campbell River, BC V9H 1E7

CRESTON: Call for service times and place; David & Diane Phypers: 250-428-5937

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

KELOWNA: Spring Valley Church of Christ, #106 - 1580 Springfield Road, Kelowna, B.C. V1Y 5V4 Sun. 10:30, Charlie McKnight, ev., Ph. 250-862-8739, email: McKnight8739@shaw.ca

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

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

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

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

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

PETERBOROUGH: The Board Room, Parkway Place Mall, Landsdowne Street W.; Mailing address: c/o Bob and Carol Myers, 2567 Dummer-Asphodel, Norwood, ON K0L 2V0. Sunday 10 & 10:45; Wed. The Board Room, 7:00 pm, Bob Myers (705) 760-2661

PINE ORCHARD: 16716 Warden Ave (just south of Vivian Rd.) 3 km east of Newmarket; Sunday School 10 am except July/August, Worship 11 am; Mailing address: Judy Yaksich, Sec. S12125 Sideroad 17, RR #1, Sunderland, ON L0C 1H0; phone: (705) 357-1224 Email: jayaksich@yahoo.ca

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

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

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

SUDBURY: 2663 Bancroft Dr. P3B 1T7; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:00; 705-560-3964; Elders Wes Bailey, Don Stringer

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TORONTO (Bayview Ave.): 1708 Bayview Ave., M4G 3C4 (1 block S. of Eglinton); Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Michael Hilborn, mihilborn@rogers.com; 609-319 Merton St. Toronto, ON M4S 1A5 (416) 489-7405 (office)

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TORONTO (Harding Ave.): 47 Harding Ave., M6M 3A3; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7: 416-244-9152; contact: Aikins Wiredu, 905-216-6896; Bernard Worloson, 416-742-8292; Twi service available last Sunday of the month, and Spanish Classes, Mondays 7:30 p.m., Santiago Molina (416) 751-6879.

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WATERLOO church of Christ: 470 Glenelm Cres., Waterloo, ON N2L 5C8; (519) 885-6330 (off); Sun, 9:30, 10:30, Wed 7:00 pm, Jamie Azzoparde, 519-885-6330, e-mail: Jazw.wcoc@gmail.com website: www.waterloochurchofchrist.ca

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., 785 Sandison Ave., Windsor, N9E 4T3; (519) 250-4407; Email: westsidechurch@live.com

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QUEBEC CITY: 2980 De Verteuil St (corner Jean-Noel St); Mailing address: PO Box 9041 STV Sainte-Foy, Quebec, QC G1V 4A8, Sunday School: 9:30 AM; Sunday worship: 10:30 AM (French); Wed. 7:00 PM (Phone in Summer) 418-651-3664 (of); Yvon Beaudoin, ev. 418-728-5240; email: ybeaudoin@oricom.ca; Roger Paradis, ev. 418-831-8690; email: rparadis1518@videotron.ca

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MOOSE JAW: 901 James Street, Moose Jaw, SK S6H 3H5; (306) 693-4064 (off.); mjccoc@sasktel.net Website: <http://mjchurchofchrist.blogspot.com>; Call for times of worship, Darrell Buchanan, ev

REGINA (Northwest): 4400 4th Avenue Regina S4T 0H8 (in the Orr Centre) Sunday: 9:45am Classes: 11:15am Contact: Dr. Leslie Williams E-mail: lesliejwilliams@gmail.com

SASKATOON: Sunday, Worship 10 AM, Wed, 7 PM; Phone for summer schedule; Office: 343-7922; Lead Minister: Mike Parker; Senior Minister: Bob Parker; Youth Minister: Luke Gordon Location & Mail: 134 Cardinal Cres. S7L 6H6; Fax: 343-1589; Bob Parker: stonchurch@live.com Mike Parker: mike@skchurch.ca Luke Gordon: luke@skchurch.ca

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