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Where Will We Be in 2025?

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Watch Your Step, the Ice is Slippery!

Brian Thompson

It's not hard to convince someone who has broken his/her hip by slipping on some ice to be extra careful when they attempt to walk outside on a windy, wintery day, is it? Quite often when someone falls the second time, especially seniors, we know that they'll likely have an even harder time getting up and their injuries will be far more extensive and serious.

This principle of being careful and watching our step is scripturally and spiritually based. **Notice in the following passages how we can fall spiritually:**

- When we become envious of the wicked and we see how they prosper while practicing wickedness...when we notice that they don't suffer even while dying...when we observe that they are successful in this life, lacking nothing while we do without...when they don't seem to have any hardships in life and live a life of

arrogance while as God's people we suffer numerous hardships (Psalms 73:1-9).

- When we are overwhelmed by sorrow and anxiety because of personal sin. Because of the consequences of his sin David felt like he was ready to fall (Psalms 38:13-22).

- When we act wickedly we shall fall by our wickedness (Proverbs 11:5).

- When we do not have (or refuse to have) guidance we will fall (Proverbs 11:14).

- When we trust in our riches we will definitely fall (Proverbs 11:28).

- When we dig a pit (to trap others) we will fall into our own pit (Proverbs 26:27; 28:10).

- When our ways are crooked (dishonest) we will fall suddenly (Proverbs 28:18).

To prevent ourselves from fall-

ing outside either we stay indoors or we purchase a cane with an ice pick inserted on the bottom or we have someone assist us as we go from place to place.

As Christians how do we keep from falling spiritually?

- When God's word is in our heart our steps will not slip! (Psalms 37:31).

- When we walk only on God's paths then we will not slip (Psalms 17:5).

David said that God enlarged his steps under him so that his feet would not slip (II Samuel 22:37; Psalms 18:36).

As Christians, are we alone in our walk? What happens if we do fall spiritually?

Who can help us?

- Praise God who keeps (guards) us in life, and does not allow our feet to slip. God, who keeps us, does not sleep (Psalms 66:8-9; 121:3).

- Even if we do slip God's loving-kindness will hold us up! (Psalms 94:18; 145:14).

"But as for me, my feet came close to stumbling; my steps had almost slipped." (Psalms 73:2)

"In all your ways acknowledge God, and He will make your paths straight." (Proverbs 3:6)

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Questions People Ask

Bill Craddock

What does the apostle Paul mean when he tells the Christians at Corinth to “examine” themselves in 2 Corinthians 13:5?

I was asked this question recently after I used this verse in a sermon. Just how are we to examine ourselves? What is involved? What do we use in this examination? Why is it necessary?

In defining Greek verbs translated “examine” we find such definitions as “investigate,” “searching,” “enquiry,” “prove,” “try,” etc. Paul goes on to say they were to test themselves. If there is to be a test there must be a source of truth upon which to base the test.

When it comes to our physical bodies the medical world tells us to watch for certain signs of abnormalities that indicate a problem in our bodies. When these signs manifest themselves we should immediately seek medical help.

Paul is using this same terminology for our spiritual body. The source of truth that indicates what our spiritual body should be is the **Bible**. The way we examine ourselves is to compare our lives to how the Bible says we should be living our lives. Paul says that we know our own life better than anyone else. Others see the outward manifestations of our lives, but no one knows our heart as we do. This is where the real examination comes in. If we were to grade others based upon how we see them from day to day, we

may give them a passing grade. Yet, the heart of that person may be as cold and hard as a block of ice. What is seen on the outside is not always what you get. This is why we must examine “ourselves.” No one knows “me” like I do. **Others cannot take my spiritual test for me.**

Those brethren in Corinth had many problems. In reading 1 Corinthians 6:9–11, we find many of them had come out of some very wicked backgrounds. Paul said that they had been washed and cleansed of those sins, but many of them had not grown very much of a spiritual nature. In fact many of them were still carnal. Paul wanted them to look at themselves in the light of God’s truth and be honest with themselves as to whether they still had Jesus Christ in their lives or not. If Christ was not still there they were again lost.

We still have this responsibility as Christians today. Test our thoughts, vocabulary, conduct and every area of our life according to what is revealed in the New Testament. Do we meet God’s expectations of a Christian? Am I growing spiritually? Can I see improvement in areas of spiritual weakness? Can I see improvement in my attitude toward God and

in living the Christian life? If I honestly look at my life and see that I have not made progress in areas of weakness as I should, I have flunked the test. We all grow at different rates and have been saved various lengths of time, etc. God understands this, but this is why we must test ourselves, not others. Do this daily. **Did you pass?**

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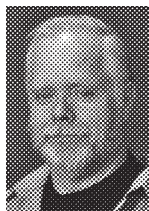
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Where Will We Be in 2025?

Wayne Turner



Earlier this year, the United Church Observer printed a survey that asked its readers "What will your congregation look like 12 years from now on the 100th anniversary of The United Church of Canada in 2025?" The results were published in their September edition. David

Wilson, the editor, noted, "With United Church of Canada statistics showing that congregations are disbanding at a rate of one a week—and our own survey indicating that members predict a future of continuing decline—the findings add up to a lot of potentially empty churches."

The survey respondents shared their views of what they feel is presently happening in the United Church and what they think will happen over the next twelve years. In an Observer article, "About those empty pews," Samantha Rideout says she wants to face the "elephant in the room" and asks, "will there even be a future United Church?" Nearly half the respondents believe the United Church will be smaller in 2025 than it is today. Yet, she notes that there is a cautious optimism for the future, despite some major concerns today. Two of these are especially worth our attention.

First, 58% of the respondents said that "people in their family who are currently under the age of 30 are unlikely to be part of a United Church congregation in 2025." As most of us know, many religious groups are experiencing a major loss of those who are middle-aged, young adults and children. It is not uncommon in many churches for seniors to predominate. What is not answered in the survey is where they expect their young people to be. Will they have shifted to other faith groups or will they have abandoned faith entirely?

Second, respondents noted the lack of diversity in their churches. Rideout states, "This deficiency is felt in everything from cultural and religious backgrounds to age." She notes that in the surveys, the repeated solution was to reach more young people. Yet, this seems unlikely when most survey respondents don't even expect that their own young people will continue attending.

We might estimate, based on current trends, that by 2025, the number of congregations in the United Church of Canada will drop from 3,400 today to 2,800. Membership and attendance will continue to decline. And, of those who will be attending, relatively few will be under the age of 40. There might be a legitimate question if the denomination will even exist as it does today.

In noting these trends, our purpose is not to point fingers at the difficulties facing the United Church. Rather,

we want to ask, "Where will we be in 2025?" What will our congregations look like? Which congregations will have ceased to exist? Which will be growing and thriving? Will there be any new ones planted? Will our story be any different? Could we be facing a similar future of decline?

Part of the decline that has been experienced by the United Church and other religious bodies is due to cultural and demographic factors that affect everyone. During the late 1950's, the United Church was at its peak. On Sunday mornings, in Canada, most people attended church. In the years since, culture has become more secularized and religion has been increasingly marginalized so that today, only a minority of people profess any real religious affiliation, and even fewer attend worship. The "church-going" culture of the 50's has given way to Sunday morning sports, shopping, work, etc. (This is why some are referring to the idea we are living in a "post-Christian" culture.) Second, the population of Canada is getting older. The Baby Boomer bulge has started retiring. Many churches are populated by predominantly senior members. Without younger members, it is difficult to attract younger people. Third, as Canada's rural population has moved to larger centres, churches in smaller communities have found themselves declining and shutting down. Churches of Christ across Canada have been challenged by all of these.

Does this necessarily mean that we should expect decline, that our future is bleak? Certainly not. We cannot deny that culture and demographics can have an influence and that there may be congregations that

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A New Testament Example of Church Growth

The events of the book of Acts are wonderfully exciting as we see the Lord's Church begin on the day of Pentecost in chapter 2 and are told of its growth in the following chapters. The excitement of these days is seen in Acts 2:46, 47, "And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved." These exciting days continued as we read of the continuing growth of the Church, both in numbers and in spirit. (Acts 4:4; 5:14; 6:1; 6:7; 9:31 etc.)

As God's people today, we surely desire to see the Church grow in the same way in our generation. We know, because God is true to His word, great things can be accomplished in His name, even in 2013. Since it is the purpose of God that His wisdom should be made known to the world by His Church, we need to trust the promise given through Paul. "Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us..." Ephesians 3:20.

Believing that truth alone, will not get the job done. So an important question to ask is "why did the early church grow so well?" There are a number of things that become obvious as we look at the book of Acts.

The first answer is found in Acts 2:42, "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." They taught what

the apostles were teaching. Their teaching was not what they decided it should be but was what the Holy Spirit was leading them to say... in fulfillment of the promise Jesus made. "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you" John 14:25, 26. (Note Paul's statement in 1 Corinthians 2:12, 13).

The Church in the beginning recognized something we need to value today. In fact, I personally believe this is an area in which the Church often fails in our busy lifestyles of today. It is our failure to value the spiritual as well as the social fellowship within the Church. Remember Acts 2:42 we read earlier. Add to that, Acts 2:46, "And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts." In the case of the conversion of the Jailer in Acts 16, the joy of his obedience to the Lord was celebrated in fellowship and sharing in his home. "And they said, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family. Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God" Acts 16:31-34.

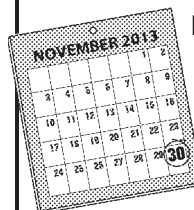
What a wonderful period of fellowship and I often wonder if he ever got to have Paul and Silas in his home again. Hopefully yes. However, even not with them, I know he would be strengthened by the fellowship of other brethren of like faith.

Sadly, it appears to me that Christians often desire to spend time with people of the world rather than brethren. While time must be spent with unbelievers to get to know them and be able to share faith with them, the Christian will be strengthened in fellowship with brethren so he can be better equipped to share his faith with those outside the Lord's body.

Another characteristic of the early Church was their courage in the face of the official opposition. (Note Acts 4 & 5). Today we Christians often seem to be afraid to take advantage of opportunities to share our faith and stand up for what is right. Often

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Worms in the Fridge

While he is not a man for whom you would buy a T-shirt which says, "Eat. Sleep. Go fishing.", my husband does, occasionally, relax by sitting on a creek bank drowning worms. Although he sometimes hunts his own, typically Don's fishing jaunts begin with a stop at the near-by gas station for bait. A single purchase is usually sufficient for more than one outing, so in between fishing sessions the container of worms is stored in our fridge. And yes, I am referring to the one in our kitchen which also contains our food. (FYI for the uninitiated: the cool temperature of the fridge keeps the worms alive but dormant) I detest worms, so

I am not thrilled with having a wad of them snoozing in my fridge. Even though they have never (at least so far) escaped their little box, I still don't like having the icky things in my fridge. I know they are lurking in there but if someone who was unaware of their presence were to look into my fridge, they would not likely suspect that innocent-looking Styrofoam box stuck in the back corner of the third shelf contained slimy, disgusting worms.

People's lives, like my fridge, sometimes harbour ugly secrets. Typically these are compulsive behaviours which are difficult to stop and therefore continue to be engaged in even though the person may feel shame or guilt because of them. Most are sinful. Period. Some are not inherently sinful but become so when they become addictions. "While some actions are not sinful in themselves, they are not appropriate because they can control believers' lives and lead them away from God. Believers should not do these actions because they do not want to become enslaved to anything."¹ "Everything is permissible for me"—but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is permissible for me"—but I will not be mastered by anything" (1 Corinthians 6:12 NIV 1984).

Among the most easily concealed "worms" in our lives are the sexual sins such as the use of pornography, sexting, telephone sex lines, Internet sex or reading sexually explicit material. Since all of these can be engaged in, in private, they can easily be hidden from the eyes of others. These mind polluters feed on lust and take their participants

captive corrupting their ability to experience the true sexual pleasure God designed for marriage. "But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people" (Ephesians 5:3 NIV 1984). "So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires" (Colossians 3:5a NLT). The Greek word *porneia* is translated "sexual immorality" in these two verses. Sexual immorality is: "Any form of illicit sexual relationship. The term serves to spotlight forbidden sexual behaviour between people or indirect participation as an audience. We derive our term "pornography" from this Greek word."²

Just as I am aware of the presence of my husband's fishing bait, others may be aware of dark secrets in the lives of close family members. Not only are they aware but very likely victims of such sins. Spousal abuse, child molesting, alcohol abuse and gambling addiction are examples of "shared secrets". Sadly, those who are captive to such sins are often respected members of our churches. Somehow they manage to keep their container of worms well hidden from the eyes of the congregation and the community. One of Jesus's most scathing reprimands was for Jewish leaders who appeared very pious while harbouring all sorts of ungodliness in their lives. "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of dead men's bones and everything unclean. In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness" (Matthew 23:27, 28 NIV 1984). "When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, idola-

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try, sorcery, hostility, quarrelling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God" (Galatians 5:19-21 NLT).

These things are kept secret because they are not only condemned in Scripture but also disapproved of by society. The perpetrators often lie to themselves in an attempt to justify their evil actions because it is easier to deny the truth than free oneself from sin's grasp. "Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires. Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God" (Romans 6:12, 13 NLT).

Unfortunately, not all of the worms in Satan's bait box are frowned upon by the general public. The vast majority of his lures are touted as natural and sensible. Some are even being promoted to children through school materials and library books. Homosexually, promiscuity and common-law relationships. Because they are so widely accepted, they are less likely to be closely guarded secrets. However, society's endorsement does not make them acceptable to God. "God's will is for you to be holy, so stay away from all sexual sin. Then each of you will control his own body and live in holiness and honour—not in lustful passion like the pagans who do not know God and his ways. ... God has called us to live holy lives, not impure lives. Therefore, anyone who refuses to live by these rules is not disobeying human teaching but is rejecting God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you" (1 Thessalonians 4:3-5, 7,8 NLT).

The wiggly little creatures which occasionally take up temporary resi-

dence in my fridge are not harmful. Inactive and confined, they do not contaminate the other contents of the fridge. Such is not the case with the "sin worms" in our lives. We may try to excuse them as harmless or deny their power over us or their effect on us, but the truth is, all such sin contaminates our minds and our lives, damaging our personal relationships and destroying our relationship with God. "Let there be no sexual immorality, impurity, or greed among you. Such sins have no place among God's people. Obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes—these are not for you. Instead, let there be thankfulness to God. You can be sure that no immoral, impure, or greedy person will inherit the Kingdom of Christ and of God. For a greedy person is an idolater, worshipping the things of this world. Don't be fooled by those who try to excuse these sins, for the anger of God will fall on all who disobey him. Don't participate in the things these people do. For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light! For this light within you produces only what is good and right and true. Carefully determine what pleases the Lord.

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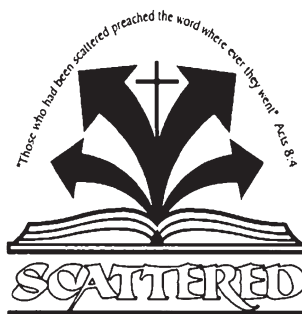
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— The editors

Take no part in the worthless deeds of evil and darkness; instead, expose them. It is shameful even to talk about the things that ungodly people do in secret" (Ephesians 5:3-12 NLT).

¹Life Application Concise New Testament Commentary on 1 Corinthians 6:12. WORDsearch 7 for computer

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will decline and even close (as some already have). However, living in a post-Christian culture offers its own unique opportunities to share the gospel. Many people have not heard the story of Jesus at all. As they increasingly sense the emptiness of their secular lives, they may be more open to something that offers meaning and hope. This could be especially true of those who are Baby Boomers and older. We need to look for effective ways to reach out to seniors. We need to be open to diversity, not only welcoming those from multicultural backgrounds, as many congregations have already done so well, but also those who may look very different. We cannot help but wonder if some churches are unable to attract young people because they are uncomfortable with those who have tattoos, piercings, different hair or clothing. (In the survey, 62% did not want people using technology during worship).

What will we be in 2025? Lord willing, we will be a vibrant community of believers who worship and work together as God's family and who lovingly share Christ with all those around.

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we excuse ourselves by saying that we don't want to offend anyone. Obviously we understand that people can be driven away by unkind and harsh approaches but we can learn to bless rather than offend.

Consider the instructions given through Paul in Colossians 4:2-6, "Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison—that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak. Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person." One of the things we need to be steadfast in prayer about is seeking God's guidance for wisdom to speak His truth in a loving, encouraging way.

Another important thing we see in the early Church is the recognition that different people have different talents, abilities and thus duties. In Acts 6 the first sign of trouble is seen. It had to do with the benevolent work that was being done. Of course, the Church had shown concern for brethren who were in need at Jerusalem. "And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need" Acts 2:44, 45. (This is a work that is carried on by the Church in years to come as it spreads from Jerusalem to all Judah, Samaria and the whole earth. Brethren from elsewhere send to help the Church at Jerusalem).

Going back to the problem, in Acts 6 we read, "Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, 'It

is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word'" Acts 6:1-4. The benevolent work of the Church, both inside the body and outside, is a testimony that speaks strongly for the validity of the gospel message.

While there are perhaps other items that could and should be listed, a major key to the growth of the Church in the first century was the high priority they placed on preaching the word, which is being evangelistic. In the early days they were able to do this without much opposition as they were in favour with the people. However that changed in Acts 8. "And Saul approved of his execution. And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. Devout men buried Stephen and made great lamentation over him. But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison. Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word" Acts 8:1-4. This was a time when they might have chosen to hide and keep the message to themselves, however, they understood their commission was to take the saving message of Jesus Christ to the world so "...those who were scattered went about preaching the word".

The Church will grow today when we Christians understand our commission from the Lord is to take this same saving message to the world. And remember, the world begins with our family and spreads out to everyone we have opportunity to influence as we spread the aroma of Christ in our daily walk with the Master.



The Work of the Evangelist Motivation Messages

Eugene C. Perry

Writing in a recent issue of FAITH TODAY Magazine, about the growing liberal trend of “evangelicals” on many issues, including same sex marriage, John G. Stackhouse, Jr., professor at Regent College, says that, “Personal freedom to pursue happiness is paramount, and justice must be served in a compassionate way.” is becoming the guideline.

He continues, “This cultural tide has met little resistance in churches who spend their time moaning repetitive mumbles to Jesus and hearing entertaining “sermons” relying entirely on the sway of personalities. Neither songwriter nor preacher has felt obliged to articulate what the Bible actually says, much less to argue that this scriptural message ought to have binding authority on the congregation.” and adds, “Once we give up on serious Bible study and resort instead to the basic thrust of the Bible, or the ‘main message of the gospel,’ or some other convenient generalization, we have no place to stand against that tide, and nothing to offer our society that our society is not already saying to itself.”

We often hear remarks or references to the popularity of certain preachers or how, in general, people seem to “enjoy/like” their messages. Those of us who are older have noted changes in the nature and content of the messages we hear from the pulpit and even in Bible classes.

Are we in danger of going from the “hellfire and damnation” messages of earlier days, one extreme, to “pious platitudes” that “tickle the ears” but provide little or no challenge to the heart of life—another extreme?

As the old saying goes, “from one extreme to another.”

When Paul instructed Timothy regarding his work as an evangelist he did not tell him to win the favour of the people by being kind, compromising and positive or by providing entertainment and information. Rather, his message as found in 2 Timothy 4:1–4 in the ASV reads, “I charge thee in the sight of God, and of Christ Jesus, who shall judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be urgent in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure the sound doctrine; but, having itching ears, will heap to themselves teachers after their own lusts; and will turn away their ears from the truth, and turn aside unto fables.”

The following verse implies that this defines the “work of an evangelist” and that it involves being sober in all things and suffering hardship but is, nevertheless, the manner in which Timothy must fulfil his “ministry”.

The preacher must consider the circumstances/needs of those in the pew. Were those in Ephesus much different than those in my congregation or yours? Perhaps so, but we must admit that our culture is regressing in the direction of that of Ephesus. And, face it, culture definitely has its effect on us despite our being a “set apart people”.

We live in, react to and are being influenced by surrounding trends spoken of in scripture as “the world”. In John 17 we read that Christ’s chosen ones are “in the world” but “not of the world” (vs. 14.15).

Because we are still “in the world” and because the devil is still active in “seeking whom he may devour” (1 Peter 5:8) we need ongoing, strong scriptural lessons delivered with urgency. Immorality, false teaching and unfaithfulness must be identified and reprovved. We continue, in season and out of season, to need exhortation/encouragement to stand for truth and righteousness and to resist the constant pressures of the world and sometimes even those from within the church itself.

Paul’s choice of words—urgent, exhort, reprove, rebuke—all strongly imply the idea of motivating change/action. A survey of the sermons found in the Bible reveals that, for the most part, they concluded with an appeal. Perhaps the “altar call” and/or the “gospel invitation” with its accompanying hymn of encouragement, almost unknown to the present generation, resulted from these Bible examples and from the realization that preaching should be motivational—a call for action, change, repentance, improvement, service.

May we have more purposeful and motivational preaching and Bible studies. Information is helpful but does not necessarily motive to action or even to taking a stand.

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NEW YORK

Sardinia: Kirk Engnath was baptized on August 11, following a Bible study on how to become a Christian. Rejoice with him and us.

NEW BRUNSWICK

Saint John: In July and August, we had many people of the Lord's church visit with us, from Waterloo, Ottawa and Stratford, Ontario, as well as Georgia and Louisiana. It has been a great summer! In July, we finished our Bible studies in the Gospel of John and our sermon series in the Book of Acts. We are excited to be studying the beginning and history of the church. Our sermon series in August was from Hebrews 12 in which we learned about the discipline of God and are encouraged to remember Jesus when facing difficult times. Also in August, we had a Bible study with a woman named Rose. She wanted to know if the Pentecostal doctrine of End Times was biblical. We chose Mathew 24 as a study text. She then attended worship two weeks in a row until she got the flu. She is a little frail and her health is failing. We are hoping to see her at worship in the future. Please pray for Rose and pray for us, that we may bring her to Christ!

ONTARIO

Bramalea: Alphonso Smikle, former Bramalea member, recently returned from a visit to Jamaica and Regina, Saskatchewan. Lynn Inez, previously a caregiver for sisters Netta Banks and Mary Broome, was baptized by Walter Straker on August 11. Lynn began attending the Mississauga congregation several months ago and attends there. Six of the congregation's men attended the Waterloo Men's Retreat at Camp Omagh on September 6 and 7 to hear Garry Bailey from Abilene, Texas. Bramalea has been preparing to begin the congregation's Life Groups on October 6, 2013. Joel Osborne was scheduled to preach for us on Sunday, September 29, and with Hiro Akahoshi,

a new Christian, report on the Japanese work during the Bible class hour.

Fenwick: It seems the weather has been against us several times this year. Twenty hearty souls gathered at Dandelion Acres for a corn roast on August 13, a very chilly evening. In spite of the threat of rain, 44 attended the neighbourhood barbeque on August 23, fourteen were from the community. Fewer numbers than usual attended the Kids for Christ funfair, August 27, because of a light rain all evening. We are pleased to announce a new sister in Christ. Carol Forcucci was baptized on August 25. We hosted a Funeral Planning Seminar on September 14. Homecoming was October 6 with Max Craddock. Kevin Cleary will be holding a gospel meeting at Fenwick October 20-23. Shawn Redding began working with the congregation on October 1.

Ice Lake: This summer, the congregation at Ice Lake was visited by many Christians, all helping with the work here by preaching, teaching and encouraging each other. Steve Davis and family from Homestead, Florida, spent the month of July in Ice Lake. Steve taught the adult Bible class and preached many wonderful lessons on the fullness of God and His redemptive love for us. Fifteen members of the Church of Christ that meets in Kingston, Tennessee, traveled to the Island in July and spent a week working with the congregation. They encouraged everyone to remain steadfast. They visited with people from the Island and helped some members with work around their homes. Jeff Brown, the minister in Kingston, preached on Sunday and held meetings for three nights on financial management, enriching our marriages and raising Godly children in a sinful world. The group hopes to return again next year to continue working with the Church. In August, Geoff Ellis from Waterloo spoke on The Father's Discipline and The Unshakable Kingdom. We are looking forward to some of the things that are coming up including Walter Hart of Waterloo, Paul Valli of Sault St. Marie and Max Craddock of Toronto who are also planning to speak here. On Wednesday nights for the rest of the summer and into the fall we are studying from a book called Searching for the Truth by John Moore.

Stoney Creek: Sunday morning Bible classes resumed September 8 after a summer recess. Teachers this fall

are Valarie Groves, Fran Groves, and Samantha Lundy (children), Melanie Wiebe (teens), and Brent Olson (adults). The Stoney Creek church continues to be involved in Partnership for the Missional Church. Various members are involved in service projects in Hamilton's nearby Riverdale Community, which has the city's largest concentration of immigrant families. Saturday, September 7, the congregation engaged together in a time of "discernment" to reflect on what we have been doing in Riverdale and on what God may be leading us to do next. Members will also be involved in late October in a "cluster meeting" with other Churches of Christ in Ontario and Michigan that are involved in Partnership for the Missional Church.

Toronto (Bayview): Bayview adopted a Safe Church Policy in 2007 in response to the growing awareness of the need to protect children and other vulnerable persons. Since that time our Safe Church Ministry has been functioning, developing, administering and reviewing our policy. It also regularly screens church workers. On an annual basis the team organizes a workshop open to all members of the congregation and conducts training for those involved in the Sunday School Program. We are grateful to this team for their many efforts

Toronto (Strathmore Blvd): On September 8 the congregation enjoyed having Jonathan Palitayan, a preacher from the Philippines who was in Toronto to speak at the Filipino-Canadian Retreat at Camp Omagh. We have recently welcomed to our Strathmore Family: Nathan Ni and Samantha Sandassie who moved from Kingston, ON, where they attended University. Guido Pereira from Brazil, here to attend U of T, on a Brazilian scholarship. He expects to be with us for 16 months. Also, David Chua from Singapore, who is here for one semester as an exchange student at Ryerson University.

Waterloo: The Southwest Kitchener church of Christ began meeting October 6 in the Williamsburg Town Centre located at 1187 Fischer Hallman Road. The location holds approximately 60 people. The United Chorale of the Churches of Christ in Venezuela have their visas and will return to Canada for a visit September 9-24. The Spanish Campaign will be at the church building, from Thursday, September 12-15.



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ALBERTA

Edmonton Northside: We wish the very best to Shawn and Donna Redding who have moved to Ontario. Shawn will be preaching at the Fenwick church of Christ. Snezana Lepki was visiting here and updated us on her mission work. Family camp was held at Ross Haven Camp. It was well attended and enjoyed by all. Welcome to Steve Charlebois who was baptized recently. Welcome to Richard Boadu who has moved here from Toronto and has identified with our congregation. Also welcome to Jay, Linda and Jacob Manimtim who have moved back.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Abbotsford (Central Valley): Grahame Somerville from the Prince George house church passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 3. The Weirs left the following Monday to drive up to be with the family and for Norm to conduct the funeral service on Sept. 11. Brother Somerville has been ill for some time without hope for recovery. At the age of 57, he leaves his wife, Toni and two children, Echo and Jim, and one grandson, Sheldon.

Burnaby: The bi-monthly Ladies Bible study is using another of Beth Moore's excellent books, "Breaking Free", for their fall studies. Under the heading of "Family Feud", the fall kick-off event for the Youth group was composed of worship, games and fellowship time on Sept. 28.

Delta: Delta members viewed a thought-provoking movie based on the Minor Prophet, Hosea, the first week of September. The film is entitled "Amazing Love".

Nanaimo: The two couples from Burnaby who arrived in Jerusalem on Sept. 4, the Dogans and Malms, welcomed Larry Wetten who couldn't come until Sept. 18 to help with various projects underway by Christians in the Jerusalem church. Larry expects to be in Israel for almost two weeks, the others until Oct. 4.

Vernon: Several of our members participated in the "Walk-a-thon and Fun Day" On Sept. 15, a community fund-raiser for the

Pregnancy Care Center in Vernon. Events included a Bar-B-Q, live music, face painting and other attractions for children, as well as prizes for family teams, friends and church groups who raised the most money for the cause. It was an excellent opportunity for us to mingle and get acquainted with members of other churches in the city.

MANITOBA

Winnipeg: Sami Gauthier will be working with our church serving in our education and youth ministry mentorship this fall until December 16. September 14 there was a clothing give away. This year's youth rally was September 20-22. The theme was "Epic: Surpassing the Ordinary". Guest

speaker was Bruce Boland the youth and involvement minister for the Niagara Falls church of Christ.

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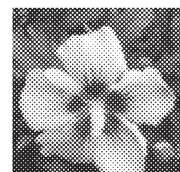
Weyburn: The Burdans hosted the Back to School Prayer Night on August 28. The ladies' class "Faith in Action" Luke 7:1-10; 36-50 has begun. There will be 2 adult classes on Sunday mornings. John will finish the Judges/Ruth study and then will do a series on Relationships from Ephesians. Evan will teach "Have a New Family by Friday". September 7 is "Clowning Around on Saturday". It is a fun time for the kids and their parents and the VBS friends. "It Takes a Village" Sunday School workshop was held September 28.

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MISSION NEWS

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JAPAN: (Ed. Note: After months of hunting for a house to buy after the place they have rented since their return to Japan had to be vacated, Steve and Marcia finally found something resembling a house that they have moved into and are trying to make livable. Every room required attention, which they have been doing on their own, but now are short of money with which to buy a necessary stove for their bedroom. Most Japanese houses have no central heating system or other items in order to make the house warm before the very cold weather arrives. He estimates that they are in urgent need of about \$2,000 to complete what must be finished. (Donations may be sent to the North Sheridan church of Christ, 1313 N. Sheridan Rd, Tulsa, OK. 74115-6851, as soon as possible.) "Please take a chair". "Sometimes God blesses us in such fascinating ways. I am not one who believes in using a lot of money on church buildings, but in a society where most people have no concept of the church except for what they have seen in movies, etc., it is sometimes necessary to make the surroundings pleasant enough that folks will want to come in to take a look and perhaps stay to hear a

message about Jesus. Brother Suzuki, who has preached at the Moiwashita church for over 50 years, is widely known in the city. (He was the one who enabled me to be used as the preacher for weddings which has been a means of supplementing our income.) One of the hotels where I have conducted weddings, decided to go out of the marriage business. When he was there, Brother Suzuki was rather joking with the wedding captain, suggesting that when they decided to remodel the hotel's chapel, he would like to have the pews. He thought no more about it until the hotel manager called him and asked him if he really would like the pews? Bro. Suzuki quickly accepted the offer, and was given not just one or two, but 10 pews made of a very high quality wood, and valued at somewhere between \$6000 and \$8,000 each! All ten pews had to be taken down the escalator in the hotel because they would not fit in the elevator. I spoke at the church the last Sunday of August, and was pleasantly surprised to see how beautifully they fit into the building. They were even given the chair that sat behind the podium in the chapel, a very beautiful high-backed chair that matches the pews. So the value of the gift is somewhere between \$60,000 to \$80,000 U.S. dollars! For the hotel, it was preferable to give them away than pay the cost of several thousand dollars to dispose of the pews since there are no churches in the market or wedding chapels going up that could use them. In a country that is mostly Buddhist and Shintoist, it is sometimes amazing to overhear comments from others. While we were moving in and since, on separate occasions, Marcia and I have heard: "Now that the preacher has moved in, we can rest at ease." It reminds me that though Christians need shepherding, communities need the influence of Christians just as much, even though they may not believe on the Lord. We find our work often is to be one of comforting the neighbours and asking after their needs, as well as working with Christians. Already one of our old neighbors has come to visit (she was only in our former house once in five years!) and asked if she could bring a friend to see Marcia. Many of the neighbors here refer to us as the "teacher's parents" because our daughter, Rochelle, teaches in two of the neighboring elementary schools, which has already opened some doors for us." – Report from Steve Hasbrouck in Sapporo, Japan

ETHIOPIA: Shortwave radio broadcasts to the people of this country were begun

in June of 2008. Based on the response since that time, it is estimated that the listeners number in the hundreds of thousands. As a direct result of the radio ministry, three congregations have been established in places where the Lord's church had never existed before. Listeners have left the teaching of men to return back to the Bible, and even some in the Islam faith have become Christians. The way has been prepared for evangelists to plant new congregations. The Bible lessons for recording are first composed by Behailu Abebe in Ethiopia and emailed to Habtu Zemach in Virginia to be edited. Congregational singing and announcements are added. Finally, questions that have come from listeners are answered. Then they are ready for email back to a broadcast station somewhere off the coast of East Africa where they are heard in towns such as Arus Negele where 85% of the population is Muslim.—Report from Moges Wolde, Evangelist

CAMBODIA: Helping children through school in Cambodia, where 70% of the primary and middle school teachers have not completed high school, sometimes bears amazing fruit. This year, one of the graduates has become a Middle School teacher and is attending University on weekends to complete his teaching certificate. Another is working her way through college to get her degree in accounting. High school students frequently assist lower grade teachers by handing out supplies and other jobs the teachers do not have time for. These efforts increase their self-confidence and determination to finish all the grades.—Partners In Progress

JAPAN: Mito: Joel Osborne and new Christian, Hiro Akahoshi, traveled in North America reporting and fund raising from August 30 till October 9, 2013. To receive reports of his work, individuals and congregations can contact him at joelsensei5@gmail.com. Donations toward the support of his Japanese and Cambodian work can be sent to Bramalea Church of Christ, 750 Clark Boulevard, Brampton ON L6S 1T1. Ishinomaki: For daily reports on the work of Jonathan and Michiko Straker, go to StrakerHouse.com. He writes: "Help us catch up on our fundraising for 2013! We're running behind! Send donations earmarked 'Straker Japan Support' and payable to: (In the USA): Highway 36 Church of Christ, 10576 State Highway 36 S., Abilene, TX 79602-9200; (325) 529-3818. (In Canada): Bramalea Church of Christ. Or donate online.

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OBITUARIES

Whitfield, Mervyn

(Note that the obituary below is related to a 2012 funeral so is about 1 year old. Our family apologizes for not getting this material submitted in a timely manner. However, we thought that readers of the Gospel Herald would be interested in this obituary so we have submitted it, albeit a year late. Lawrence Whitfield)

Peacefully in his sleep August 3, 2012, in his 96th year, Mervyn has gone home to be with Jean - his beloved wife of 62 years. Beloved father of Goldie (Morris) Whitehead, John (Diane), Elwood (Shirley), Charlie (Linda), Ruby (Art) Ford, the late Robert (Marilyn), Diamond (Jason) Rancourt, Lawrence (Lily). Mervyn is survived by sisters-in-law Betty Whitfield and Edith Baker and brother-in-law Joe (June) Baker and predeceased

by his parents Howard and Ruby Whitfield and his brothers and sisters Alma, Gladys, Clifford, Clarence, Emma, Helen, Evelyn, Gerald and Doreen; sisters-in-law Mary, Carol, Susie and brothers-in-law Charles, Ted, and Kerwood. He was loved and will be missed by over 80 grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren and by numerous nieces and nephews. Fondly remembered by John Wilcox.

He was a faithful follower of Jesus and will be missed by his Christian families at Thessalon (North Livingstone) and Pinehill (Sault) Churches of Christ. Although not confirmed at the time of this writing, the family believes that Mervyn was baptized at age 12 by C.G. McPhee in 1929. Mervyn had a varied career as a bush worker, farmer, school bus driver, merchant (Maple Ridge General store), contractor and by-laws enforcement officer. After his retirement became an avid golfer and bowler. Mervyn was born

in Thessalon township in 1917 and lived in 3 locations in the area until 1997 when he and Jean moved to Sault Ste. Marie.

Since 2010 he was well cared for at Pathways retirement home, Van Daele home and the F.J. Davey Home. A Special thanks to Dr. Catania for his long time care of Mom & Dad and to the staff on Apple 3 at the F.J. Davey home for their excellent care in his final year.

The funeral took place on August 6 at the Thessalon Church of Christ. Phil Bailey presided over the funeral, read the eulogy, gave a brief message and shared personal memories. Grandchildren Megan Trudeau and Lee Whitfield shared tributes to their grandfather. Some of Mervyn's sons and grandsons led prayers and read scriptures. Long time friend, Lionel Weir, led the singing. Phil also presided over the internment at Maple Ridge cemetery where Mervyn was laid to rest less than 1 kilometer from the area he called home for 35 years

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At the funeral Phil Bailey shared the following memories of Mervyn. "One of Mervyn's favorite stories was the one when he first met Jean. My dad (Nelson Bailey) had been asked to preach at the Ice Lake church of Christ. Rather than make this trip over to the Manitoulin alone he asked Mervyn if he would like to accompany him on this trip. While at church that Sunday morning he saw a girl he thought was the most beautiful woman he had ever seen. It was love at first sight. What he didn't know was her father had intended that she marry someone he had chosen for her. She did not want that to happen so when they, she and Mervyn, were introduced she was happy to get away from the one her father had chosen. As the story goes they were married secretly by my grandfather, Tom Bailey, at his home. The rest is history.

We had a small Bible study group that Mervyn was a part of. Our group would meet once a week or once every 2 weeks for study. We also had potlucks together, went on outings like picnics, went to St. Joes for pancakes and color rides in the fall. When we would ask if he would like to go along he would say when will you pick me up? Mervyn was an entrepreneur. He owned and operated a general store at Maple Ridge. He drove school bus and took hockey teams on road game trips. He was a fine carpenter. Mervyn's carpentry had an interesting twist. After he and Jean bought the store on Maple Ridge the family was quite small and so was the store. However, each time a new baby would arrive Mervyn would add another room to the store to accommodate a new baby living there. When they got to Lawrence they decided this was a big enough family. Then they sold the store."

– By Phil Bailey and
Lawrence Whitfield

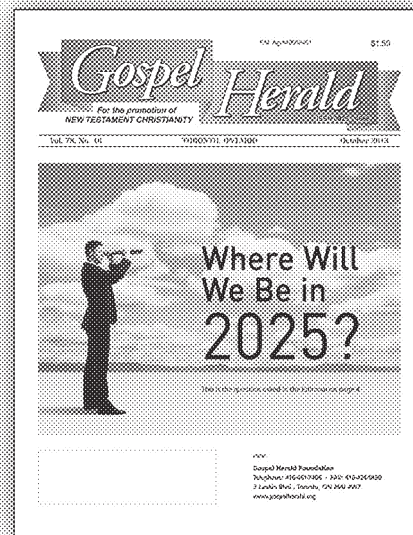
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Prayer and the Ministry of the Word

Joseph L. Cannon

(This article first appeared in the Gospel Herald in July, 1955)

“**B**ut we will continue steadfastly in prayer and in the ministry of the word.” (Acts 6:4)

Did you think to pray? This is a question which demands an answer. What kind can we give? So often we become so busy and involved in our labours for the Lord that we forget to maintain close fellowship with Him. This sounds self-contradictory, but it is true. The cause of this is a form of idolatry. Created things are placed before the Creator. The things that we do almost obscure the One we are doing them for. We must be careful therefore, not to turn what we do for Christ into a gratification of our own pride of self-sufficiency and importance. “Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it” (Psalm 127:1). Vital fellowship with Christ must come first in our lives. Without it we must finally be failures.

Spiritual work, to please Christ, must be done spiritually. God requires not just worship, but worship in spirit and in truth. Also, God does not require just preaching the gospel, or just work, but labour done in spirit and in truth.’ We must spiritually work to be pleasing to our Master.

A steadfast prayer-life is a continuous source of strength and power. Many of our problems, individual and otherwise, remain unsolved because our insight is not

spiritually attuned to the mind of Christ. Communication by prayer with Christ will influence our outlook upon all matters.

Notice in the context of, the verse-theme of this article, that the apostles refused to become encumbered with responsibilities which hindered their main work and objective. Notice also what that objective was. Their life’s work was divided into two inseparable parts—prayer, and the ministry of the word. Prayer is placed first in order, for it is that which determines the whole viewpoint of the believer. In the ministry of the word of God, the apostles continually prayed. They asked to be relieved of serving of tables in order to have time to do this.

What about us? What kind of a prayer life do we have? Is it a scattered now-and-then sort of thing? Do we consciously take time to pray to God about the many burdens we must bear, or do we try to do it ourselves?

I am convinced that more of our time can and should be spent in private prayer. How often do we use our closets for this? I have found that it is hard to enter a closet stuffed and cluttered with responsibilities and cares, but room must be found for this time of devoted, intimate, fellowship with Christ. Else we will find our faith depending more and more upon that which is without us rather than upon that which is within us.

The Greek word for “continue steadfastly” is a verb form denoting an action, of some duration. It indicates a continuous perseverance in the actions of prayer and ministry of the word. As Barnes ably comments, “it means that the apostles designed to make this their conduct and main object, undistracted by the cares of life; and even by attention to the temporal wants of the church.” (Acts, Vol. III, page 112).

When next we prepare our lessons, let us not forget to pray. When faced with a tough decision let us pray. When trouble, sickness or any other burden weighs down upon us, let us look to our Lord in constant, unwearied prayer, “The supplication of a righteous man availeth much in its working” (James. 5:16).

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The best of all the preachers are the men who live their creed,

For to see good put in action is what everybody needs.

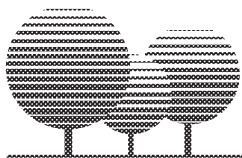
The Bible plainly teaches that faith comes by the hearing of the word of God (Romans 10:17). Certainly no student of the Scriptures would deny the great importance of public and private proclamation of God's word. However, there are many passages that uphold the fact that

one may "hear" the truth to a large extent by "seeing" it in action in the lives of faithful Christians. One such passage is found in Paul's second letter to the Corinthians: "Are we beginning again to commend ourselves? or need we, as do some, epistles of commendation to you or from you? Ye are our epistle, written in our hearts, known and read of all men; being made manifest that ye are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in tables that are hearts of flesh" (2 Corinthians 3:1-3).

Some teachers had visited the Corinthians, who boasted of the letters of introduction they brought with them, authenticating their commission and their ministry. Paul needed no such epistles; and better still, they were not only his, they were Christ's epistles. The same may be said of all true followers of the Lord Jesus; it is an honourable and an inspiring designation.

Several great truths are evident in this passage: (1) Christ is the writer. Many great men, especially great thinkers, have perpetuated their influence and served their race by their writings. The greatest of all, the Divine man, wrote nothing. He left His apostles to write of Him and to pass on to posterity the eternal principles He brought to man. Yet in a sense, He has always been writing, and He is writing now. (2) The epistles are Christians. Every disciple of His, upon whom He impresses His own will thus become Christ's communication to the world. (3) The tablet is the heart. God does not write on stone, as men did in ancient monumental inscriptions or as He once did on the tables of the law. But He writes on tablets that are hearts of flesh. In the Proverbs, Wisdom invites the young man to write her precepts on the tablets of his heart. By Jeremiah the Lord promised to write His Law upon His people's heart. Christ takes the human soul and

works upon it, engraves there His own characters, sets down there His own signature, and sends His epistles into the world to tell of Himself. (4) The agency is not ink but the Spirit of God. Through the word of God, inspired through the Holy Spirit, men's souls receive the impression of Christ's hand. (5) The readers are all men. There is some writing which only a few can read but the "living epistle"



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Everyone is an epistle in the sense that everyone has a life to be read by others. Every one of us has an influence. This is not something we can have, but something all of us must have. Our influence is either good or bad; there is no middle ground. "He that is not for me is against me" declared Jesus. (Matthew 12:30). It is possible to be read by others without knowing it. How careful then we ought to be concerning the epistle we are showing to the world!

What are some of the ways in which we are being read by the world? One of the first things men notice is our speech. May we resolve with the Psalmist, "I will take heed to my ways that I sin not with my tongue" (Psalm 39:1). And may we remember, "He that would love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile" (1 Peter 3:10).

The world reads the daily life of the Christian. A steady, consistent Christian life will lead others to Christ; True Christians are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. (Matthew 5:13, 14). The influence a Christian wife may have over her non-Christian husband is given by Peter: "In like manner, ye wives be in subjection to your own husbands; that, even if any obey not the word they may without the word be gained by the behavior of their wives; beholding your chaste behavior coupled with fear" (1 Peter 3:1,2).

Our attitude toward the church has a powerful Influence over others. We must show people that the church means something to us if

we expect to convince them it can mean something to them. This is one of the strongest arguments for regular attendance at the services of the church. When the church meets, where is your influence? At the hours of Morning and Evening services; at Bible study time; where is your influence? Is it for Christ or against Him? We preach a sermon each Lord's day when we gather round the table of our Lord. Paul wrote, "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink the cup, ye proclaim the Lord's death till he come" I Corinthians 11:26). In this manner every child of God can proclaim an eloquent sermon to the world. The more inconvenience one goes through in order to faithfully meet around the table the more powerful the sermon he preaches to those round about. When asked why he faithfully attended the gatherings of the church a deaf and dumb man wrote: "To show which side I'm on.

The epistles that Christians are writing now will live on after they themselves are dead. John said, "I heard a voice from heaven saying. Write, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they

may rest from their labors; for their works follow with them" (Revelation 14:13).

The influence of parents lives in the lives of their children. This being true, the best time to start training a child is with his grandparents. We see the value of this in the life of Timothy. Paul wrote to him, "Having been reminded of the unfeigned faith that is in thee; which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and, 'I am persuaded, In thee also" (2 Timothy 1:5). Thus it could be said of this young preacher, 'From a babe thou hast known the sacred writings" (2 Timothy 3:15).

Only eternity will reveal the extent of your influence as a "living epistle" of Christ. May we strive to be truly "living epistles" and not dead letters.

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10:40AM; call for Sunday PM time; Wednesday 7PM;
Elders: P. Bailey (705) 256-6789), L. Hotchkiss
(705) 759-0649, C. Whitfield (705) 254-6153

SELKIRK: 1/2 km n. of village,
58 Haldimand Road 53, Sun. 10 & 11. Wed. 7:00;
PO Box 247, Selkirk, ON N0A 1P0;
Michael Toby: 905-776-0015; medt@xplornet.com

SOUTH RIVER: Jaspar St. S.; off Ottawa St. W.;
Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:00; Box 549, POA 1X0;
Jim Nicholson, ev. (705) 384-5215

STONEY CREEK: 105 King St. E., L8G 1L1;
(905) 664-1130 (off.); Sun. 9:45, 11; Sun.;
Brent Olson, minister, Robert Priestnall, sec.;
email: emailus@sccoc.ca;
website: www.patchworkinthecreek.com

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 Toohey, 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 PM; Edward Klym (ev),
705-560-3964, email: edklym@unitz.ca,
Elders Wes Bailey, Don Stringer

SUNDRIDGE: Hwy. 11 N.; Sun. 9:30, 10:30
Wed. 7:30 PM; P.O. Box 927, POA 1Z0;
(705) 384-5214

THESSALON: 8 Albert St. off Hwy. 17; Sun. 10, 11,
7; Wed. 7 PM; Mailing address: Rick Klazinga, sec,
Randy Morrirt, ev; Box 708, POR 1L0;
(705) 842-2344 (H), (705) 842-3340 (O/Fax);
Email: randy.lois.church@sympatico.ca

Thunder Bay: 201 E Brock Street
Thunder Bay, ON P7E 4H3
10 am worship, 11:15 am Bible Study
Contact: Donald Williams 807-285-5457
Email: williado1234@hotmail.com

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

TINTERN: 4359 Spring Creek Rd. Vineland ON
L0R 2C0; Worship at 9: 45a.m. with classes to
follow; Sunday pm call for times and locations;
Wed. 7:00 pm; Noel Walker ev., Dylan Pyeatt ev.;
(905) 563 6311 (off.).

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

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2035 Kennedy Road, Toronto, Ontario M1T 3G2
DELTA Toronto East Hotel, (Leaside Suite) Kennedy
& 401 East; Sunday 10:00am; 11:00;
Thurs. 7:00pm (in homes)
(Mailing Address: 300 Borough Drive,
P.O. Box 47011, Scarborough, Ontario M1P 4Z7)
Church Phone: 416-970-3835;
Website: www.scarboroughchurchofchrist.com
Devon Bennett, Minister, 905-686-2486,
Cell: 416-970-3835;
Fax: 905-428-1579; email: devonben@gmail.com

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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M4C 1N3 (across from Coxwell subway station);
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Elders: Peter Dwomoh 416-462-3616; Stephen Gill
416-265-2496, Marvin Johnson 416-752-0325,
Moises Velasco 905-591-0361, Jean Volcy
905-237-3312; Max Craddock, ev. 416-461- 7406,
e-mail <maxc@strathmorecofc.ca>;
Marlon Molina, ev., marlonm@strathmorecofc.ca;
Fax 416-424-1850; Santiago Molina (Spanish) ev,
416-751-6879, website: www.strathmorecofc.ca

VANDELEUR: E. off Hwy #10 (2 km S. of Markdale)
along Artemesia Township sideroad 10 7 km; Sun.
10, 11; Ian Boyce, sec., PO Box 1196,
450 Countess Street S, Durham ON N0G 1R0;
Phone 519-369-1731; Gordon Dennis, Box 274;
Mount Forest, N0G 2L0; (519) 323-2424

WATERLOO: 470 Glenelm Cres., N2L 5C8;
(519) 885-6330 (off); Sun. 9:30, 10:30, and 6:00
(except 4th Sunday), Wed 7:30; David Dunn ev.,
519-669-4319; Jamie Azzoparde, 519-578-8553
(res), e-mail: azzoparde@gmail.com

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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MONTREAL: (English/French/Ashante):
785 Brault Ave, Verdun, QC, H4H 2B3,
Sunday 10, 11, 6:30; Wednesday 7:00 (English)
Ph 514-564-6780; Fax 514-564-6781,
Email: churchofchristofgm@videotron.com,
Website: churchofchristgreatermontreal@hotmail.ca

MONTREAL: (South-West • English/French/Spanish):
Ville Emard Church of Christ, 6259 Monk Blvd.,
Montreal, QC, H4E 3H8 (2 streets east of the
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Sunday 10, 11, Wed. 7; Website: www.vecoc.org;
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PLESSISVILLE: Centre Communautaire, André Côté,
CP21, G6L 2V6; Sun. 6 & 7 pm; Yvon Beaudoin,
(418)728-5240; email: ybeaudoin@oricom.ca.

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

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ESTEVAN: 1302 8th St., S4A 1H6; 634-3116; Sun.
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website: www.estevanchurchofchrist.org

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KENOSEE VILLAGE: Moose Mountain Church of Christ,
Mailing address: PO Box 184, Kenossee Village,
SK SOC 2S0; Sunday 10:00;
Office (306) 577-2477 Mid-week: call Ray Fisher
(306) 575-3207 or Paul Moore (306) 575-0218
info@moosemountainchurch.com

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S9V 0X9; Sun. 10:00, 11:00; Off (780) 875-4056;
Lee Patmore, ev.; res: (306) 825-2505 cell
(306) 821-7446 e-mail: patmores@sasktel.net

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

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Phone for summer schedule; Office:343-7922; Lead
Minister: Mike Parker; Senior Minister: Bob Parker;
Location & Mail: 134 Cardinal Cres. S7L 6H6;
Fax: 343-1589; Bob Parker: toonchurch@live.com
and Mike Parker: mike@skchurch.ca

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Swift Current, SK, S9H 3X3; Sun. 10, 11;
Wed. 6:30; Susan Eidem, sec., 306-741-9925;
(call for location of meetings).

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