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Understanding Fellowship With God

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The word 'fellowship' sometimes can be difficult to define. Dictionaries, such as the American Heritage Dictionary, use words such as companionship, friendship, and 'a close association of friends or equals' to define the word. But when we are talking about the spiritual implications of words, I like to go to the Bible for God's intended meaning. Jesus said in John 14:23, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him" (ESV). Here Jesus presents a visual picture of fellowship, where the Father and the Son make their dwelling with the one who loves him and keeps his commandments. It is a picture of a close, genuine relationship.

Have you ever wondered why God has such an interest in having a relationship with us, his creation? What does fellowship mean to God? Can we understand its importance to Him? To answer these questions, I believe we need to look closely at his very nature.

God Is Eternal

In Moses' prayer to God in Psalm 90, the final statement in verse 2 reads, "from everlasting to everlasting you are God" (ESV). And again in Isaiah 44:6, the scripture says, "Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: 'I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god'" (ESV). Understand that when the Lord God says he is the First and the Last, he is addressing his eternal nature – that he is at the beginning of all things and at the end of all things. While this is not a surprising revelation for us today, the Lord's eternal nature is something we need to be keenly aware of, particularly as we connect it other aspects of his nature, such as his plurality.

God Is Plural

We understand from the scriptures that the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are one. In fact, Jesus comforted John the apostle with the same

words his Father used in describing himself from Isaiah saying "I am the first and the last" in Revelation 1:17, and then again he said it in Revelation 22:13. Jesus claimed his Father's eternal nature – that he is without beginning or ending. In addition, Jesus told his disciples, "I and the Father are one" – John 10:30 (ESV). The Biblical text also expresses the oneness and unity of the Godhead in Matthew 28:19, where in speaking of baptism, Jesus said it is to be done "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (ESV). All three beings of the Deity are mentioned, and the word "name" is singular (the text does not read "names"), which is significant as it illustrates that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit equally share this singular name. This shows the unity they have as God. Plurality as one. And so this should bring us to the truth of God's nature: that God has always existed in a state of community. He has always enjoyed eternal fellowship. And it has been a fellowship characterized by love.

God Is Love

One of the themes of the letter of

1 John is love – that we are to love because love is from God. 1 John 4:8 reads, "Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love" (ESV). From the text we see that God does not simply have the ability to love, but rather that love is an essential part of his very nature. And it should be noted that the context of the passage is one-another love – as verse 7 says, "let us love one another" (ESV). There are some in the religious world today who deny the plurality of God and believe that only the Father is eternal. But if we follow that line of thinking to its logical conclusion, it would indicate that the Father would have existed in the eternal past without even the ability to love until his creative work began, for the simple reason that he would have had no one TO love.

So God has always had one-another love between the Father, the Son and the Spirit. This is what God has always known – perfect, loving, never-ending fellowship. This is the God who created the heavens and the earth. He is the God who created man, male and female, and placed them in the



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Garden of Eden. And it is through his creation where we clearly see his holiness.

God Is Holy

As recorded in David's prayer in Psalm 5:4, he wrote "For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you" (ESV). At the conclusion of God's creative work in Genesis 1, he saw that it was 'very good' (Genesis 1:31). It was described in this manner because evil had not yet touched it; God's creation was pure. The holiness of God was reflected in the nature of what he created, and was the basis for his fellowship with man. At the beginning, Adam and Eve enjoyed the kind of fellowship with their creator that God had always known.

Of course we know the rest of the story with sin breaking that fellowship. As Isaiah 59:2 says, "but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you" (ESV). God is the great law-giver, and sin is lawlessness (1 John 3:4), so sin is always against God and violates who God is (his character). But the beauty about God is that he so desires fellowship with man that he sent the eternal Logos to become flesh, dwell among man, and offer up his own life as a ransom for many.

Our eternal, plural, loving, holy God "is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance" – 2 Peter 3:9 (ESV). His desire and will is just as Jesus had said: "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him" – John 14:23 (ESV). This is what fellowship with God looks like; and we should desire it just as much as God does.

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Are We A Jesus Centered People?

Harold Bruggen

The entire Bible revolves around Jesus. Consider the amount of time God dedicated to Jesus in the New Testament – the gospels occupy half of it pages, the same story told four times! That God-given emphasis (II Timothy 3:16) should tell us something about the importance God gives to Jesus. God reinforces that emphasis by showing how Jesus' life changed others' lives in the book of Acts. The letters that Paul and others wrote also stress Jesus' importance by basing all of their teachings about the Christian life on Jesus' life and teachings. This foundation can clearly be seen by noting the innumerable references to Jesus within these letters. Paul even wrote that the Old Testament worked to emphasize Jesus by preparing people for his arrival (Galatians 3:24).

Since God's Bible gives Jesus a central and foundational place, what place should we give Jesus within our lives? The answer is obvious, but when we carefully read the things we write, when we carefully listen in our classes and in our sermons, when we listen carefully to our conversations, do we find that Jesus always has the central place? Does he occupy our thoughts and plans? Does he have importance in our conversations and relationships? Are we known first and foremost as Jesus centered people?

If I properly understand the Bible's message, Jesus should hold all of those places. And here is why Jesus has to hold that place within our lives – ***we will only be who God wants us to be when we "sanctify Jesus as Lord in our hearts"*** (I Peter 3:15; Romans 8:29).

Sanctifying Jesus as the Lord of our hearts means that we make Jesus the center of our lives. God therefore asks for a complete, all-of-self, life-changing devotion to Jesus; "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" – Galatians 2:20 (ESV). The Bible unfortunately shows that, for whatever reason, most people do not realize that radical expectation within their lives; "Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few" – Matthew 7:13-14 (ESV).

What about us? Have we really come to understand the importance Jesus should have within our lives? If we have, our lives will show evidence of it. So, what does your life show?

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Soldiers of Christ

Wayne Turner



One of the most powerful images of discipleship is of being soldiers. Throughout the New Testament world, people were well familiar with Roman soldiers. The Roman legions had conquered the Mediterranean world. Despite the obvious paradox of associating the Prince of Peace with the violence and power of the Empire, there was a familiarity with soldiers that offered analogies to help early Christians understand what Jesus expected of them. In a small sense, Christians are portrayed as walking together in rank. Paul related the Christian's ability to stand against Satan with the soldier's armour. And he drew from the soldier image in writing to Timothy.

First, Paul encouraged Timothy to "endure hardship like a good soldier of Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 2:3). This brings to mind the difficult conditions that could face soldiers – inclement weather, harsh temperatures. Slogging through, even living in mud. Plus, they faced the difficulties of having enough food and water. A soldier's life could be miserable. Timothy was to similarly endure hardship – difficult living conditions, opposition and persecution. In the words of the song, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?" – "Must I be carried through the skies on flowery beds of ease?" We know this as the cost of discipleship.

But there is more. Paul said that the purpose of a soldier is to "please his commanding officer." Following orders is a must. There is a focus he must have to accomplish this. Paul says that "no one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs." He must be single minded. In part, Jesus referred to this by saying that we cannot serve two masters. Serving God and Satan are mutually exclusive. But Paul didn't say that a soldier does not get involved with the enemy. That's obvious. Rather, the soldier does not allow himself to become distracted by things that are not part of his military role. These are things of the civilian life. Those who have served in the military or are close to those who have served know how encompassing and focused military life is. It can literally be what we call 24/7 – twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Even clothing is dictated by military life. There can be no competitors or rivals for fully focused loyalty and service. Insubordination and disobedience cannot be tolerated. So, Timothy is to stick with it, "in season and out of season" – when it is convenient and easy and when it is not. He cannot let anything or anyone distract him.

We have to wonder at this time in world history if some Christians have allowed themselves to become distracted from full loyalty to Jesus, paying more attention to the things of the world. Many years ago, John White expressed this in

his book "Flirting with the World." Two young people are in a relationship, but one is distracted by another person. How crushing to be the one who is jilted! Christians have pledged loyalty to Christ, yet we can thoughtlessly lose our focus to become entangled in civilian things.

One cannot avoid noticing, for example, how people who profess to follow Jesus can become caught up in their political environment. The current election in the United States is an example. Several decades ago, the Moral Majority wielded a powerful influence in the U.S., both religious and political. Politics and religion/faith came together in such a way that some religious leaders became influential voices in the political realm. The current election has caused many people to realize that neither Donald Trump nor Hilary Clinton represent a Christian alternative. Serious moral questions have created the serious doubt whether either really is suitable. Many Evangelical leaders have finally announced that it is not appropriate to use the pulpit or church to promote political campaigns and candidates. Yet, there are those within the religious community who are becoming entangled in the things of this world, politically, and are actively supporting and promoting candidates whose lives, attitudes, values and reputations are far from Christ.

As Christians, we need to be responsible citizens. We are to show respect for Caesar, yet we cannot allow him (or her) to cause us to change our faith or values. We cannot become entangled in civilian affairs. We are aliens and strangers in this world, just passing through. We don't really belong here. Neither candidate is worthy of our ultimate loyalty. Only Christ is – we are His soldiers. Let us not become entangled in civilian affairs!

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Looking For The Best

It would be a much different world if everyone looked for the best in people around them rather than focusing on the weaknesses and failures. However, it has ever been so that one's humanity gets in the way resulting in seeing only the negative. Jesus faced this attitude daily in His work on earth and His people face the same problem today.

Consider Luke 15. Jesus was already on the "unacceptable" list of the leaders of the Jews. Here was another opportunity for them to find fault with Him. He was in the company of "known sinners and tax collectors" making Him unacceptable to many in His audience. "Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, 'This man receives sinners and eats with them'" - Luke 15:1-2 (ESV). The fact that Jesus was already on their "unaccepted people list" and His willingness to talk and eat with the sinner provided another opportunity for finding fault.

In Luke 15 Jesus confronts the Pharisees and scribes with three powerful parables. Sorrow over a lost sheep, a lost coin and saddest of all, a lost boy. Thankfully the first two end happily. The third, not so much.

The real question is, "What was Jesus really talking about in these parables and who did he hope would get the point and learn a valuable lesson?" Surely his purpose was to contrast the heart of God toward the lost with the heart of the scribes and Pharisees in

their attitude toward sinners. The difference was like night and day. Because God has a forgiving, gracious and loving spirit, He always looks to see and works to bring out the best in all of His creation.

The view of the pessimist is always a downer. The elder brother in the parable of the Prodigal Son was the true pessimist. He had served his father but really seemed to almost see it as slavery. When the father welcomed the younger son home the real nature and attitude of the elder came through.

All of us may be a pessimist at some times in our life. And there may be many reasons for it, however, for some it is that they are simply a negative person. I looked up some quotes about these two types that you might find interesting, challenging and, hopefully, amusing:

- *An optimist laughs to forget. A pessimist forgets to laugh.*
- *A pessimist complains about the noise when opportunity knocks.*
- *Both optimists and pessimists contribute to our society. The optimist invents the airplane and the pessimist the parachute.* – Gil Stern
- *A pessimist is one who makes difficulties of his opportunities, and an optimist is one who makes opportunities of his difficulties.* – Harry Truman
- *The nice part about being a pessimist is that you are constantly being either proven right or pleasantly surprised.* – George F. Will

- *Always borrow money from a pessimist, he doesn't expect to be paid back.*
- *The optimist says, "My cup runneth over, what a blessing." The pessimist says, "My cup runneth over, what a mess."*
- *I guess I just prefer to see the dark side of things. The glass is always half-empty. And cracked. And I just cut my lip on it. And chipped a tooth.* – Janeane Garofalo
- *No pessimist ever discovered the secrets of the stars, or sailed to an uncharted land, or opened a new heaven to the human spirit.* – Helen Keller
- *The average pencil is seven inches long, with just a half-inch eraser – in case you thought optimism was dead.* – Robert Brault
- *An optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves.* – Bill Vaughan
- *An optimist is a person who starts a new diet on Thanksgiving Day.* – Irv Kupcinet
- *In the long run the pessimist may be proved right, but the optimist has a better time on the trip.* – Daniel L. Reardon
- *The optimist proclaims that we live in the best of all possible worlds; and the pessimist fears this is true.* – James Branch Cabell, *The Silver Stallion*, 1926

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In some cases, pessimism may be a faith problem. Remember the parable Jesus told of the talents? The one talent man failed, basically, because he saw only the demanding nature of the master. He was not rejected because he failed to gain another talent. He was rejected because he failed to TRY!!

Thankfully, we have a God who rewards faithful effort and the person who looks to the positive and does not dwell on the negative.

In your daily life are you an optimist or a pessimist? This is a question that each of us needs to address for our own personal life. Do we put our confidence in what we can see easily reached before us or are we able to see that our life is not lived on our own ability alone. The prayer that Paul wrote to the Ephesians is one in which he encourages them to understand the real source of power for the Christian life. - Ephesians 3:14 - 21. Believing in the power and promises of God is key to looking for the best in our personal life.

There is no doubt that God rewards optimistic faith in those who obey Him. Abraham, for example, believed God when it did not make good "human" sense

to do so. This expression of faith began with he left home and family behind to go where God would lead him. His willingness to trust God regarding sacrificing of his only son on an altar stands out as a bright shining example of optimistic faith - Genesis 22:6 - 8.

Consider also the optimistic faith of David when he faced the challenge of Goliath and the Philistine army. - 1 Samuel 17:34 - 37.

Before you say, "Yes, but..." remember Ephesians 3:14 - 21.

Of course, we can see examples of pessimism in scripture as well. We have already mentioned the fellows in Jesus parable of the talents.

An example that shows the possible terrible consequences of pessimism is found in ten of the twelve spies sent in to spy out the land God promised to Abraham in Numbers 13:31-33. This led to 40 years in the wilderness before Canaan was finally gained. All 20 years and older, except for Joshua and Caleb, never got there.

It is easy for us to shake our head at them for their failure to trust God, however, we often fail to believe God's promises like, "No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is

faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it" - 1 Corinthians 10:13 (ESV). We excuse ourselves because of our humanity rather than admitting that the problem is the strength of our faith and willingness to respond according to the direction of God.

We can get encouragement and help as we reach out to our brethren. Seeing the strong faith and its result in brothers and sisters can strengthen us. The encouragement to think positively like Paul's statement, "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things" - Philippians 4:8 (ESV). As Christians we have much to be positive about. To "count your blessings, name the one by one" will keep us busy and focused.

May our nature in Christ be like the following from an unknown author, "I am born of faith...dwell in the soul of the worker...believe in God...believe in God's people...believe in the ultimate triumph of good over evil...look into the

heavens and see God there...look upon the beauties about me and see God in them...dispel gloom...dispense sunshine...am patient, rejoicing in hope...do not murmur or complain...trusting in God...holding on to Christian optimism because I know who holds my hand, leading me toward eternal joy."



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Superstitions

Friday the 13th. Broken mirrors. Black cats. Walking under a ladder. Spilled salt. Knock on wood. You may recognize these as elements of superstitions. Some, like carved pumpkins, only show up near Halloween. My dictionary defines superstition as, “a belief founded on irrational feelings, especially of fear, and marked by a trust in or reverence for charms, omens, signs, the supernatural, etc.”¹ Superstitions are common. They vary greatly over the world but all peoples have them. They are the result of people trying to make sense of things they do not understand. Typically, two unrelated, coinciding events are linked as cause and effect. Many that are still commonly acknowledged (though not necessarily still believed) are so ancient that we can only guess at their origins. Superstitions may be cultural, geographic or personal. They may be tied to a particular area of life, such as sports or theater. Superstitions may be wide spread, as the practice of omitting 13 when numbering floors of a building, or they may affect only a few individuals, such as those suffering from paraskevidekatriaphobia.²

Hopefully, we all recognize the inaccuracies of superstitions. We may laugh about them since many are downright silly. Foolish as they may be, when it comes to matters of chance or luck, superstition sells. Charms, in one form or another, have been popular for hundreds of years. I have seen ads for jewellery made with

semi-precious stones which are touted to influence various aspects of ones being. Another popular fad is good luck symbols as tattoos.

A catalogue we received last spring contained an item which was said to have come from a centuries old custom. This particular “charm” disturbed me because, not only does it employ superstition, it is also idolatrous spreading misconceptions about God and how He deals with mankind.

The catalogue identifies this item as a “Saint Joseph Home Seller Kit”. Its description includes the following: “The tradition of St. Joseph having special power in real estate transac-

tions has evolved over many years. The statue is buried upside down in the front yard with the feet pointing to heaven. After the home has sold, the statue should be removed and given a place of honour in your new home.”³ A card included with the tiny resin statue is pictured in the catalogue and it states: “The burying of a statue of Saint Joseph is a tradition that finds its roots in the ancient Catholic custom of burying blessed medals in the ground, invoking God’s blessing on a specific area. It is the blessing, not the medal, which brings God’s power. Many cases have been documented of his (Joseph’s) powerful intercession. So we encourage you to look to Saint Joseph for help in the sale of your property and home.”⁴ The card points out that this began as a Catholic custom, but it claims that, “Today, homeowners of all denominations ask for Saint Joseph’s help in selling and buying their homes.”⁵

A sincere student of the Bible should be able to easily recognize these claims as superstition and opposed to Scripture in several ways. First of all, Joseph, the carpenter from Nazareth, does not intercede in prayers. Jesus and the Holy Spirit are our only mediators. *“For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus”* – 1 Timothy 2:5. *“In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express”* – Romans 8:26.

While we should and do offer prayers for others (Ephesians 6:18), we go to the throne of God ourselves, not through dead people. *“Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us*

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in our time of need” – Hebrews 4:16. “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God” – Philippians 4:6. “This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us – whatever we ask--we know that we have what we asked of him” – 1 John 5:14, 15.

Some would limit the term saint to only a few dead people whom they deem to have met certain criteria. That is not the way the term is used in the Scriptures. Writers of the New Testament referred to those to whom they were writing as saints. All Christians are saints and their prayers are all equally important to God. If we are faithful to the Lord, our prayers will be heard and answered. *“The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did*

not rain on the land for three and a half years” – James 5:16b, 17. “Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him” – 1 John 3:21, 22. “If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you” – John 15:7.

Even though this statue is less than three and a half inches (8.6 cm) tall, it is an idol. We may have numerous figurines in our home or yard which are nothing more than decorations and there is nothing wrong with that. But when we attribute special powers to such an item, it becomes an idol. *“You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below” – Exodus 20:4. “Therefore, my dear friends, flee from idolatry” – 1 Corinthians 10:14. “Dear children, keep yourselves from idols” – 1 John 5:21.* If we place our trust in anything or anyone other than

God, that is idolatry. *“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight” – Proverbs 3:5, 6.*

As you talk with someone about events in your life, there may be no harm in rapping on something wooden as long as you fully realize that your help and protection comes from the Lord and not from oak trees. While there may be no harm in it, wouldn't it be better to give God praise instead? If you are planning on selling your house, don't waste your money on resin figurines rather, *“Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and your plans will succeed” – Proverbs 16:3.* Dispelling superstitions is one way in which the Truth will set us free.

All Scripture was taken from NIV 1984.

¹ Funk & Wagnalls Canadian School Dictionary; 1980; Fitzhenry & Whiteside

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The observant reader will have immediately recognized that the two words of our title do not really fit together in any meaningful way. The word “casual” is defined as “careless, not planned, unconcern, temporary” whereas the word “commitment” is defined as “pledge or promise to do something, dedication to a long term course of action”.

Many aspects of life require at least some degree of commitment. Accepting employment, undertaking study programs and making business transactions are among them. Even in these less serious commitments, faithfulness and fulfilment are expected and failure results in embarrassment and penalties.

The Apostle Paul, in writing to the young Timothy instructed him to “endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Jesus Christ” (II Tim.2:3) and reminded him of the commitment required of those contending in the “games”. The dedication of those contending in the current Olympics comes to mind. We have observed much serious (far from casual) commitment in recent weeks. When hardship or temptation confronts the committed person just endures/ keeps on faithfully fulfilling whatever the obligation. Difficulties call for faith continuance/endurance not a cop-out. What happens to the soldier who deserts? How seriously do we take our commitments?

Our concern in this study is the tendency in our current culture to be very careless/casual, not just in small every day matters but even more so in the most serious aspects

of life. Two of these are the commitment to be a disciple of Jesus and that involved in marriage. In both cases the commitment usually appears to be serious, public and intended. In marriage the participants commit to be faithful “until death do us part”. In becoming a part of the church, the bride of Christ, His body the situation is similar. It is a long term undertaking. Jesus has assured us “Be faithful, even to the point of death and I will give you the crown of life.” (Rev.2:10). He said, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.” (Lk.9:62).

The common practice of singing the hymn, “I have decided to follow Jesus” whose chorus is “No turning back, no turning back,” at baptisms is to remind of the seriousness/permanence/faithfulness involved in this commitment. We need to reread it, sing it more often and with serious thoughtfulness. It involves a pledge to go it alone if necessary, to leave worldliness behind and to surrender “my all”. Nothing casual about either of these commitments and yet they often seem to be so treated.

We are reminded of LaGuard Smith’s excellent book, “**Baptism, the Believer’s Wedding Ceremony**” in which he compares and emphasizes the seriousness of these commitments. Just as the wedding ceremony is a pledge to maintain a relationship, so one’s baptism also initiates an enduring relationship. Neither relationship is to be broken except by circumstances beyond one’s control, such as death in the case of marriage.

The seriousness is further empha-

sized in the fact that both commitments are made “before God” and, traditionally, made in public, before many witnesses. Nothing casual involved!

Despite this, in today’s culture, both of these serious commitments are, all too frequently, being treated casually. Unfaithfulness is not at all uncommon. “Here today, gone tomorrow!” Marriage vows are being broken on every side and pews, once filled, are empty; lives, once dedicated to Christ, are lukewarm, toying with or fully involved with worldly activities and/or unscriptural practices.

These are NOT casual commitments and yet they are being treated as such much to the detriment of our society and the displeasure of our God.

Beamsville, Ontario

Guidelines for News Pages

The News Pages give fellow Christians a glimpse into other congregations and their good works along with the spreading of the Good News in their little corner of God’s kingdom. When you help and encourage God’s servants, you become a fellow worker with them in spreading the truth. The brotherhood faces a challenging moment. Twisted doctrines fly from congregation to congregation. Denominational and postmodern influences flow freely.

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Here are some guidelines we would like you to refer to when presenting news for the news pages.

- 1) Significant Birthdays 80 +
- 2) Significant Anniversaries 50 +
- 3) Baptisms
- 4) Deaths
- 5) Good news/Outreach that the congregation wants to share with others
- 6) Good works to share with others
- 7) Gospel Meetings
- 8) Special days (homecomings, friend days, etc.)
- 9) Results of your good works, gospel meetings, etc.

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NEW YORK

Niagara Falls (LaSalle): Sunday, August 14 after the morning service Angela Kyle was baptized. On Sunday, August 28 Jeanette Casey (Leo & Jeanne Johns' daughter) was baptized. We are mailing 1,000 copies of House to House / Heart to Heart to our neighbors around the LaSalle church building. Please pray for open hearts in the homes we will be mailing to. We had a Pulpit Exchange on September 25: Mark Dailey preached at Amherst, NY, and Joshua Starr taught and preached here at LaSalle.

ONTARIO

Fenwick: August was picnic time at Fenwick. Eighteen attended the men's and ladies' class picnic at Dandelion Acres on August 16. Thirty-eight enjoyed the neighbourhood BBQ on the church lawn, August 20. Thirty-nine attended the church picnic at Centennial Park in Fenwick on August 28. Guest speakers during that time were Ralph Perry, Chris Moore and Jim Dickie. Ruth Zimmerman also gave a report about her work in PNG. Kids for Christ began another year on September 9.

Tintern: We celebrated the end of a hot, hot summer at Hilary Bald Park in Beamsville on Wed Aug 29. About 60 parents and kids shared in a BBQ and got reacquainted after a summer full of activities. Our Wednesday night Bible study returned on September 7. The Tintern and Beamsville congregations gathered together for worship at Charles Daley Park on Sunday September 4. About 270 people attended and stayed for a picnic lunch. We hosted our monthly Senior's luncheon on September 8th with 24 in attendance. The Seniors will meet for lunch next

on Thurs Oct 13 at noon at the Beamsville church building. Friendspeak (our ESL outreach for international students at Great Lakes Christian High School) began on Wednesday September 14. We are looking forward to another great year of introducing new students to Jesus through a study of the Gospel of Luke. On Friday September 23 we began a monthly family focused program called "The Big Story" Every four weeks families with kids of all ages will share in a time of worship, study and application. We're taking a 10-week tour through the Bible that will explore "the Big Story" that is the Bible. Everyone is invited to join in with our young families and explore what God is doing in our midst. This year our Teen program (TRUTH) is looking forward to hosting a Trunk or Treat program in Beamsville on Friday October 28. For more details, check our Facebook page or go to <http://www.tinternchurchofchrist.ca>.

Toronto (Bayview): Summer has been relatively busy at Bayview, despite the travels of many of our members. Our potluck on the fifth Sunday in July was well attended and enjoyed by about thirty. Despite a small number of members present at our picnic at Morningside Park,

many visitors joined in the fellowship and fun. And our congregational meeting was held on August 21 where decisions were made for the upcoming quarter. We are thankful to Kaso Ramcharitar, who has ably filled in as teacher and preacher on Sundays, when our regular ministers have been away. We are looking forward to our Spiritual Renewal Weekend on October 29 and 30, when David Knutson will speak on the role of men and women in the church. Neighbouring congregations will be invited to learn more about this important and relevant topic.

Toronto (Strathmore Blvd): Twenty-one ladies enjoyed a wonderful day of fellowship on a trip to Niagara-on-the-lake on August 20. They had a fun-filled day with a devotional led by Debbie Hibbard at lunch time. They are looking forward to doing another day out in the near future. The Strathmore Congregational had a meeting one Sunday to "brainstorm" ideas about activities that can be planned on a continuing basis to encourage fellowship, study and spiritual growth for the entire congregation, young and older. The work of Key To The Kingdom continues to open doors for planting the word. We received the stats for the program from Vision and

for the time period of the last week of August, 2015, and ending in August, 2016, the number of homes who tuned in for the entire 30 minutes on Friday averaged out at 18,000. This is a marked increase over the past years and gives encouragement for the value of this ministry.

Windsor - West Side: We are glad to welcome back Jim Mackenzie who, after spending many years in the Michigan area, has moved back to serve as chaplain at the Church of Christ Care Center. After a lengthy battle with health difficulties and his recent heart attack, Ian Cuthbertson went home to his eternal reward Monday August 22, 2016. On September 18 Gailyn VanRheenen from Mission Alive and formerly of Abilene Christian University preached the morning lesson. Due to the number of clothes that had been donated, we had a mini-clothing giveaway through the schools September 22-24.

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(BC news supplied by Barbara Lewis)

ALBERTA

Edmonton north side: Geoff Braat, Kayla Braat, and Ryan Braat were baptized and added to the Lord's family. Joseph Attoh and Comfort Frimpong and Ryan Klemm have been added to the congregation. We watched the movie "War Room" as an introduction to our Wednesday night studies on prayer. Family camp weekend was held.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Abbotsford (Central Valley):

Delta: "Many of us, some from long distances, traveled to gather at Oakridge Church of Christ Wednesday evening, August 31, to remember the life of God's servant, Allen Jacobs, who passed from this life, Friday, Aug 26. What a blessing it was to be a guest at his Celebration of Life. Although a sad occasion I believe the love that was shared and the excitement we felt in renewing old relationships gives us a very real taste of what it will be like to enter heaven, be with Jesus and be reunited with those family members we have served alongside here on earth these many years...I want to thank you, my brothers and sisters in Christ, and everyone who worked so hard to make Allen's remembrance so very special ...as was the life of this man of God. He will be missed but has earned his rest..."(from *Linda Jean Sofalofsky's* Sept. 4th bulletin). Our brother Jim Hawkins was one of several who payed tribute to the Jacobs, as one cannot talk about Allen without including Betty. They first met the Jacobs in Saskatchewan when Jim and Carolyn came to Canada to take up the Lord's work in Prince Albert. Both the Jacobs and the

Hawkins had a keen heart for taking the gospel message to India, eventually the Jacobs spending much of their lives there.

Oakridge (Vancouver): This year's annual camping retreat over the Labor Day weekend found our surroundings more comfortable than usual, as it was held at the Spruston Road Bible Camp, home over the summer to various groups. Taking the ferry across to Vancouver Island is always an exciting experience for those who don't get to have this treat very often, especially children. Starting after 6 p.m. Friday evening, those arriving for overnight were there to greet Saturday's arrivals and ready to spend two more nights, some using the individual cabins that have been built over the years by members of the church for the use of the many campers without their own equipment.

Salmon Arm: When one is confined to a wheelchair all of their waking hours, things like catching a fish may mean a lot more than it would to someone who gets to go fishing regularly. This is how Maurice Taylor felt when he and Marie were able to spend a few days on Vancouver Island so that he might be able to "go fishin'". They were also privileged to worship with Christians from several different places,

including Campbell River, Victoria, Crofton, and Corner Brookes, NFL. No, they didn't go that far, but a niece came to Crofton for her sister's wedding and she was counted!

Surrey: (Ed.note: Several items in last month's story about Edwin Bacani were incorrect. Although originally from the Philippines, Bacani came here from Tennessee for our meeting on August 4, but was moving his family to Grant, New Mexico. He has a son in the Philippines where he himself had participated in sending the gospel out over a radio and podcast ministry.) An enthusiastic speaker, Brother Bacani gave reports of his work there along with a gospel message both Sunday mornings that he was with us. He conducted meetings for our youth in the evenings, also having a number of private studies. Three ladies were baptized: Demetria Periamil on Tuesday and Vilma Sadumiano on Friday of the first week, and the third was Fairilyn Aviles, who was baptized at the evening service on Aug. 14. The addition of the three souls welcomed here into the body of Christ were either relatives or friends of the Joey Bautista family. Between a morning lecture on Saturday and one in the afternoon, a catered lunch was served to our visitors and members.

Brother Bacani had some final lessons of encouragement for our young people on Sunday.

MANITOBA

Winnipeg: Over summer we studied from the books "The Barnabus Factor" and "Renewing Your Spiritual Life" by Aubrey Johnson. VBS was held August 22-26 for kindergarten to grade 6. Our annual clothing give away was held September 10. This fall, a Psalms course has begun through Great Lakes College. It promises to be a rich and rewarding study. The annual youth rally was held. The theme was "ALL IN for Jesus" with Emanuel Burnstad of Edmonton as guest speaker.

SASKATCHEWAN

Weyburn: Seventy four children attended the VBS. The theme was "International Spy Academy". Landon Hughabaert was baptized. Class of WCC 71 and Classes of WCC 79-83 reunions were held in Weyburn. Bob & Ivadelle Goud celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary.



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UKRAINE: "It's hard to believe that summer has flown by and we are back in Ukraine starting another school year at UBI. Monday, August 8th, we opened our 16th chapel with over 50 in attendance! Everyone was so excited to be back and many of the students said they had been dreaming of the day school would start again. When asked all the ones who had felt this way to raise their hands, ALL hands went up, including ours! They are so cute and so dedicated to learning God's word.



"Jay Don had 10 potential students to interview the morning after our arrival, but could accept only seven of them due to lack of space and money. Officially we now have seven new students at UBI which makes our total at 30~16 men and 14 women. We never dreamed we would have to turn down potential students that wanted to come to UBI, but such are the times and circumstances. "Dave Phillips from Memphis, Tenn., arrived on Saturday, Aug.6th, to teach a seminar on "God's People". He has been coming to teach since 2005 and it's always a treat to have him here. He is the minister at the Germantown church which supports Sasha and Natasha Maluga. The Germantown church has been very active in helping the school as well as the Maluga's and we are very thankful for them. "On Sunday before school started on Monday we had a great day at the Poznicki church. The morning started off with a baptism and was followed with two lessons and a great fellowship. We got to see so many of our students and friends that we had missed all summer. Most of them had worked in as many as three different children's camps and/or Bible schools. (Working for the Lord is just their life.) Dirk Smith from EEM, along with two of their Ukrainian workers,

joined us for worship. Afterwards we took them to lunch and visited and visited, not getting home until after 5:00 p.m. We were also informed at church that Igor Kosalovsky is still in prison but that there are continual negotiations for his trade and release. All we can do is pray for this to happen soon." (Excerpts from a report and pictures sent in August from the Rogers back in Kiev)

CAMBODIA: Lack of normal amounts of rain, coupled with the long drought and dams being built by countries north of Cambodia on the Mekong River, had combined to cause the Tonle Sap Lake to have the lowest water levels in over 50 years. Our "Ship of Life" recently ran aground and was very difficult to free. It took three tugs nine hours to get her floating again. With an average life expectancy of only 54 years, many people are telling us that it is the lowest they have ever seen the water. The part that concerns us most is that the poorest people live in areas where it is the lowest, causing us to have to change our route which leaves them without a way to get any kind of health care. The Ship is being managed for three months by Tim and Cheryl Carlin for a second time. They have been providing clothing for needy children and eye glasses for everyone from widows in need to the local police, they reported. (September Newsletter from Partners in Progress)

ETHIOPIA: "A LIFE THAT MADE A DIFFERENCE" was the headline on the Ethiopia Gospel Outreach: Letter on Aug. 25. This was followed by a quotation from Rev. 14:13: "and I heard a voice from heaven, saying, 'Write, 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on'." To which the Spirit responds, "so that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow with them." It was such an appropriate reading for Belamo Bada, whose death at the age of 85 ended a journey as a leader known by all in the Sidama region of Ethiopia. Some 6,000 people from all walks of life, including non-

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Christians and Muslims, church leaders and preachers, attended his Memorial service. Although the community had erected four huge tent covers to provide shade for the people, there was room for fewer than 10% of the crowd to sit under them. The family had invited one of the best-known preachers in Ethiopia to preach the service. Brother Moges, who has an open invitation to teach the Bible to interested students at the Addis Ababa University, used an hour and a half to tell the crowd "The Plan of Salvation" at the service, before pointing out how Brother Belamo's life and example of unwavering faith will continue to provide a Godly influence for many years to come.

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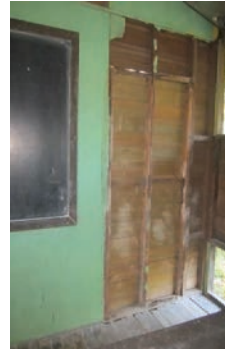
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Since the early 1970's, Bible schools in Lae have been training men and women, from throughout Papua New Guinea, to serve. The Lae Bible School and The School of Life ran from 1975-1987, at which time the Melanesian Bible College (M.B.C.) was started.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

However, the classrooms and offices aren't!!

Built during the late 1970s, and despite continuous upkeep, the tropical climate, endless rain, and termites have taken their toll.



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

In April, 2015, Christians in Lae started raising funds to build a double-story building to house the M.B.C. offices, library, and classrooms. K400,000.00 is needed (approx. CN\$190,000.00). If you can help, your prayers and financial contributions would be greatly appreciated. Contributions can be made to:

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Thank you!!

OBITUARIES

Halls, Amy (1929 – 2016)

When she was born in 1929, Amy Elizabeth Perry was much more welcome than the great depression of the same year. She was number seven in a family of eight siblings (four boys and four girls), children of Ernest and Grace Perry. I was second to the oldest and Amy was second to the youngest with Charles, Mabel, Donald and Ralph between us.

Amy's early years were on the ancestral farm on Spring Creek Road near the location of the meeting place of the Tintern Church of Christ which the family faithfully attended and in which they sometimes provided leadership.

She was educated in the one room school one mile east in the hamlet of Tintern and then at the Beamsville High School where she attended for three years. Having become convinced of the truth of the Gospel Message of Salvation in Christ, she confessed her faith and was baptized into Christ for the remission of her sins. She was very sincere in her faith and lived a fully committed life as His disciple from that day until her death.

Those who have known her can testify of her dedication, commitment and faithfulness. Her commitment was without reservation, not casual as sometimes seems to be the case. In fact, in our observation, she fulfilled the biblical admonition "to be faithful unto death" and receive the crown of life (Rev.2:10).

Once committed, it appears that her interest in secular education was over-ridden by a desire for more Bible knowledge. She left home in 1948 to attend Radville Christian College in Saskatchewan. Once there she was soon spotted by fellow student, Donald Halls, who soon won her heart. This resulted in a second serious lifelong commitment to which she also proved faithful. In matters of relationships with God and with one's spouse it is especially important to be faithfully committed for the long term as she demonstrated.

Their rather large family of five girls and five boys survive them along with thirty-one grandchildren and twenty-one great grandchildren. The children who are all with us here today are Jewell, Donnette (Jim), Sharon, Holly (Joe), Tim (Sharon), Paul (Debbie), Patrick (Lori), Sam (Karen), Dan (Christine), and Jacqui. It is worthy of note that three sons, Paul, Sam and Dan have served as full time firefighters and one grandson, Chaz, is an officer in the RCMP.

Of her siblings, Mary (2009) and Charles (2015) have preceded her in death. Eugene, Donald, Ralph and Myrna are local and Mabel Taylor is in Alabama and not able to be present. We will miss Amy.

As is quite evident from the above, Amy became fully occupied as a full time mother and wife and caregiver. When the "empty nest" situation developed years later they moved from Hamilton to Vineland where Don passed away. As Amy's health called for it, Sharon lived with her for a time until a place was found for her at Albright Manor in Beamsville where she has been regularly visited by family members from near and far up to the present.

We are thankful that although physically weak and somewhat incapacitated, Amy did not suffer intense pain except for the few days before her passing.

Eugene C. Perry

Jacobs, Allen Lewis

Allen Lewis Jacobs was born to Lewis and Allie Jacobs on Jan. 13, 1923. He passed away to the Lord on Aug 26, 2016 in the Fairhaven Care Centre in Burnaby, BC. He was predeceased by all his siblings, 7 brothers and 4 sisters. Also predeceased by great granddaughter, Avery May Johnson. Now together with the Lord. He is survived by his wife Betty, four children, Marilyn, Patty, myself, David and Teresa. Also eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

He lived a few years in the roaring 20's, but most of his growing up days were in what was known as the dirty 30's which was the great depression. All those who know of

this time on the Canadian prairies will say that it was a difficult time. Growing a crop to harvest in the severe drought conditions was hard and the price for selling it was very low. I am sure the plight of his family was more difficult due to the lack of a mother in the home, since his mother passed away the day after he turned six.

After several years of tough farming in the dirty 30's, Dad seemed to remember that it was 1937 when it looked like they had a decent crop growing. His father had given them strict orders to stay out of the field to protect every grain of this crop. Late in the year Dad saw his father returning home galloping on horseback through the crop. Dad wondered what could be going on. On his dad's arrival he announced there will be no harvest, there is a bad hailstorm coming. A couple of hours later, the crop was all on the ground. Apparently his dad had seen a few hailstorms before.

It was an active household. Dad often described their living room as a gymnasium. But with the total lack of gymnasium equipment, his older brothers would often use the younger ones such as Dad as the equipment. He often said that it was amazing that they all grew up. But he and his younger brother, Floyd, found their own activities like in the winter, climbing onto the house and jumping off into the snow bank.

There were Bible Schools and camps in those times. It was at the Radville Bible School that he was baptized, we think it was in 1936.

Farming didn't look so good those days. In the later war years, Dad took a winter work excursion to Kimberley BC where he worked in the hard rock mine. Returning to Saskatchewan after the winter, he later took a job in the ice house in Moose Jaw. In doing this job, he said that no matter how warmly you dressed, it seemed that your back was always cold. Remember

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Saskatchewan people have experience in dressing for the cold. From the ice house, he could see the trains going through the Moose Jaw station. He thought that looked a lot better. So he went down and applied and became a railroad man.

He worked on the trains through going through much of Saskatchewan for 18 years. Thinking of winter cold, he would talk of his record. Once the train went into Prince Albert, SK, and the temperature was -48 degrees.

Early in his railroad days, he married Elisabeth May Bell on Sept 15, 1949. That began a marriage of 20 days short of 67 years.

Also in his railway days, he took a couple of breaks from work to pursue schooling at Freed Hardeman College in 1957 and 1960.

The family moved to Swift Current, SK, in Sept 1960. A couple of years later, Dad left the railroad to go into fulltime ministry for the Lord working with the church in Swift Current.

In the late 1960's, it seemed time for a move. Dad was getting persuasion largely from J.C. Bailey that he should come to India, a field very open to the gospel. Dad was interested but said that he was not going to drive every road in the southern US searching for the required financial support as was usually required of ones of our brethren to embark on such a mission. Shortly after, a connection put Dad in contact with the congregation in Hart, Texas that was interested in sending someone to India. Things fell into place and the family left for Bangalore, India, in June 1969 with the intention of being there for three years.

The family was in Bangalore for a little over one year. Modern communication is wonderful and we keep contact with several from India, including two who were then a young married couple who were the first ones that Dad baptized in India.

With the government of India having reservations about such work, we were required to leave India and with the direction of the supporting congregation, we moved to Karachi, Pakistan. We were there 1 year before moving on to Islamabad, at that time the new capital of Pakistan. The most direct drive between the two cities is about one thousand miles. So five of us in a VW Beetle made the move. Marilyn, having

previously returned to Canada. Dad, never one to take the shortest route, set the route from Karachi, up through Quetta, across to Kandahar, Afghanistan, up to Kabul, on through Jalalabad. Finally, back across to Peshawar, Pakistan and finally on to Islamabad. Little did we know that these places, unknown in most of the western world, would become famous some years later.

After a few months in Islamabad, war broke out between Pakistan and India. The family took the Canadian Armed Forces evacuation plane out on Dec. 12, 1971. With the unscheduled return, the supporting congregation in Texas asked us to come there for 6 months. At the conclusion of that time, the family moved to Burnaby BC in June 1972 where Dad worked with the congregation for 7 years.

In Sept 1979, with three children largely on their own and one in Western Christian College, Dad and Mom started a series of lengthy trips back to India. Between trips, Burnaby remained a home base. The last trip to India was in 2005.

In his latest years, Dad took great enjoyment in the company of family and also the company of the brethren. My latest visits with Dad were after two or three months in either hospital or care home. If he was told that it was Sunday or Monday, he asked about the past Sunday worship. He would comment that it must be two or three weeks since he had been out to worship. Sometimes asking how many exactly. I thought it best not to start counting the exact number. He would go on to say that he really hoped that he could get out next Sunday.


— David Jacobs

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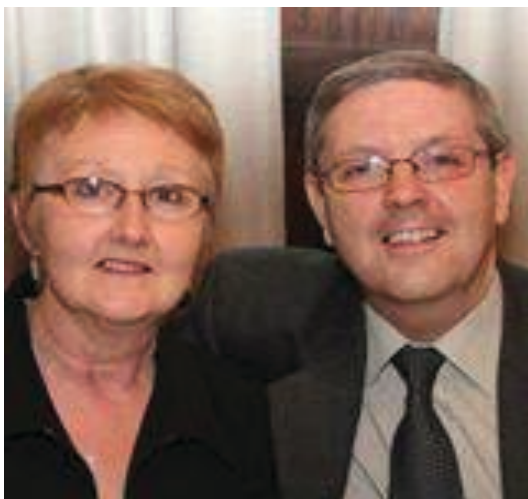
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Please join with other churches in a yearly collection for our work in Ireland. This year, we encourage you to make a special collection on **Sunday, October 23**.

Please send all funds to:

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Waterloo, Ontario, N2L 5C8



David and Sally are from Newtownards, Northern Ireland, although they worked for 12 years with the church in Ontario, Canada before returning home in 2014.

They are now working with a church in Newtownards which started in 2015. The main focus for the church is in evangelism and discipleship, and in training young men for leadership.

DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES

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

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PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

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; Off (780) 875-4056; Lee Patmore, ev.; res: (306) 825-2505; cell (306) 821-7446 e-mail: lee_patmore@me.com

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

RED DEER: 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/rdcoc

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

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ABBOTSFORD (Central Valley): Sun. 10, 11; Thur. 7 PM, Meeting at: Suite 200 - 2445 West Railway Street, Abbotsford, BC; Mailing address: #4 – 3292 Elmwood Dr.; V2S 6B2 Norm Weir, ev. 604-850-8670 (off); 859-5973 (res). If no answer 604-850-9001; email: normjen@shaw.ca

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; besijim2@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

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

DELTA: Delta Christian School, 53rd & Ladner Trunk Road, Ladner; 9:45, 10:45; Midweek: Call for times; PO Box 18623, RPO Ladner, Delta, BC V4K 4V7; 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

NANAIMO: 1720 Meredith Rd., V9S 2M4; Sun. 10:00, 11:00, Wed. meeting in homes 7:00 PM. Please phone for times and place. Wayne Peckett, (250) 758-6985, wjp.cc79@telus.net

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

PRINCE GEORGE: 9465 Old Summit Road South, V2K 5S8, Sunday worship – 10 AM, 250-962-6978 or 250-562-6708

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

SOUTH BURNABY Church of Christ (Metro Vancouver): 7485 Salisbury Ave., Burnaby BC V5E 3A5; Sunday worship: 10 a.m.; Bible classes for all ages: 10:45; Midweek groups meet in homes. Kirk Ruch, ev.; K.M.Ruch@SBChurch.ca; Connor Wilkerson, youth; Office: our.office@SBChurch.ca; (604) 522-7721; Website: www.sbchurch.ca

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

VANCOUVER (Oakridge): 6970 Oak St., V6P 3Z6; English services: Sun. 10, 11, Milton Diaz, ev., 604-432-1749 (res.).

VERNON: 4107 Pleasant Valley Rd, V1T 4M1; Sun. 10, 11; Murray Ververda, ev., (250) 545-6892 (off) www.vernonchurchofchrist.com; email: vernonchurchofchrist@telus.net

VICTORIA (South Island Church of Christ):

Mailing address: South Island Church of Christ, c/o 108-800 Kelly Road, Suite 257, Victoria, BC, V9B 6J9; Meeting address: Westshore Chamber of Commerce, 2830 Aldwynd Rd., Langford, BC.; Worship service 11:00 am – 12:00 pm, Contacts: Dick Morton 250-479-8480, L/S Walters 250-478-7275, Don Knox 250-382-0824, e-mail SICOC@shaw.ca

PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

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

CARMAN: Main Street S.; Sun. 10, 1:15; Wed. 7 PM; Box 955, R0G 0J0; contact Ray Winkler (elder), 204-745-3226; Randy Foss, ev. 745 6969 (office)

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

MANSON: Box 2, Manson, MB, R0M 1J0; Meeting Sunday Mornings – 10 & 11, (most Sundays) at Elkhorn Leisure Centre, 10 Richhill Ave E, Elkhorn, MB: Call to confirm meeting place or other information: Wilf Rogers, 204-722-2293 or Ken Starnes, 306-435-2512; email: kennyt1@myaccess.ca

WINNIPEG (Central): Sun. Worship 10, Bible classes 11:15, Eve. 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.; (204) 475-6462; Fax: (413) 677-6165; Mail: 170 St. Mary's Road, Winnipeg, MB R2H 1H9; website: www.winnipegchurch.ca; Jim Hobbs, sec. for elders (204) 261-9861; Wayne Turner, ev. (204) 257-7926 (res); wayne@winnipegchurch.ca; Chad Celaire, youth min. (204) 284-6280 (res) chad@winnipegchurch.ca

PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK

MONCTON: 365 Pine Glen Rd., Riverview (Moncton), E1B 4J8; Sun. 10, Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Stephanie Maillet, ev., (506) 204-8365 (Office) (506) 872-3179 (H) (506) 988-0098 (C) Emails: stephaniemallet@rogers.com; moncton.churchofchrist@gmail.ca FB page: https://www.facebook.com/AddedMembersOfChurchOfChrist

SAINT JOHN: Carleton Community Centre, 82 Market Place, Saint John, NB, E2M 1B5; Mailing address: P.O. Box 23021, 407 Westmorland Drive, Saint John, NB, E2J 2S0, Worship 10:00 a.m., Bible study follows. Thursday night Bible study at 6:30 p.m., call for location. Contact Shawn Leblanc at (506) 832-5230 (Ev.) OR Fred Nelson at (506) 847-2802.

NEW YORK STATE

NIAGARA FALLS: 2011 Tennessee Ave., Niagara Falls, NY, 14305; Off (716) 285-6534, Home (716) 297-6563; Sunday Bible study 10 am, worship 11 AM, evening 6 pm, Wed. 7 PM. Minister Eddie J. Cornelius; cell: 716-478-5278, e-mail: niafallscoc@aol.com; website: www.niagarafallscocf.com

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

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

KENTVILLE: 177 Middle Dyke Rd. exit 12 off Hwy 101, Sun. 11, 10; Wed. 6; Box 26, B4N 3V9; Elders: Kevin Irvine, Jack Bearden; (902) 678-8881

MILL VILLAGE: 3557 Indian Road Shubenacadie, NS B0N 2H0; Sunday Worship Times: Fellowship at 9:30 a.m., Bible class and Sunday school at 10 a.m.; Worship at 11 a.m. Tuesday night Bible study at 7 p.m. Ladies Bible study class at noon on Thursdays. 902-758-4252 (to leave a message at the church building), 902-758-2633 J. Mackey, natbrown@ns.sympatico.ca

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Ajax Church of Christ: 75 Centennial Road, Ajax, Ontario L1S-4L4, 2nd floor, Duffins Room Sunday School 10:00 am-10:45 am, Worship 11:00 am; Wednesday night Bible class in different brethren homes; Steve Chubry, Minister, Residence 905-728-6125; Cell # 647-378-7231 e-mail: ajaxcoccentennialroad@gmail.com Personal e-mail steve.chubry@sympatico.ca Find us on Facebook at Ajax Church of Christ Centennial Road

BARRIE: 345 Grove St. E. (at Cook), L4M 2R6; Sun. 10, 11, 6:30; Wed. 7:00; Tim Johnson, ev. 705-718-0017 (cell); email: minister@barriechurch.ca

BEAMSVILLE: 4900 John St., LOR 1B6; Bible Classes: 9:30 am, Worship: 10:30 am, Small groups meeting throughout the week; Don Smith, ev. 905-563-7655 (off); e-mail: beamsvillechurchofchrist@bellnet.ca website: www.beamsvillechurchofchrist.ca

BRAMALEA: 750 Clark Blvd., L6T 3Y2; (905) 792-2297; mail@bramaleacocf.ca; Sunday worship 10:00, Bible class 11:15; Adult Bible Study Thursday 2:00 pm, Kevin Hunter, ev. (905) 455-5796 (res); Walter Straker, ev. (905) 789-1632 (res); www.bramaleacocf.ca

BRANTFORD: 267 North Park St., N3R 4L2; Sun. 10, 11, Mid-week, call for times; contact Curtis Thompson, 519-504-6185; email: Godlovesfaithfully@hotmail.com Mike Gray 905-387-5680, email: thegrays1@shaw.ca office (519) 759-6630

CHESLEY & AREA: Call for time and place of meetings. Padfield: 519-934-0441; David Vance: 519-507-5070; Ron Zavitz: 519-506-6952

COLLINGWOOD: 494 10th Street, Collingwood, Ontario L9Y 2H1; Email: cchurchofchrist@bmts.com; Phone 705-444-0010; Minister: Les Cramp, Phone 519-538-5184; Cell 519-375-0559; Sunday Study 10:00 a.m. & Worship 11 a.m.; Study Thursday 2 p.m.; Please join us for worship, Bible study or fellowship at any time.

CORNWALL: 105 third St W, K6J 2N9; Sunday Bible Study 10 am, Service 11am; Mid-week study Wed 7 pm; Allen Bojarski: evangelist/secretary, ph: 613-933-1825; Joel Bojarski: chairman; Mark Duperron: treasurer, ph: 613-932-3701; Fax: 613-933-2464; Mail: 1702 Dover Road, Cornwall, ON, K6J 1W1; email: abojarski@cogeco.ca; website: www.home.cogeco.ca/~abojarski/index.html

FENWICK: 765 Welland Ave.; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6:00; Wed. 7:30; P.O. Box 416, L0S 1C0; (905) 892-5661; email: cofcfenwick@gmail.com Website: www.fenwickchurchofchrist.ca

GRIMSBY: 63 Casablanca Blvd., south of Q.E. exit; Sun. Worship 10 am; Bible classes 11 am; Sun evening 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm; Box 181, L3M 4G3; (905) 945-3058 (off); George Mansfield, ev. (h) 289-566-8963; website: www.grimsbycofc.org

HAILEYBURY: Meeting in homes, usually Sundays at 4 PM but call to confirm place and time. Week day Bible studies by appointment, Mailing address: Box 702, P0J 1K0; Mike & Judy Tinney 705-672-9241 or e-mail: can@parolink.net

HAMILTON: Fennell Ave. Church of Christ, 321 East 27 Street (at Fennell), L8V 3G8; Sunday 10:00, 11:00, 6:00; Wednesday 7:00; (905) 385-5775 (off); email@churchofchristhamilton.com Chris Gardner, sec., (905) 388-9174; Website: www.churchofchristhamilton.com

NORTH HAMILTON: Sun. Bible Study, 9:30–10:30; Worship: 10:30–11:30; Wednesday 7:00–8:00 pm, meetings at YMCA building, 79 James St. S. For information please call 905-389-8308 c/o Joe Sandassie, 286 East 26th Street, Hamilton ON L8V 3E1; email: rjwss@cogeco.ca

HUNTSVILLE: Huntsville Public Library, 7 Minerva St. E., Sun. 10:00, c/o Dave Preston, (705) 789-7697, 491 Fowlers Rd., R.R.#5, Huntsville, Ont., P1H 2N5. Other contacts: Ken Smith, (705) 789-8292

HUNTSVILLE: 36 Hilltop Dr., P1H 1C5 (off Hwy. 118N); Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Ken Skinner, 705-382-2283 or Evelyn Preston, sec. 705-767-3237.

ICE LAKE: (Manitoulin Island) (1-1/4 miles South of Hwy 540, Ice Lake, ON); Mailing address: RR# 1, Site2, Box 3, 408A Robertson Rd., Gore Bay, Ontario POP 1H0; Sunday: classes 10 am, Worship 11 am; midweek - call for information: 705-370-2908 or 705-377-4019

KENORA: 101 Norman Dr.; Sun. 10, 11; P.O. Box 2905, P9N 3X8; Phone 807-466-1449 Earle Rattai, ev., 807-548-2245; email: erattai@sympatico.ca

KINGSTON: 446 College St., K7L 4M7; Sunday worship 11 AM; (off) 613-546-5409

KITCHENER (Southwest): Sunday 10:30 AM, Williamsburg Community Centre, 1187 Fischer Hallman Road, Building 600, Suite 620, Kitchener, Ontario. Church phone: (519) 496-2286
Mail to: Southwest Kitchener church of Christ, 1187 Fischer Hallman Rd, PO Box 48035 Williamsburg RO, Kitchener, Ontario N2E 4H0.

LONDON: 186 Gammage Street, London ON N5Y 2B3; (519) 672-2426; Sun. Worship 10 AM, Contact: M. Pennington, 519-872-7629; Email: mpennington40@gmail.com; P. Fewster, 519-672-2426; Email: peter.fewster@gmail.com

MEAFORD: 113 Nelson St. W. N4L 1G3; Sunday School 9:45-10:30 a.m., Morning Worship 11:00 Sunday night: home locations will be posted on the web page each month; Wednesday 7:00 p.m.; Kevin Cleary, ev.; (519) 538-1750; e-mail: meaford-cofc@brucetelecom.com website: <http://www.meafordcofc.ca/> Check website for monthly changess

MISSISSAUGA: Mail address: Mississauga Church of Christ, PO Box 42264; 128 Queen Street S., Mississauga ON L5M 5Z5; Place of Worship: McKinnon Public School, 3270 Tacc Drive, Mississauga ON L5M 0H3; Worship: 10:30-11:45 AM; Bible Class 9:30 to 10:15 AM; Contact name: Tony Lourenco (905) 829-8312; tlourenco@cogeco.ca; Bill Currie, 905-826-4816, Email: wjc@7leaf.ca Web address www.mississaugacofc.ca Email: mail@mississaugacofc.ca

NEW LISKEARD: 554 Helmer Pedersen Drive, New Liskeard; Sun. 9:30, 10:30; Wed. 7:00; Contacts: Jim Robertson, PO Box 1556, New Liskeard ON; POJ 1P0; (705) 647-5488, Email: ccstone65@hotmail.com

NEWMARKET: 230 Davis Dr., L3Y 2N4; Sunday worship 10 am, Bible classes 11:15 am; Wednesday, please call for time and location; Nathan Pickard, ev.; 905-895-6502 (off); email: pickardnathan@hotmail.com www.newmarketchurchofchrist.ca

NIAGARA FALLS: 3901 Dorchester Rd. N., L2J 3A8, (905) 356-3412 (turn E. on Thorold Stone Rd. from QEW and left on Dorchester Rd.); Sunday Worship 10:30 AM, Sunday School 11:30 AM Wed. 7:30 Adult & Children's classes; Darrin Douglas, (minister) 905-356-3412, darrin@niagaracoc.com; Bruce Boland (youth/involvement minister) 905-356-3412, bruce@niagaracoc.com; website: www.niagaracoc.com

NORTH BAY: 73 Gertrude St. E.; Box 745, P1B 8J8; Sun. 10:00; (705) 472-7040 (off.); email: church@northbaycoc.ca; Website: www.northbaycoc.ca

OMAGH: 9850 Britannia Road, Milton, ON L9T 7E8; 10, 11; website: www.omaghchurch.org, Jim Holston, ev., 905-875-2939; Mailing address: Harold Ellis, Sec., 7435 Twiss Rd., RR # 3, Campbellville, ON LOP 1B0

OSHAWA: Cedar Park Church of Christ 566 Simcoe St. N., Oshawa, L1G 4V3 Sun. 9:45, 11:00, 7; Thursday 7:00 pm; Church Phone. 905-434-1258 (Please leave a message) Santiago Molina, ev. 416-751-6879

OTTAWA (Riverview Park): 1515 Chomley Cres., K1G 0V9; Sun. Sunday School 10 am, Worship 11 am, 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm Robert MacRury, ev., 613-737-0701, Website: www.ottawachurchofchrist.com Ottawa church of Christ facebook

OTTAWA (West): The Olde Forge Community Resource Centre, 2730 Carling Avenue, Ottawa; Mailing Address: West Ottawa Church of Christ, c/o Bill Schlarb, 361 Viewmont Drive, Ottawa, ON, K2E 7R9; Sunday morning: 10 am. Bible study, 11 am; Worship service Contacts: Bill Schlarb, 613-224-8507; Bruce Veinot, 613-592-0291 email: westottawacofc@gmail.com, website: www.westottawacofc.ca

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

PORT COLBORNE: 700 Steele St., Port Colborne, ON L3K 4Z2; Sun. worship 10:00, SS 10:15, Adult SS 11:00; (905) 732-2465

ST. CATHARINES: 439 Ontario St. N., L2N 4M9; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 6; Wed. 7:00; 935-9581 (off.); Jeremiah Cisco, ev.; Email: churchofchrist@bellnet.ca; Website: www.stcatharinescofc.ca

ST. THOMAS: 60 S. Edgeware Rd, N5P 2H6; 519-633-2210 Sun 10,11 Wednesday 7 pm; Bob Jackson, 519-633-1123

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

SELKIRK: 1/2 km n. of village 58 Erie St. N., Selkirk, On. N0A 1P0 Sun 10 & 11am. Wed.7:00pm.

SOUTH RIVER: Jaspar St. S.; off Ottawa St. W.; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:00; Box 549, POA 1X0; Chris Nicholson, ev. (705) 384-5252

STONEY CREEK: 105 King St. E., L8G 1L1; (905) 664-1130 (off.); Sun. 9:45, 11; Sun.; Brent Olson, minister, Robert Priestnall, sec.; email: sccoc@cogeco.net ; 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 Tooney, 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; 705-560-3964; Elders Wes Bailey, Don Stringer

SUNDRIDGE: #10500 Hwy. 124 N. Sunday School 10:00, Worship 11:00, Wed. 7:00 Robert Gieg (705) 380-0907 Email: rbgieg@gmail.com Don Preston (705) 384-7058

THESSALON: 8 Albert St. off Hwy. 17; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7 PM; Mailing address: Rick Klazinga, sec, Randy Morritt, ev; Box 708, P0R 1L0; 705-508-2049 (h); 705-842-3340 (O/F); email: randy.lois@eastlink.ca

TILLSONBURG: Mailing address: Box 331, N4G 4H8; Call for Service Time and Place: 519-875-2021; 519-688-8121

TINTERN: 4359 Spring Creek Rd., Vineland, ON L0R 2C0; Worship at 9:45 a.m. with classes to follow; Sunday p.m. call for times and locations; Wed. 7:00 pm; Noel Walker ev., Cindy Whitfield, Children's Minister, (905) 563 6311 (off.) tinternchurchofchrist@gmail.com.

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)

TORONTO (Scarborough): 2035 Kennedy Road, Toronto, Ontario M1T 3G2 DELTA Toronto East Hotel, (Leaside Suite) Kennedy & 401 East; Sunday Shool 10:15, Worship 11:15; 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 Wiredo, 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.

TORONTO (Strathmore Blvd.): 346 Strathmore Blvd. M4C 1N3 (across from Coxwell subway station); 416-461-7406; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Wed. 7; 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; Bob Hibbard, ev. 416-461-7406, <bob@strathmorecofc.ca>; Max Craddock, ev. (Key To The Kingdom); 647-346-2076, e-mail <mcamc@strathmorecofc.ca>; Marlon Molina, ev., marlonm@strathmorecofc.ca; Santiago Molina (Spanish) ev, 416-751-6879, websites: www.strathmorecofc.ca; www.keytothekingdom.ca

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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: Jazz.wcoc@gmail.com website: www.waterloochurchofchrist.ca

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