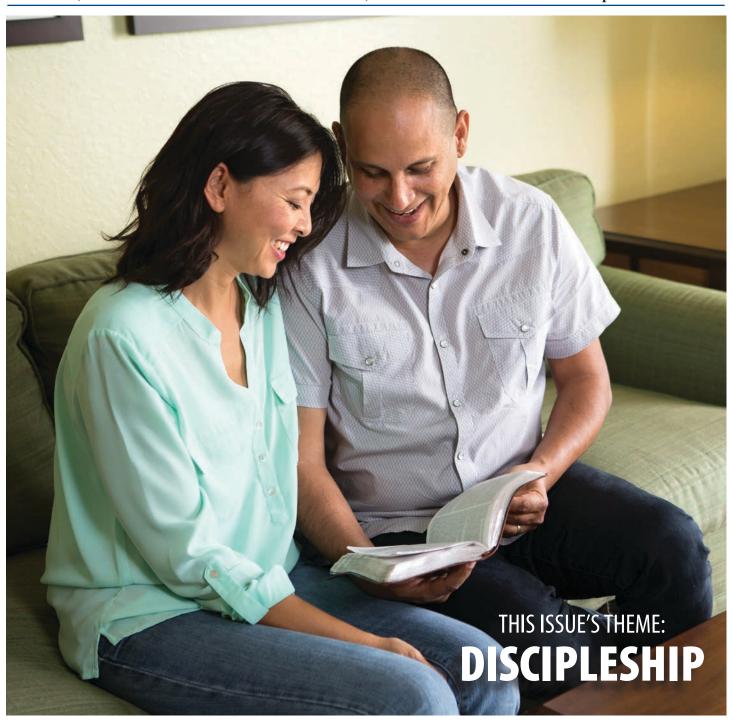


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# **Imperfect Discipleship**

Thayer Salisbury

Thile perfection should be our goal in everything (Mt 5:48; Rom 12:2), it will not be our reality in anything (Phil 3:12; 1 Jn 1:8). As long as we are engaged in our earthly journey, there will be imperfections in our thoughts, in our actions, in our attitudes. Our discipleship will remain imperfect.

But, despite all the imperfections of our discipleship, our Lord may be pleased with it.

When I was in elementary school, I made a ceramic alligator. It was very imperfect. In fact, an uninformed observer might not have known whether it was an alligator, a lizard, or a turtle. But my mother was pleased with it.

When I was in high school I built a grandmother clock. Although many uninformed observers might not have noticed its flaws, I knew that the clock was far from perfect. But when I was engaged to be married, one of the first things my father said to my fiancée was, "That clock stays here. You can have it after I am gone, but as long as I live, that clock stays here."

As earthly parents are pleased with the imperfect efforts of their children, so our Lord is often pleased with our flawed discipleship.

### The Twelve

The twelve are a great example of discipleship. I do not mean that they always did what was right, said what was right, or thought the correct thoughts. On the contrary, these dunderheads were a lot like us. They were

constantly misunderstanding Jesus and continually messing up.

The quiet ones who rarely spoke up only appear foolish. The foolishness of the big talkers, Peter, James and John, is more evident (see Mt 16:22-23; 20:20-28; Mk 9:33-41). Sometimes people talk as if Jesus somehow liked these three better. At times I wonder if he kept them near him to keep them from shooting off their mouths so much. In that respect, I guess I might belong to his "inner circle" as well.

### **Paul**

Then there is the case of Paul. Was he chosen because he was so brilliant, self-controlled and Christlike? Should he have agreed to offer sacrifices in the Temple (Acts 21:17-26)? Should he have spoken to the high priest as he did (Acts 23:3)? Did he ever reach a point where righteous living became second nature to him, or was it a continual battle throughout his life? If I understand 1 Corinthians 9:27 correctly, it remained a continual battle.

## **Old Testament Examples**

Where in the Bible do we find an example of discipleship that is perfect? Abraham's failings, his lies and his cavorting with a slave girl, are well known. Joseph we hold up as a near perfect example, but read the text, he too acted foolishly on occasion. Jacob was well named, and lived up to his name for a long time.

Have you ever considered what would have happened if Ezra, Nehemiah, and Mordecai had met? God used all of these men. They were his servants, his followers, his disciples, but they were not in agreement with one another. Ezra and Nehemiah returned to Jerusalem, Mordecai did not. Ezra and Nehemiah were violently opposed to marrying outside Judaism, but Mordecai seems to have encouraged his niece to marry a pagan king. They could all be wrong, they cannot all have been right – but the Lord accepted their discipleship and used it, such as it was.

## **The Bottom Line**

I hope that I do not seem to be making excuses for unfaithfulness. That certainly is not my intent.

We should do our absolute best for our Master. We should strive with all our being to honour him. Our discipleship should involve total commitment to his ways.

But someday reality will set in. Someday we will realize that we are pretty imperfect disciples. At that moment, Satan will suggest that we give it up in despair. But if we look to the examples of dishonest Abram, foolhardy Joseph, and that band of twelve with so little faith, we should realize that God is pleased even when our discipleship is woefully imperfect.

The very weakness of our discipleship brings honour to him (2 Cor 4:7; 12:9). We should offer imperfect discipleship to our Lord, because it is the only kind of discipleship we have to offer.

We are followers, not trailblazers. We are learners, not those who know. He is the one who opens the way to glory. He is the one who knows the things that matter. Our task is to stumble along behind him as well as we can.

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# **Discipleship**

Wayne Turner



In the religious world, there are many terms used to refer to those involved with the various bodies and groups – members, adherents, attendees, followers, affiliates, etc. These words seem vague and general. While they show the diverse ways that people connect with religious

bodies, these terms do not seem to do much more. They do not show the nature of people's relationship with the body nor the identity that results from that involvement. Even more Biblical expressions like believers and Christians have become quite generalized.

The term "religious marketplace" seems to have become an accurate way to describe the variety and diversity seen in the world. The religious world seems to be marked by shifting affiliations, personal preferences, limited involvement, irregular attendance and participation. People pick and choose, as from a restaurant menu, those things which appeal to them. They reject and avoid those things they do not like, and which makes them uncomfortable. But, is this what Christianity is about?

Doesn't it seem strange that of all the words being used today, the word most frequently used in the New Testament is seldom used today? We are familiar with the Biblical terms: priests, brothers, saints, members of the body, and even Christians. There seems to be a preference for Christian, even though it is only used three times in the New Testament. However, we rarely hear the word "disciple." When Jesus called people to follow him, he called them to be His disciples.

We understand "disciple" in different ways. The simplest view is of a learner – one who is taught. The idea of a student or pupil does not fully convey all that disciple means. We need to look further at the content, nature and purpose of the instruction. Often, the process of teaching seems only to be the passing of information and knowledge – what might be seen as an intellectual process. Jesus intended more than an information download into the brains of his disciples. It is not just knowing right doctrines.

The most important aspect of a disciple is the relationship with the teacher who is the source of teaching but also the exemplar. Jesus said that a disciple, when fully taught will be like the teacher. The disciple learns a way from the teacher. It has been observed

that the disciple learns a discipline – a whole way of living and being.

To effectively attain this, the disciple must turn complete control over to the teacher, thus the terms master and lord apply. To follow Jesus, we must deny self and follow. There can be no half measures. Christianity is not about adopting a set of beliefs and doctrines or following a moral code. Jesus called us to be disciples and to make disciples. It is vitally important that we understand and follow Him.

This issue of the Gospel Herald is focused on discipleship. Thaver Salisbury starts us off with a very important realization, "while perfection should be our goal in everything..., it will not be our reality." Throughout history, God has used imperfect people. Discipleship is doing our best, however imperfect that may be. In "Disciple Makers," Peter Morphy reminds us that if we are to be disciples and make disciples, "we should have a good working understanding of what a disciple is." He explores how disciples are made and trained. Ed Broadus discusses one of the most foundational statements about discipleship in "The Cost of Discipleship." He writes, "Discipleship is a radically different lifestyle, a different concept of why we are here and what brings true meaning and fulfillment." Roy Davison concludes by looking at the requirements to be a disciple. "Believers must remain in His word to be real disciples. Not all believers do this." We hope that the articles in this issue will challenge and encourage you in your life as a disciple. We appreciate the men who wrote these articles, and Paul Birston who put this issue together. Thank you.

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# **Disciple Makers**

Peter Morphy

ost of us are familiar with the "great commission" that Jesus assigned to His committed followers just before He left this world. As we look at the instructions given in Matthew 28:18-20, we might be able to identify within these few verses what the main point is: make disciples.

If we are called to BE disciples and then to MAKE disciples, we should have a good working understanding of what a disciple is. The Greek word mathētēs, which is used over 250 times in the New Testament, simply means a learner, pupil, disciple or follower.

Our formal teaching method in academia is mostly comprised of instruction, understanding and theoretical application. Assessment is primarily measured by the student's oral or written reports, papers and

exams which are based on directed research and/ or memorization. This is a modern and helpful learning environment for gaining knowledge. But discipleship is more than intellectual ability.

When Jesus calls people to be disciples, it involved more than just verbal teaching. Jesus did preach to the crowds of people, sometimes numbering in the thousands at one lecture. Other times He had small group discussions with the apostles. But more than that, Jesus called people to follow Him. When Jesus called Peter. Andrew, James and John. He told them to follow Him and they left their fishing business and walked with Jesus (Mark 1:18-20). They not only met with Him on a regular basis, they lived with Him. They not only listened to instruction, they watched Jesus intersect with life and interact with people. They sat with Him during temple worship, heard His prayers, listened to Him teach the Word, witnessed how He responded to His opponents, observed how He overcame temptation, participated in the miracles, and ate with Him in the homes of sinners.

This is way beyond the classroom rhetoric. It is much like our apprenticeship programs today, especially in the trades. In this environment, an electrical student spends much time with a mentor on the job site watching the master electrician work. The training is done by observation, coaching, discussion, diagnosing and trouble-shooting ongoing

problems. When the apprentice has progressed in their electrical ability, he then can do the work himself, but only under the supervision of the master electrician, who typically is readily available on-site. Eventually this discipling process results in one becoming an electrical journeyman, who is a fully trained worker. If he is capable and motivated, he can be licensed as a master electrician.

Another example of this method today is the training that physicians go through. After years of schooling, they have a sufficient head knowledge, but not a lot of experience. Therefore, they begin in the local hospital as an intern and then a resident. All day long they follow the senior physician from room to room observing, listening, learning, analyzing, inquiring and maturing

> in the practice of medicine. Eventually they will be able to diagnose, treat, and perform surgery under the watchful eye of the House Staff. Then one day, after many years of this kind of discipling, they will be a licensed physician. Later in their career they will be competent to disciple a new generation of young physicians (2 Timothy 2:2).

> If we are going to make disciples, it will require more than a couple of Bible studies and regular church attendance. While this is essential, it does not complete the task. We must invite people into our lives, teach them about Jesus, model the instruction of Jesus and expect them to follow us as we follow Christ (1 Corinthians 11:1). This is how Paul trained



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Timothy, his son in the faith, to be an evangelist in the church. Jesus reminds us that "a disciple, when he is fully trained, will be like his teacher" (Luke 6:40). This is also the way that we raise our children. We not only give instruction, we also set an example for them to see, understand and follow. We make ourselves available to encourage, explain, strengthen, and rein-

explain, strengthen, and reinforce, after we have told them what to do. We also share with them how we overcome our struggles and celebrate our victories.

The discipleship process does not end when someone is baptized. It is just the beginning of the process. Jesus did not want us to leave people to be alone on their journey in the Kingdom. He told us, "teach them (ie, the baptized disciples) to obey all that I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:20). Teaching people to obey is different than telling people what the teachings

are. In addition to the instruction, there is an expectation that it will be applied and obeyed. Again, it is similar to parents who instruct their children resulting in appropriate action. Following Jesus is not a casual commitment or a light-hearted confession. Jesus expects fully devoted love and loyalty not an occasional participant or a part-

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time fair-weather fan.

Jesus spent three years discipling the apostles and they were slow learners, just like us. There was much more teaching and training needed. We are all a work in progress. However, Jesus was always clear on His expectations regarding loyalty. He told us that if we want to be His disciple we must hate all other relationships, give up everything we have, hate our own life, deny self, take up a cross and follow Him every day (Luke 14:26, 33). When we have made the decision to be a committed follower we are baptized into Christ. The old life is dead, the new life in Christ has been born (Romans 6:1-5).

Since "all authority has been given to Jesus in heaven and on earth" (Matthew 28:18), I am ont teaching my own ideas, nor what is popular in the world, nor what my children (in my family or in the faith) want to follow. I am teaching

and leading them from the Word of God that brings us all up to the full measure of the stature of Christ (Ephesians 4:13). In addition, since the Lord has all authority, I do not need permission nor approval from anyone in this world to do what He has commanded me to do. I go forth by and within His power and authority. I am also confident that I am not alone because He promised



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that when I am doing His work "He will be with me until the work is finished" (Matthew 28:20).

We are disciples of and make disciples for the Master. Therefore, we do not teach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord (2 Corinthians 4:5). We use the life manual that has been supplied by the Father. The Bible is to be used for instruction, correction, rebuke and training in righteousness with the goal of being prepared and empowered for every good work (2 Timothy 3:16).

What does a mature disciple look like? Many in our churches might answer, "Someone who has been a Christian a long time, teaches or leads in our church and knows the Bible well!" The more accurate answer might be in the word discipline. Someone who has disciplined their own thoughts, desires, actions, words, heart, compulsions, temptations to be under the reign

and control of Jesus.

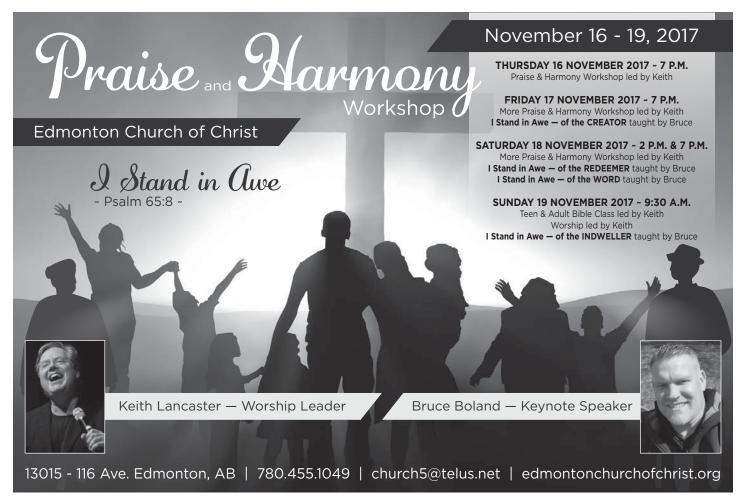
Is not that the goal of parents? We discipline (disciple) our children so that when they are mature (adults) they will be self-disciplined. We teach them by our words, example and sometimes punishment to be kind, godly, truthful, appreciative, industrious, patient, cooperative, loving, Jesus followers, so that they want to have these qualities imbedded in their life as adults, who then will be able to pass these values onto their own children.

Before we can really talk about making disciples, we first must ask ourselves "Am I really a disciple of Jesus?" Maybe you are a selective believer, a weekend follower, a part-time worker, or an unfaithful lover. There are many who read their Bible every day, serve their community, go to church every Sunday, can quote Scripture (even win a religious debate), give

money regularly, been baptized, even teach a Bible class – but who are not a disciple of Jesus. Do you want to grow up into maturity as a believer? Ask someone you believe to be a committed disciple if you can meet with them once or twice a week so that you can grow in your relationship with the Lord. Then be open and honest about where you are and where you want to go and trust that God will provide the opportunity for growth, fruitfulness and maturity.

You are called to be a disciple of Jesus. You are commissioned to make disciples for Jesus. The method and means of discipleship continues in order that we will all grow up into Christ and together we will reach more people until the Lord returns and calls us home.

Royal Oak, Michigan



# The Cost of Discipleship

Edwin Broadus

after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Jesus, in Mark 8:34-37, New International Version.)

With these words Jesus goes to the very essence of what it means to be his disciple and what is involved in it. He issued this challenge, not only to the Twelve, but also to the crowd that was following him, and so

the words are applicable, not only to his closest disciples but also to anyone who wants to be his disciple.

Prior to saying these things, he had begun preparing his disciples for what lay ahead by telling them that "the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again." Peter was appalled, so he took Jesus aside and in effect told him "Don't talk like that! This will never happen to you!" This evoked from Jesus one

of the sharpest rebukes he ever made to any of the Twelve, for he told Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of man." Kingdom values are radically different from those of this world. Peter needed to learn that.

This was the setting when Jesus called the crowd, along with his close disciples, and made clear the bottom line for being his disciple: *Deny self, take up your cross, and follow me.* Discipleship is not a matter of merely keeping some rules. This would have satisfied the young rich man who wanted to know what he needed to do to

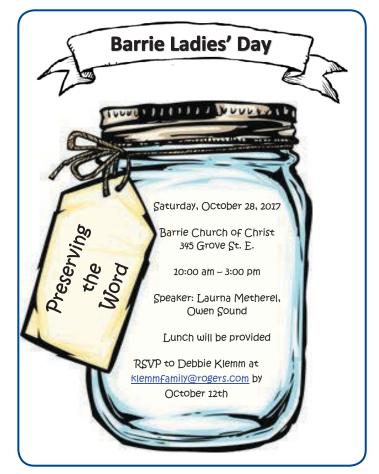
have eternal life (Matt. 19:16-22). Discipleship is a radically different lifestyle, a different concept of why we are here and what brings true meaning and fulfillment. Jesus wants every would-be disciple to understand this and to count the cost. But what exactly is this cost?

## 1. Deny self.

This is counter-intuitive and, in the minds of many, psychologically harmful. This is what Jesus, in our text, defines as losing one's life. (For "life" the original text has *psuche*, usually translated "soul," or "life" in the sense of a true and meaningful life.) Many call those who deny self "losers," but Jesus

knows they are winners, because the person who wants to enjoy true and meaningful life will not find it by putting his own interests first but only by forgetting self for sake of Jesus and the gospel.

Jesus did not think of the one who denies self as a helpless victim. He neither lived nor died as a helpless victim, but he died voluntarily because he knew he was loved by the Father when he chose to lay down his life. He said, "The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life – only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it



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down of my own accord" (John 10:17-18).

There is a world of difference between doing something others compel us to do and doing it because it is our own choice. Many parents make inordinate sacrifices for their children, not because someone compels them to do this, but because they love their children and want to sacrifice for them. Loving disciples of Jesus live for him because this is what they want to do.

## 2. Take up one's cross.

The cross at that time was an instrument of terrible death and shame. Jesus literally took up this cross, and some of his disciples would later die the same way. For the rest of us, taking up

our cross means accepting whatever comes our way for following Jesus, even shame or death. After Paul said, "Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus," he described how Jesus exemplified this attitude: he considered himself nothing, took the form of a servant, and humbled himself by becoming obedient to death, "even death on a cross" (Phil. 2:5-8).

This is what can be called the cruciform, the cross-shaped, life. It describes for us what life-fulfilling self-denial looks like. People can and do practice asceticism and other forms of self-denial for a variety of reasons, some producing false pride, but the life Jesus lived and the death he died in obedi-

ence to his Father and for the good of others exemplify for us the kind of self-denial he calls us to emulate.

We will not likely be called upon to be martyrs, but we can and should be like Paul, who because his priorities were right could truthfully say, "I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me" (Acts 20:24). Often in life there are many options open to us for faithfully serving the Lord, but sooner or later a time comes when there is great clarity of something specific but often difficult that God wants us to do, no matter what the cost. It is only what is worth dying for that is worth living for. It is

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a doctrine of the devil that "a man will give all he has for his own life" (Job 2:4).

## 3. Follow Jesus.

This is an open-ended commitment. No one, if he begins following Jesus at an early age and then lives another sixty or seventy years, can possibly know at the beginning all that is going to be involved in following Jesus. Like Abraham, when we are called by the Lord we go out, not knowing where we are going (Hebrews 11:8). Scripture says that he did this "by faith". Often we do not know the way in difficult circumstances, but since Jesus knows the way we entrust ourselves to him and respond obediently to whatever

we are called to do and be, even in life's difficult circumstances.

This is how Jesus describes what it means to follow him. Then and now, he wants his followers to know the cost of discipleship. Many may think this too high a price to pay, but Jesus reminds us of the alternative: "What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul?" (The original again uses *psuche*, referring to life in its fullest sense.) The devil offered Jesus the whole world if he would only bow down and worship him (Matt. 3:8-10). For Jesus, all this was not worth it at the devil's price, but many, like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal (Heb. 12:16), have made their bargain with the devil for a lot less.

Interestingly, Jesus does not emphasize in this setting the rewards of discipleship that we often stress, like a home with God through all eternity. Rather, he challenges us to think about what life is really all about, about how we can truly "have it all." It is both sad and tragic for a person to reach the end of his life on this earth and then realize that he has wasted his time here seeking what has no ultimate value. One might die rich or famous or both, but if in the process of doing this he has sold his soul, Jesus reminds us that this person has paid far too much for what cannot last.

Burlington, Ontario



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# "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed."

Rou Davisor

esus tell us how to be His disciples. "As He spoke these words, many believed in Him. Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, 'If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed'" (John 8:30, 31).

This was said to believers. "If" states a condition. The word "indeed" translates a Greek word meaning "truly." Thus to truly be disciples of Jesus, believers must *remain in His word*. "If" also communicates the negative: if a believer does *not* remain in the word of Christ, he is *not* His disciple! More than faith is required to be a disciple of Jesus. This is why James says, "A man is justified by works, and not by faith only" (James 2:24).

# Not all believers are disciples of Jesus.

Believers must remain in His word to be real disciples. Not all believers do this. "Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God" (John 12:42, 43).

# What is the word of Christ?

The word of Christ is the New Covenant, also called the New Testament, that God has given to mankind through Jesus. This includes the teachings of Jesus in the Gospels and the teachings of His apostles and prophets in the rest of the New Testament. Jesus told his apostles: "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 things that I said to you" (John 14:26) and "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth" (John 16:12, 13). The word of Christ is also called "the gospel" (1 Peter 1:22-25) and "the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 3).

# What does it mean to abide in the word of Christ?

The word translated "abide" means to remain within, both in time and in extent. To "remain" in His word, means that one must continue to stay within the limits of His teaching. When Jesus says "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed" this is more than believing His word and even more than knowing His word. This is continuing to live and serve God according to His word!

After Jesus washed the feet of His disciples, He said: "I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. ... If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them" (John 11:15, 17).

To abide in the word of Christ, His word must be our standard of conduct. "Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son" (2 John 9). To transgress is to go beyond. We may not go beyond the doctrine of Christ. We must remain within its limits.

Paul told the Corinthians that they must learn not to go beyond what is written (1 Corinthians 4:6). When worshipping and serving God, we must do what He tells us to do without adding or omitting anything.

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for *every good work*" (2 Timothy 3:16, 17).

Since the Scriptures equip us for every good work, if we go beyond what is written in our worship or in our service to God by doing things that are not authorized by Scripture, what we are doing is *not a good work*. When we go beyond the doctrine of Christ, we are not true disciples of Jesus because we are not remaining in His word.

# What is required to be a disciple of Jesus?

The entire New Testament gives the complete answer. We will discuss some specific things mentioned.

One must **believe**. Jesus said, "You believe in God, believe also in Me" (John 14:1).

But "faith without works is dead" (James 2:20). A disciple must have a living, active faith. His life must be dedicated to Christ. He is a student, a follower and an imitator of Christ, loving and obeying Him, and bearing fruit.

A disciple must learn from Christ. Jesus said: "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me" (Matthew 11:29).

A disciple must learn to do what Jesus says and teach others to do the same, "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:20).

To be a disciple, a believer must deny himself and follow Christ: "Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it'" (Matthew 16:24, 25). A disciple must die to self and the world, and live for Christ.

To be a disciple, a believer must **imitate Christ**. Jesus said, "It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher" (Matthew 10:25). This is the distinctive meaning of the word "disciple." A disciple not only wants to learn from his teacher, he wants to be like his teacher. Paul told the Corinthians: "Imitate me,

just as I also imitate Christ" (1 Corinthians 11:1) and "We have the mind of Christ" (1 Corinthians 2:15). A disciple learns to think and act like Christ.

For a believer to be a disciple, he must **love Jesus**: "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love" (John 15:9).

He must love Jesus more than anyone else. Jesus said: "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple" (Luke 14:26, 27). A disciple allows no one to prevent him from following Christ, not even his dearest family members.

For a believer to be a disciple, he must obey Christ: "If you love Me, keep My commandments" (John 14:15). "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word" (John 14:23). "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love" (John 15:10).

For a believer to be a disciple, he must bear fruit: "By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples" (John 15:8).

A believer must partake of the Lord's supper on each first day of the week (Acts 20:7). Jesus said: "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him" (John 6:56).

# One must be baptized to become a disciple of Christ.

Before He ascended, Jesus told His followers: "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:18-20). The phrase "baptizing them" states how disciples are made. When someone becomes a disciple by being baptized, he then must learn to observe all things commanded by Christ.

# What have we learned about being disciples of Jesus?

We must abide in His word to be His disciples, serving God according to His teaching and not going beyond what is written.

We must be students, followers and imitators of Christ, loving and obeying Him, and bearing fruit.

We love Jesus more than our dearest family members.

We partake of the Lord's supper each Sunday.

One becomes a disciple by being baptized.

Let us abide in the word of Christ so we truly can be His disciples. If you have never become a disciple by being baptized, do so without delay! Amen.

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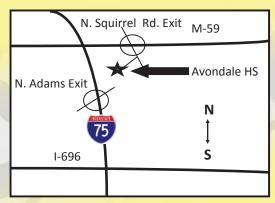
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# **Representing Your Lord**

eing a disciple involves representing our Lord to the world. The joy of being in Christ ought to result in our sharing this joy with others. We accomplish this in many ways perhaps, but in talking about this aspect of discipleship Jesus, in the second major portion of the Sermon on the Mount, said, "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste. how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven" -Matthew 5:13-16 (ESV).

This statement of Jesus is striking because He refers to two very common elements saying that disciples are to be like them. Many of us remember seeing meat such as ham being prepared by rubbing the meat with salt, sugar, pepper and perhaps other spices and then hanging them to age. In an article published by the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture Food and Environment, this information is given: "Country ham is the dry-cured hind leg of a pig that harks back to the way food was preserved before mechanical refrigeration." In case you have never tasted ham cured in this way I can tell you it is sooo gooooood!

In the above passage, Jesus is giving Christians a very wonderful complement about the life being lived by His disciples BUT also a very big challenge. This section of the sermon follows the meaningful statements

of the Beatitudes which describe the nature of the true disciple. One must come to grips in his or her life with the responsibilities and privileges of enjoying the saving grace in Christ and the challenge of transformation into the true servant/disciple of Jesus Christ. It will mean overcoming through humble commitment to Christ the trials and struggles thrown in our path by Satan, who never takes a holiday.

Salt and light were, and still are, tremendously important for human life. Too little or too much can have unwelcomed side effects. The salt and light nature of our Christian life will have an impact on those who know us and are affected by our example. Note Jesus' words to the church at Laodicea, "And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: 'The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's creation. I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth" -Revelation 3:14-16 (ESV). Understand, there is perhaps nothing worse for the cause of Christ than a lukewarm Christian. One who often speaks one thing but clearly displays something different. How great a number, do you suppose, will miss heaven because they did not model the expectation of Christ that His disciples would be like the blessing of light and salt but rather, living at best, mediocre Christian lives, bringing no glory to Him in their daily living?

We noted earlier the value of salt in the preserving of meat, especially in the days before refrigerators and freezers made this a simple exercise of wrapping – to prevent freezer burn - and then could be kept for long periods of time without spoiling. Walking the "disciples walk" today makes one salt and light for those who see and know them. Of course, the "disciples walk" is that referred to by John when he wrote, "This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin" - 1 John 1:5-7 (ESV).

Walking in the way of Christ, being a true example of Him to the world, brings the peace of His presence in our lives, plus the ongoing cleansing from sin He provides His disciples.

Besides the preserving effect of salt, we recognize the improvement in taste that salt provides. Job, while not giving gourmet advice commented, "Can that which is tasteless be eaten without salt, or is there any taste in the juice of the mallow? My appetite refuses to touch them; they are as food that is loathsome to me" – Job 6:6-7 (ESV). At our house, we put a pinch of salt in the coffee grounds when brewing coffee to improve the taste.

One of the interesting truths about salt is that we cannot see it working. We can taste that it is present or missing but we are not able to actually see it working. It seems to me this is true of the salt effect of the Christian's life. Think back to the church at Laodicea. They considered themselves to be living the good life. Note, "For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see" - Revelation 3:17-18 (ESV).

Sadly, they were shortsighted, seeing only the fact that they were

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materially blessed. They had forgotten about the "disciples walk" if they had ever really known it...as they enjoyed the wealth and prosperity of their physical life. "Laodicea was famous for the black wool garments produced by its clothing industry and for the Phyrgian eye salve distributed by its medical school. Christ reminds the Laodicean church that he is the true giver of sight and the "clothier" who can truly remove their shame." (The College Press NIV Commentary).

Thankfully they could still do something about it. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne" – Revelation 3:20-21 (ESV). As long as there is life, there is hope. While the world may have seduced us into glorying in the material things of life, we can still turn things around and daily walk as a true disciple.

Recognize also, as mentioned above, we cannot see the working of salt but know of its value. We may not be able to do "great" things in serving God, but what are the "great" things? Anything that touches the life of another in a positive Christian example and/or act, is great. Remember the question in Zechariah 4:10 "Who despises the day of small things?" This question reflects the thoughts of some in the community who considered the temple reconstruction project insignificant when compared to the "glory" of original temple - Haggai 2:3. You can spread the blessing of God by "walking in the light of Jesus day by day", doing those acts - great or small – that bless people and leave the aroma of Christ in the nostrils of those you influence.

Let me close with a story that is attributed to brother A.C. Dixon: "A king asked his three daughters how much they loved him. Two of them replied that they loved him better than all the gold and silver in the world. The youngest one said she loved him better than salt. The king

was not pleased with her answer, as he thought that salt was not very palatable. But the cook, overhearing the remark, put no salt in anything for breakfast [the] next morning, and the meal was so insipid that the king could not enjoy it. He then saw the force of his daughter's remarks. She loved him so well that nothing was good without him."

Does this describe your love for the Lord? Is your life daily wrapped up in loving God and desiring to honour Him at home, work and recreational activities? And parents, remember the first area you should be "seasoning" and "preserving" is at home with family.

If you want to truly be salt and light in the world and fulfill the desire of Christ that you be His faithful disciple, then set your mind on things above and live a life daily that that says "I am not just a Sunday Christian." Show all who will observe you that Christ truly lives in you because they are being blessed through your example and your service.



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## Is Heaven On Your Radar?

Deb Hibbard

magine travelling down the freeway and you are keeping track of your speed every few minutes. You look at your speedometer and notice you are driving at a rate of 130 km/hr. You are 30 km over the limit. What do you do? Instead of adjusting your speed, you constantly monitor your surroundings to ensure there are no cops ahead with their radars tracking for speeders. Apart from breaking the rules, you are vigilant in ensuring you do not get caught. You have somehow convinced yourself that you have to get to your destination and are willing to risk a hefty fine, demerit points and perhaps a suspended licence. In hindsight, which is often too late, you realize you should have done things differently.

It is to the latter part of the previous sentence that I wish to draw your attention. The regret portion where you wished you had done things differently. The title of the article asks, "Is Heaven on Your Radar?" Are you focused on where are you going to spend eternity? Are you keeping track of the route you are taking and whether it will get you there? The Hebrew writer likens the Christian's journey to a race. We have a great cloud of witnesses, those who have gone on before us as examples, and like them, we need to get rid of everything that will trip us up while running the race (Hebrews 12:1, NIV).

In Hebrews 11, we are given numerous examples of those who have walked faithfully with God and who have received their reward. Verse 5 of the same chapter talks about Enoch, "commended as one who pleased God." What kind of life is pleasing unto God? Paul encourages the brethren of Thessalonica in 1 Thessalonians 2:12 to live in such a way that God will be pleased. It means we must rid ourselves of all forms of evil such as malice, discord, divisions, factions, slander, hypocrisy, envy, drunkenness, deceit, lies,

bitterness, rage and all manner of moral filth that easily seduces us (1 Peter 2:1; Ephesians 4:25; James 1:21; Galatians 5:19-20). I like how the Apostle Paul further adds to this list by stating that we must put to death everything that belongs to the earthly nature. Things like impurity, sexual immorality, evil desires, lust and greed. Those who practice such will feel God's wrath on the day of judgement and will not receive their heavenly inheritance (Colossians 3:5-6; Galatians 5:21).

When we made the decision to put on Christ in baptism it meant getting rid of the old self, corrupted by its fleshy desires (Romans 6:4; Ephesians 4:22). Our sins were washed away, and now we live by the Spirit (Galatians 5:25). It is not to say we will not stumble from time to time while running the race. The key is that we must always keep heaven on our radar. To lose focus on where we are headed is to lose the race. Our enemy, the crafty serpent, the hungry lion, is always waiting to pounce on us. He is hungry and we are his 'food source' (Genesis 3:1; 1 Peter 5:8).

Let us not give in to the wiles of the devil. If heaven is on our radar, we must look to the word, our 'compass' that gives us our directions to our eternal abode. Ephesians 6:10-17 provides us with what we need to successfully run the race. We

are to be fully clothed in God's armour (vs. 11-13). The idea of putting on the whole armour is all inclusive, that is, being ready in the offensive and defensive (Barnes' Notes). To be partly armed is to be fully vulnerable. As Paul encouraged the Thessalonians in 1 Thessalonians 2:12 so do I. Ensure you are also walking in a manner worthy of God who calls you into His kingdom and glory.

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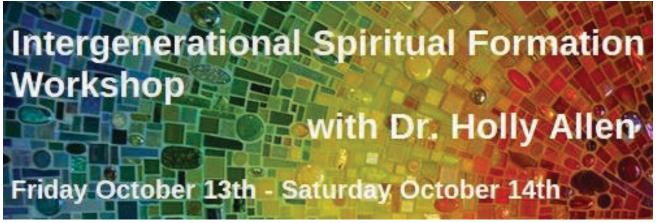
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#### **NEW YORK STATE**

LaSalle – Niagara Falls: House to House/Heart to Heart was mailed out July 31 to 1,027 homes in the LaSalle community. We have joined together with over 1,300 congregations of the Lord's church to reach 3.2 MILLION households with this mailing of House to House/Heart to Heart. We praise God for His providence and pray that this material will reach the right people at the right time to do the most good for the kingdom.

#### **ONTARIO**

**Tintern:** Dylan Pyeatt and the Micah 6 Community in Pontiac, MI, hosted their Summer Slam on August 19. This important community outreach helps neighbourhood kids get ready for school. A number of Tintern members will be helping. Free Dental care, hairdressers, school supplies are given. See http://micah6community.com for more details. Angela (Cook) Kanellopoulos and her wonderful helpers hosted our annual Sunday School picnic on July 14 at Centennial Park in Grimsby. The Tintern deacons hosted a series of Congregational Discernment Meetings in July to consider future repairs and new uses of our building. On Sunday July 2 the Sew & Sews (quilting group) presented Tintern's high school graduates with handmade quilts for them to take with them in the next experience of their life. A year and a half ago the Tintern and Beamsville congregations (with the help of others from our community) helped settle a wonderful family of 7 from Syria. In addition to this continued joy we are now awaiting (any day now) a family of 5 from the Congo. Celina and her two girls, Alicia (6 vrs) and Miriam (4 yrs) as well as Celina's two brothers Peter and Daniel. Roger Perry reports that they will likely be with us before the end of the summer. Pray for their

transition and for God's love to be on display. The Tintern and Beamsville congregations will host Church in the Park on Sunday September 3 at Charles Daley Park along the North Service Road in the Town of Lincoln. Notable birthdays: Bruce Robinson, 78 June 4, Hope Martin, 85 on July 23 and Eugene Perry, 95 July 19. We also celebrated Brenda Paul's decision to put on Christ in baptism on Sunday July 30. For more information on what's happening at Tintern check out www.facebook. com/TinternChurchOfChrist and www. tinternchurchofchrist.ca

Toronto (Bayview Ave): At Bayview we have appreciated a number of visitors during the summer when some of our members are away on vacation. We enjoyed our fifth Sunday potluck on July 30 with about 25 attending. The Fellowship Ministry scheduled our annual picnic on August 12 at Morningside Park. Bayview members have contributed white blouses and shirts for the children at La Maison in Haiti to assist Marie Volcy, who is collecting school uniforms for the coming year. On August 6 we officially thanked Paul and Brittany Rasmussen for their service at Bayview. We have been blessed by their presence and by Paul's preaching and teaching once a month since December 2013. We will miss them, as they devote more time to their responsibilities at the Waterloo Church of Christ.

Toronto (Strathmore Blvd): The congregation rejoiced recently at the new birth of two individuals into Christ. Lorna Joseph was baptized on Sunday, August 6. The following Sunday, August 13, Joshua Congdon was also baptized. We pray for both these new Christians that they will grow stronger and stronger in the faith. Once again Key To The Kingdom has been taken on the road, the first time since Max's illness in 2015. On August 5 two programs were filmed at the Cedar Park church building in Oshawa. Then in the afternoon two programs were filmed at the Harding Ave. church building in Toronto. A trip to Owen Sound, Collingwood and Meaford is planned for September 23 and 24 for filming six programs in those three locations. Filming in other locations help to show viewers that the church of Christ meets in other cities and towns.



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(BC news supplied by Barbara Lewis)

#### ALBERTA

Edmonton North Side: A warm welcome to Tyler Boland of Niagara Falls who has recently moved here and identified with our congregation. A group went to Cross Lake for a weekend of camping. We were sad to see Jay & Linda Manimtim move to Winnipeg. We wish them all the best.

#### **BRITISH COLUMBIA**

Delta: We've had updates and pictures through the month of July from the Dogans in Jerusalem. There has been quite a bit of excitement, twice, when Palestinians clashed with Israelis and the city had to be locked down for several days. They managed to return to Canada safely on July 31. We were inspired by several sermons from Jim Hawkins, whose cancer treatments left him able to preach on occasion, and Jay Don Rogers, during their summer stay here from their work in Kiev, to which they were scheduled to return in August.

Oakridge (Vancouver): Our assembly was minus a group of seven people (including our preacher and his son) who made the trip to Mexico with True North Helping Hands in July. As verified by 85 pictures taken of the projects, much was accomplished, as it was one of the largest groups of volunteers to go and they were able to finish building two classrooms. Patty Jacobs, coordinator, commented that it was successful "through God's grace and because of each one of our team's efforts".

Salmon Arm: Since our move to the outskirts of the city we are having visitors for the Life Group which meets for a meal together on Tuesday evenings followed by a Bible study. The lessons are arranged so that newcomers may understand the lesson, whether or not they have been there before. "It is our

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desire to be the united unit of Christians in the habit of living our lives as an example of Jesus to the community, as we pray God's will in all the decisions that we make and tell the story of Jesus with our lives and words, making both purposeful and bold," Marie Taylor wrote in their bulletin. The Life Groups recessed for the summer on August 8, but will resume with studies in 1 Peter on September 12 in their new building. We have again volunteered to clean up the Fair grounds, as this is a great opportunity to call the attention of Salmon Arm citizens to our new location and services.

Surrey: The church rejoiced with the family as Braden Jackson expressed his desire to be in the Kingdom of God and was baptized after the Sunday morning service on July 17. Our attendance continues to increase with our largest assembly this summer numbering 117 souls. The "once a year" out-of-doors get-together was enjoyed on August 12 at Bear Creek Park, with lots of food and numerous games, cheered on by both participants and watchers.

#### **MANITOBA**

Winnipeg: Our VBS was held in August. Central Youth Rally will be held September 22-24 and the theme is Identity!! There will be four lessons: Who am I? based on Judges 6:11-15, I am a conqueror based on Romans 8:37, I am God's masterpiece based on Ephesians 2:10 and I am forgiven based on Ephesians 1:7. Speakers will be Jason Rollins and Jay Manimtim.

#### **SASKATCHEWAN**

Weyburn: Our VBS was July 31-August 4. A group from Cabot church of Christ came to help. Eighty-five children attended. August 4-7 the WCC class of 72 reunion was held. Shem Regines was baptized and added to the Lord's family. A memorial service was held for Dwayne Jacobs. This summer, the teen class led by Caleb Vance interviewed several of our members. The purpose of these interviews was to learn about life experiences and to view the participants as mentors.

# Pictures & Reports

We are always looking for items concerning outreach and service activities of congregations across Canada. Pictures are worth a thousand words, they say, and we like to have pictures we can publish on mission outreach and service projects in evangelism, teaching and doing service. These may be of work done in Canada or by Canadian congregational groups who travel and serve outside of Canada. Good quality digital photographs allow us to see, be encouraged by and praise God for these activities of our fellow Christians. We look forward to being able to share these "good news reports" with readers of the Gospel Herald.

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**JAPAN:** "The entire gospel of John is so rich, but early on in the year, as we sought God's guidance for a vision as we entered a new fiscal year, (in Japan, that begins April 1), we were led to John 15. "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing" (v.5). This is the theme verse for our church family for 2017, and our goals are: a) to be connected to the vine, b) be the branches, and c) bear much fruit. Our sermons/studies will devote time to this, and our prayer life and ministry will aim to incarnate this. How do we see this being incarnated by the grace of God and through the power of the Holy Spirit? Let us share a few ways: 1.) there is a greater hunger in the church family to be connected to the Vine (Jesus) in study of the word, and in responsive offerings of worship; 2) two thirds of our church family are actively involved as 'branches' in ministries. In the Mito Church of Christ, Ibaraki, spring of 2017: we have an average of 15 seekers and first-time guests to worship each week; 26 students in the kids karate class taught by Atsushi (23 of whom are from the community); and close to 50 people from the community in our EBC (English Bible classes); we have an average of 25 students per day at the campus ministry office (it is busy!), and 19 of them in Bible studies with our interns. But as we continue to be fed by the scripture, and formed in the likeness of Jesus our Lord, we find a greater passion for God's will and purpose for our lives and for our friends and this world. We crave your prayer support, your encouragement, and your ongoing support in this Kingdom work. God is good and we are thankful to be a part of it here in Mito, Japan." (Spring Report from "Being His Hands" by Joel Osbourne)

**ZIMBABWE:** On May 1, a Mission Printing loading crew of seven men filled a twenty-foot ocean container for Zimbabwe with 1,350 boxes of gospel material in one hour and four minutes. Because Bro. Paul Gerber, one of MP's Distribution Managers in South Africa, made a special request for us to supply a container of our material to Zimbabwe, this was Mission Printing's

(MP) first attempt to ship a container of our material to that country. Another MP Manager in South Africa, Bro. Rohan Jones, also asked for a container for Zambia to be used in an area that he is trying to evangelize, so some material in this container will be trucked from Mutare to Zambia. Bro. Newman Kanchefu will receive the material and Bro. Campion Mugweni, both of Mutare, will help assist the clearing agent and ensure that the delivery is successful. I appreciate Bro. Joseph Smith of Healing Hands International for introducing us to Bro. Mugweni to assist us in this shipment. We also especially appreciate the Brother in Alabama who financially assisted us in making this shipment possible. God has blessed us with dedicated volunteers and generous donors to help us make "World Evangelism by the Printed Page" a reality to lost souls every day. (Report from Arlington, TX.)

ETHIOPIA: A position required by the government as part of our legal status to preach the gospel in this country has been filled by Brother Habtu Zemech to be our Country Representative. He takes the place of Brother Alemayehu, who has served in this position for many years, but asked to be released to transfer his ministry to becoming a leader in the evangelism outreach. He will be working with Brother Moges as they teach in the Preacher Training Schools and spend more time traveling and encouraging churches throughout the country. Brother Habtu and his family live in Woodbridge, Virginia, attending the church in Falls Church, VA. where he serves as a deacon. He came into the Lord's church during the terrible famine in Ethiopia from 1984 to 1987. He works in Washington, D.C. and will be dividing his time between the two countries. Training men to become gospel preachers continues to be the central focus of the Gospel Outreach in Ethiopia. It is not uncommon to have men attending the schools that speak four or five different languages that are found in the neighborhood of their homes. However, many places where Brothers Alemayehu and Moges will go require an interpreter. The lessons in the Nekemte School of Preaching are taught in the Oromonia language so when teachers come from Addis Ababa they must use an interpreter, even though most in this area also speak Amharic. It was noted that if several pictures of students included in this report had their languages and dialects counted, there would be a minimum of 25, which is one reason why we need so many preachers who will be able to reach the diverse people of this country with the gospel. This work has long been under

the direction and leadership of Brother Behailu, who now lives in Lubbock, TX since his health makes him unable to travel to Ethiopia, but remains at the core of leading this phase of our outreach. (From June issue of the Ethiopia Gospel Outreach)

WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL: From the pen of John Reese, president, comes these often overlooked truths: WBS lessons should not be perceived as "protestant" teaching. Nor should they be thought of as material to "reform" existing traditions in the Christian world. Their purpose is only to present Jesus as He has revealed Himself, and to share His teachings as He intended to perpetuate them in the World until the end of time. Their only source is the Bible, which reveals God's directions for mankind as He would have us live it. Even though God's teachings are still rejected by many, as they always have been, in many parts of the world today, the prospect of owning a Bible is a "powerful motivator". It is honoured and treasured, when rarely owned by the poor. One of "Actions" goals has always been to be able to provide every student taking the correspondence course with his own Bible, at this time numbering 1,500,000 active participants. In addition to that goal, there is also the knowledge that free Bibles could be used as an incentive to students to progress faster through more courses, which could result in obedience to the gospel sooner. These would be sent only to those who prove their willingness or eagerness to study it. There was an increase of nearly 50,000 postal students in 2016 over the number in 2015, not even counting the increase in Internet students. The combined total saw 973, 384 new students receiving the lesson in 2016, but we should not be willing to stop reaching new lookers. Brother Reese asks: "Why not aim for 1,000,000 student ceiling in 2017?" He believes that word of free Bibles would spread and people eager to learn about Christianity would come to us asking to be taught. He pointed out the passage in Acts 18:10 when God spoke to Paul, "I have many people in this city." Could He not tell us the same thing today? We do not know how many are out there waiting and eager to become Christians. By helping to pay for the expense of printing the new Bible--which includes a short Introductory lesson and enrolling the receiver in a Bible study--"Action" invites all of us to put "Christ" back into Christianity! Your participation in helping us achieve this goal will be gratefully received by Action/ World Bible School, PO Box 2169, Cedar Park, TX. 78630. (Composed of excerpts from the "Actions" July issue.)

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**Keynote Speaker: Carlos Gupton** of Harding University, Searcy, Arkansas

# **Harvest Fellowship**

Weyburn Church of Christ October 14-16, 2016

# **Keynote Topics:**

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- Holiness
- **❖** Radical Goodness
- **Submission**
- Suffering

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# **DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES**

This listing includes most but not all of the churches of Christ in Canada along with a few in bordering states. Please help us to keep it useful by updating the information regularly. 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; Mail: 11532 - 130 Street NW, Edmonton AB T5M 1A4 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; Evangelist: 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/rdcoo

**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; besiiim2@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 Ovster Garden Rd. Campbell River. BC V9H 1E7

CRESTON: Call for service times and place: David & Diane Phypers: 250-428-593

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, VOK 1C1 Bordy 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:** 490- 5th Ave, S.W. V1E 1V4; Sunday 10:00; Call for times and locations of other meetings; 250-833-0927; Doug Kendig, and Gordon Parmenter, elders; 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; Conor 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 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, ROG 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, ROM 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: kennyg1@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.; Stephane Maillet, ev., (506) 204-8365 (Office) (506) 872-3179 (H) (506) 988-0098 (C) Emails: stephanemaillet@rogers.com; moncton.churchofchrist@gmail.ca FB page: https://www.facebook.com/ AddedMembersOfChurchOfChrist

SAINT JOHN: Meeting in the home of Fred and Linda Nelson at 10:00 AM. Call 506 847 1780 for directions Mailing address: P.O. Box 23021, 407 Westmorland Drive, Saint John, NB, E2J 2S0 Thursday night Bible study at 6:30 p.m.

#### **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, Wed. 7 PM. Minister Eddie J. Cornelius; cell:716-478-5278, e-mail: niafallscofc@aol.com; website: www.niagarafallscofc.com

NIAGARA FALLS: LaSalle church of Christ 1121 North Military Rd, Niagara Falls NY 14304 Phone: 716-283-1214; Sun. Bible Study 9:45 a.m., Worship 11:00 a.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m. Evangelist: Mark R. Dailey (716-754-2752) Email: minister@lasallechurchofchrist.org Website: lasallechurchofchrist.org

#### PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

HALIFAX: 48 Convoy Ave., B3N 2P8; Sun. 9:45 & 11 am; Tuesday 7 pm David Cariaga, ev. (902) 443-9628 (off), Cell (902) 410-8496 Wayne Taylor, 9sec. (902) 876-7402

**KENTVILLE:** 177 Middle Dyke Rd. exit 12 off Hwy 101, Sun. 11, 10; Wed. 6; Box 26, B4N 3V9; Contact Jack Bearden; (902) 538-3329 or Ray Fisher rcfisherofmen@gmail.com www.live4jesus.ca

MILL VILLAGE: 3557 Indian Road Shubenacadie, NS BON 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@bramaleacofc.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.bramaleacofc.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 3rd St W Cornwall, ON K6J 2N9 Mid-week study: Wednesday 7 pm Sunday Service: 10 am Bible Study/Children's Classes: 11 am Service website: churchofchristcornwall.ca ph: 613-933-1825; email: albojarski@hotmail.com Evangelist: Allen Bojarski Chairman: Jeremy Bojarski Treasurer: Mark Duperron

**FENWICK:** 765 Welland Ave.; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6:00; Wed. 7:30; P.O. Box 416, LOS 1CO; (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 7 pm, Wed. 7 pm; Box 181, L3M 4G3; (905) 945-3058 (off); George Mansfield, ev (c) 905-401-3482; website; www.grimsbycofc.org

GUELPH: Sun. 10:00, 11:00, Wed. 7:00 evs. Johnathan Ledbetter (226) 343-0925 Jason Rollins (519) 760-4694 Call for meeting locations. www.GuelphChurchOfChrist.com

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, POJ 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.); Randy Morritt, ev. 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; meetings at YMCA building, 79 James St. S. Wednesday Bible Study 6:30-7:30 For information re. place of meeting, 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. 11BN); Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Ken Skinner, 705-382-2283 or Evelyn Preston, sec. 705-767-3237.

Page 22 Gospel Herald 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: Bud Dearing 705 282-0406

**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: pmpennington40@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 Churchof Christ; PO Box 42264;
128 Queen Street S., Mississauga ON L5M 525;
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: wjcurrie65@gmail.com
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 1PO; (705) 647-5488, Email: costone65@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.newmarketchurchof

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: 850 Britannia Road, Milton, ON L9E 0E4; 10, 11; website: www.omaghchurch.org, Mailing address: Harold Ellis, Sec., 7435 Twiss Rd., RR # 3, Campbellville, ON L0P 1B0

OSHAWA: Cedar Park Church of Christ 566 Simcoe St. N, Oshawa, L16 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, 6 pm; 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 KOL 2VO. 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 LOC 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. NOA 1PO 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. 10, 11; (summer worship10) Contact: Ben Wiebe: 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; 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, Wed. 7 pm; Mailing address: Rick Klazinga, sec, Bill Bunting, interim ev; Box 708, POR 1L0; 705-254-9012(Bill); 705-842-3340(0/F); email: rick.klazinga@gmail.com

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