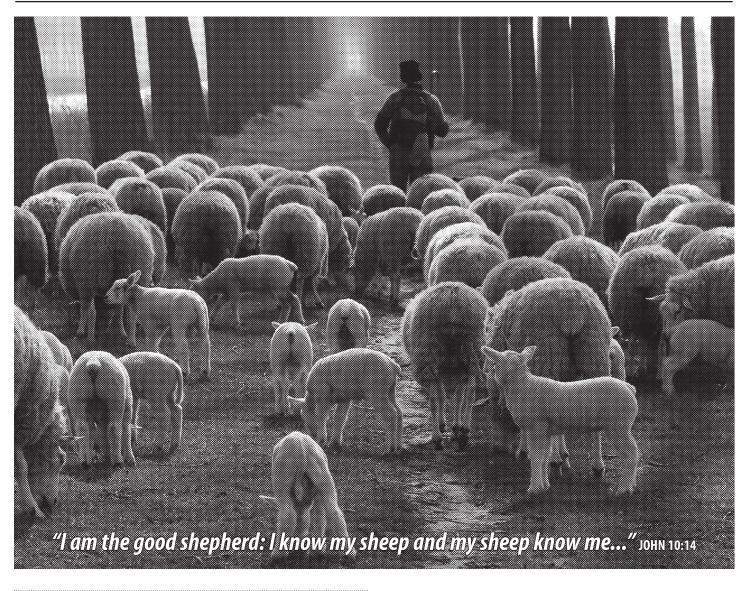




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### Church Planting #3 - Planning to Plant

Tim Johnson

utumn was a great time in our family because my father and grandfather would take us with them to have a look at all the new cars at the dealerships. Later in life I read that each of those new models we used to kick and slam can take several years from concept to reality. Today it can be done in less than 18 months. Imagine the thinking and planning that goes into just one type of new car. Detroit wants to get it right so that people will be interested and willing to buy.

Planting a brand new congregation of the Lord's church also takes careful thinking and planning. The New Testament indicates that there was an overall plan at work in the first century. Jesus gave us a glimpse of it when He said to the apostles, "...and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). We read of Christians preaching the gospel from one country to the next, jumping from the Middle East to Asia Minor, then Greece and European areas. Spain was on the horizon when Paul wrote to the Romans (15:24).

Since we don't have an earthly

headquarters that maps out a general, integrated plan of attack, it's up to individual Christians and congregations to wisely develop the spreading of the word and expansion of the Kingdom. It's been my observation and experience that the more carefully we plan, the more problem-free the work will be to plant new congregations. Planting without "counting the cost" (Luke 14:28-30) can lead to discouragement, many problems and an aborted effort. On the other hand, we can take so much time planning we will never get around to planting! With all the considerations involved, let's try to get it right so a new work will have the best situation possible to succeed.

Plan for agreement and commitment. Is the local church sold on the idea of planting a new congregation? Considering the sacrifices and resources involved, commitment to the dream is necessary. A half-sold church won't get far trying to launch a new group. Discussing the dream, listening to the experiences of other church-planting congregations and enthusiasm within the leadership, can help everyone to agree and commit themselves to the job at hand.

Plan for an evangelist. The project will need someone to champion the cause and provide leadership, training and the encouragement necessary to help people find their role in the work. A new congregation can be planted without a dedicated evangelist, but we cannot deny it would be much better with one. God designed His church to have evangelists to preach the word, set things in order, defend the faith, develop leaders, etc. A new congregation especially needs one.

Plan for evangelism. Research needs to be done to determine who lives in the community in which you will plant. Is there a high percentage of young families with children? Is the area highly dedicated to a certain ethnic background? Are there more empty-nesters and retired people living there? Finding out can help you determine the best way to approach them with the gospel. What overall concerns does the community have, and has there been any disturbing or outstanding events happen to them recently? People may be concerned about the safety of their community, the security of their jobs, the development of their children, or even their own health. Most cities and large towns have published detailed descriptions of their communities, including ages of residents, types of housing, income levels, history, etc. Five minutes on the Internet can turn up a wealth of information. City hall, chambers of commerce and the public library pride themselves with their ability to provide all sorts of facts and figures. Take advantage of it. Know who your audience is and how best to reach them. Plan carefully how you will do the evangelism for which you are responsible.

Plan the finances. What kind of support will the evangelist need in the community chosen? How long should it be fully provided? What kind of budget will the new congregation have in its first year? What type of equipment and supplies will be needed, and how much will it cost? Where will the

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### How to Listen to a Sermon (Acts 13 and 17)

Paul Birston

People came from all over the city to listen. Anticipation was in the air. The preacher spoke the Word of God. God used the preacher to herald His good news. He spoke of God's mighty works, freedom from the Law, forgiveness and the hope of living forever that God holds out for us in Jesus built on His death, burial and resurrection. When it was all over some people went home with a blessing while others went home mad. What made the difference?

How they listened mattered. Some listened eagerly with open receptive hearts. Others in the same room covered their ears and closed their hearts (Acts 7:54, 57). Our goal is to be good listeners that we may go home with blessings and be blessings. Last time we looked at how not to listen to a sermon or Bible lesson. Our focus now is on how to listen well. What we do before, during, after and between sermons and lessons helps us to mine and to enjoy the riches in the living words of Scripture.

#### **Before**

Before Paul preached at Antioch there was "the reading of the Law and the Prophets"; he was told "'if you have any word of exhortation for the people, say it" (13:15). Paul preached so well that "the people kept begging that these things might be spoken to them the next Sabbath" when "nearly the whole city assembled to hear the word of the Lord" (13:42, 44). In Athens, Paul's preaching so aroused the curiosity of his listeners that they asked for more: "'May we know what this new teaching is which you are proclaiming?...we want to know what these things mean" (Acts 17:19b, 20b). Both audiences were eager to hear Paul's sermons.

Here we see a key dimension of good listening: anticipation. People were eager to hear what God is saying, to hear "any word of exhortation." Look forward to sermons and Bible classes. Even when we come feeling discouraged we can leave feeling encouraged. Close to anticipation is healthy curiosity. The Athenians wanted to hear more and to know meaning. Expect to hear the Word and know God better. There is a strong bond between Scripture and sermons. God speaks to us through His Word and good Biblical sermons and lessons bring us into a deeper understanding of what God is saying to us and therefore into a deeper relationship with Him.

Another dimension naturally follows anticipation and curiosity: preparation. In anticipation, we prepare our minds and heart attitudes to listen. We may practice our listening skills through the week at home, school and work. If your congregation publishes the next week's Scripture reading and sermon topic, read the Scriptures in advance thinking about the issues they raise and the solutions they provide.

Preparation can be practical too. If you have young children and are short of time Lord's day mornings, get as much ready the night before as you can. Set the breakfast table. Decide what clothes to wear. My Dad even polished our shoes on Saturday night.

Think about how much work the preacher puts into preparation. A good expository sermon can take from several to twenty hours to prepare. Pray for the preacher, your congregation and for God's grace to live the message you are about to hear.

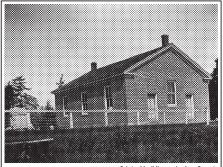
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As the Bereans listened "they received the word with great eagerness" (Acts 17:11). The Corinthians received the good news Paul preached "in which also you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word" (1 Corinthians 15:1-2). Receptivity is a key to listening. We eagerly receive the Word which is able to save our souls (James 1:21). We hold it fast. It gives us a new standing

with God in His grace (Romans 5:2; 1 Peter 5:12).

The Apostles used the prophecies and promises of the Old Testament Scriptures to show that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, and that God raised Him from the dead. Notice how many Scriptures Paul and Stephen quote in Acts 7 and 13. Notice that

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#### **Ought and Ought Not**

Wayne Turner



ver the centuries, believers have used many ideas and arguments to try to prove the existence of God. The term for this is apologetics, which is to make a defense for something. In the early centuries of the church, Christian apologists focused on presenting (or defending) the unique claims made by Jesus and

his disciples. Paul's sermon in Athens is an example of this. Over time, some of the great philosophers of history turned their attention to proving the existence of God through logic and reason. Generally, they spoke to the converted, as most people still held some belief.

In modern times, as atheism increased, there was a growing need for a new generation of apologists to defend the reasonableness of faith to the unbelieving world. Among these have been people like John Clayton whose own conversion from atheism to faith, and his use of science and reason, have encouraged many to investigate the evidence and believe in God. In more recent years, some atheists, like Christopher Hitchens, have become quite militant and aggressive in their attack on belief. The title of one of his books clearly defines his position and attitude: *God Is Not Great: How Religion Poisons Everything*.

Through May and June, a six-part discussion, "Is Christianity Good for the World?", between Hitchens and Douglas Wilson, was posted on the Christianity Today website. In their discussions, Hitchens and Wilson become involved with one of the more common issues of our day. Often called the Moral Argument for the existence of God, it is based on the concept that the existence of universal objective moral values demonstrates the existence of a higher, moral power. If there is real right and real wrong, there must be a God. Such ultimate values could not have just evolved over time. Even those who reject God still function with an underlying sense of right and wrong—of "ought" and "ought not". Wilson shows that while Hitchens argues for a relative and evolutionary origin for morality with a "flair for polemical voltage", he argues for what ought not to be (belief in God as the source of morality) as though it were a fixed standard. As a result, he is unable to "give an account of why one deed should be seen as good and another as evil. In some way, everyone acknowledges the existence of right and wrong, good and evil, ought and ought not. There are moral imperatives—things that are right for us to do, that we must do, and there are things that we should not, must not, do.

Why is it that people who recognize the ought/ought not aspect of morality as an evidence of the existence of God, but will reject this idea when it comes to recognizing the authority of Bible, the existence of a Biblical pattern for the church or the silence of scripture? Is it reasonable to believe

that there are ought and ought not principles of morality, but that there are no binding equivalents in scripture? Charles Hodge, in "Pattern Theology" (Gospel Advocate, June 2007) notes that while some laugh at "pattern theology", "All of life has its form... Life must have a structure, a thought pattern... If God didn't have a pattern, then why give us a Bible?" Hodge concludes that as a result of listening to scripture, "I know what God wants and how He wants it done. That's how I do it. That's how Christians do it."

There are some who seem to suggest that such a view of scripture is legalism. Is it legalism to recognize and follow the ought and ought not of scripture? Was it legalism for Jesus to warn against breaking or teaching others to break even the least of God's commands? Or when he spoke of not neglecting the weightier matters of the Law – love, justice and mercy—while also obeying its express commands.

How can a Christian argue for the existence of God by showing that there are objective moral values which are universally binding on everyone and which transcend culture and belief, while at the same time deny that scripture binds commands and principles on the church? As there are oughts/ought nots for morality in the world, there are also binding concepts of truth and practice for the church.

We are indebted to the apologists over the centuries who have defended faith in God and in Christ - who have studied and analyzed the many evidences, who have spent their lives exploring reason and logic, and who have helped show how reasonable it is to believe in God and his word. We are also indebted to them for reminding us that God has revealed to us His will for our lives—that there are objective moral principles that apply to everyone, as there are also principles that apply to His church.

The Philippian jailer understood it, as he asked, "What must I do to be saved?" Will we respect the ought and ought not of God's word?

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### **How to Listen to Expository Preaching**

Thayer Salisbury

For some strange reason, the schools do not spend much time teaching us to listen. More than two-thirds of our communication time is as a listener or speaker, while reading and writing are confined to less than one-third of our communication. Yet, in school, we spend lots of time working on our written communication—reading and writing—and leave our ability to speak and listen to chance. No wonder it has been said, "Your technical knowledge will get you hired, your inability to communicate will get you fired."

Listening skills, in general, are poor these days, and the skills needed for listening to preaching are in critically short supply. Successful communication on radio and television is achieved largely by means of repetition. The point gets across not because it has been well made but because it has been made often. That is why commercials are repeated. They have

found that people do not "get it" by hearing it once or twice. So they repeat it five hundred times a week.

Preachers do not have the opportunity to talk to people all week long, and people do not "get it" on one hearing, so what are we to do?

The listener must determine to be an active listener. If the listener chooses to be passive, no preacher will succeed in teaching anything new. The best the preacher could hope to accomplish with a passive listener would be to remind them of some things they already know, but it is impossible to teach new truth to passive listeners in the space of just three hours per week (even assuming that a passive listener will attend three times per week).

What does it mean to be an active listener? That is too

big of a subject for this article. Let us limit ourselves to a few suggestions for actively listening to a sermon—particularly to expository sermons.

Open your Bible. Often the passage on which the sermon is based has been read aloud before the sermon begins. If your congregation has a data projector, various verses from the text may also be flashed on the screen during the sermon. But it may still be helpful if you will open your Bible. Let us use a fairly typical sermon on Acts 1:1-5 (delivered here at Flanders Road in April) as an example of how this may be true.

The main theme was implied in the title (Christ's Special Agents) and plainly stated at the end of the introduction: "We must recognize that the apostles were special." The first example given of the specialness of the apostles was "Christ had chosen them." Those who knew the passage well or those who had their Bibles open could immediately see that verse two of the text states this. The second example of their specialness was stated as "Christ commanded them." Again, those who knew the passage and those who had their Bibles open would see that this is also stated in verse two.

The third example of their specialness was stated as "Christ appeared to them." This was clearly taken from verse three. The fourth and final example of how they were special was stated as "Christ empowered them." That, as anyone knowing the text or opening their Bible could see, is from verses 4-5 and also verse 8. Those with their Bible closed would have heard all the words, but may not have seen how the points being made were coming right from the text. Those with their Bibles open would have seen this. It would have been important to them at the time. and useful to them later.

- 2. Take a few notes. Do not try to write down everything but do write down the main points. It should be easy to do so. The main points in a properly worded sermon are repeated verbally several times. If the congregation has a data projector, they are also put up on the screen as headings on the slides.
- 3. Review the sermon on your own. What could be easier? You have the text from which the sermon was drawn, you have the main points that were made. All you have to do is reread the passage noting again how the sermon simply followed the text.

In this way, even though the preacher cannot "re-preach" the sermon for you during the week, you can "re-preach" it to yourself.

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### A Heritage of Study

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15 KJV)

In my formative years the above verse was given as memory work in a number of the Bible classes that I participated in. That verse illustrates something that was held dear by many people and was certainly an important priority of our parents and grandparents generations.

In my youth Sunday School was seen as an important ministry of the church. Those who directed and taught Sunday School saw their ministry as essential to the life of the church. We had memory work to recite each week, homework to be completed for the next Sunday and attendance awards. Perhaps some of you are old enough to remember the attendance awards we received back then. The first year we met the attendance requirements we received a star and then for each succeeding vear we received a bar that could be hung below the star. I'm not sure how many bars one could receive in all but I can remember having 7 or

8 bars hanging below my star. We wore them proudly each Sunday as we attended our classes and the worship assembly.

Each congregation held their annual Vacation Bible School, and while we were reaching out to the community, we were also learning and had memory work and homework just like Sunday School.

Small churches in Ontario worked together to found Omagh Bible School. By the time I attended Omagh it was becoming more of a camp than Bible school but we still had two hours of Bible Classes a day, a chapel service in the morning, a camp fire devotion in the evening and a cabin devotional before bed time. While we were there to have fun we were also learning.

In western Canada, small churches worked together to have Winter Bible Schools. I was fortunate to sit at the feet of many that received some life changing teaching at these Winter Bible Schools.

Some adult class teachers were so bold as to assign homework and memory work to those in their Sunday School Class or Midweek Bible Study Class. What an example it was to us kids to see our parents working on their homework and reciting their memory work in preparation for class. The adults attended their classes with a keen interest in the material being taught, they were clearly there to learn. It is unfortunate that I must report that not all showed that same keen interest in study. In fact some came to cause trouble. Their childish behaviour disrupted many classes and at times made it difficult to find those who would teach the adult class.

My purpose is not to merely give honour to past generations, but to learn from their example and from what they did right while at the same time avoiding the mistakes of the past.

Many congregations are struggling with their Sunday School programs. Their attendance numbers have dropped, in some cases low enough to cause them to question whether they will continue to have a program. It is difficult to find teachers who will commit to the program and do the work necessary to make the program a success. While I might not go so far as to say that churches are not supporting their Sunday School programs, I would say that many churches have grown apathetic. I have heard some say that the reason that they don't attend Sunday School is because they can study better on their own at home. They seemed offended when I asked them if they did indeed study on their own at home. Sunday School is not a necessity, but studying God's Word is.

There are some congregations that have successful Sunday School programs; they have good attendance numbers and a dedicated team of teachers. This is not your parents or grandparents Sunday School because they have brought it into today's cultural context. They have made the necessary changes in order to stay relevant to today's culture while at the same time teaching the timeless truths of God's Word.

If your Sunday School program is struggling, take some time to discover how you might help your program to be more relevant to your congregation and your specific community. Please don't worry about numbers! Pray about the numbers, ask God to send you students for your class. Begin inviting children to your class and encourage the other children in your class to invite their friends. Your students will invite their friends to class

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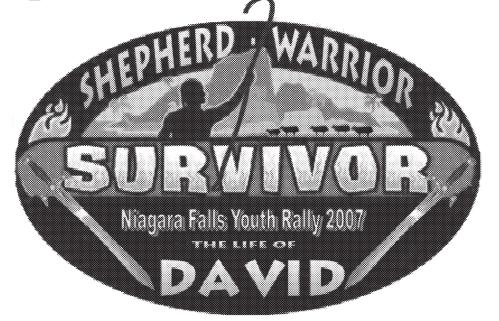
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ohn the Baptist came preaching, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Jesus was baptized by John, was tempted by the devil, and "from that time Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Jesus' disciples had a difficult time trying to understand the scope and nature of the kingdom of heaven which Jesus announced to be at hand. So when He was brought to trial and crucified they were filled with confusion and doubts. They denied Him and deserted Him. The evidence of the scriptures is that they also could not believe He was raised from the dead when the tomb was empty and some testified that he had risen. They continued to doubt, but when Jesus appeared to them over a period of forty days they had more than enough evident that He had indeed risen from the dead. When He commissioned them to be His witnesses in Jerusalem. Judea and Samaria, and even to the

remotest parts of the earth, they must surely have been intimidated. But He told them to wait in Jerusalem until they received power to be His witnesses when the Holy Spirit would come upon them (Acts 1:8).

Will Durant in his sweeping history, The Story of Civilization, wrote: "The disciples were transformed from doubters who were afraid to identify with Jesus, to bold proclaimers of his death and resurrection, even being willing to die for this belief." The apostles, Peter and John, were brought before the counsel and warned not to teach or speak at all in the name of Jesus. They defiantly answered, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to give heed to you rather than to God, you be the judge; for we cannot stop speaking what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:19, 20). In a climate of strong opposition the church was born and grew.

The highly respected Quaker philosopher, teacher and author, Elton Trueblood, wrote a book published by Harper and Row (1974) entitled. The Validity of Missions. He asked the question whether the existence of Christian missions would be stripped of its validity if benevolent work was taken over by the government or affluence made it no longer necessary. He answered for himself that it was his conviction that there was another valid reason, which was indeed the reason he wrote the book. He writes, "In the long run, the best reason for dedication to spread the faith of Christ is the conviction that this faith conforms to reality as does no other alternative of which we are aware" (page 56). "The message is not concerned with speculation, but with what is held to be objectively true and with what has actually occurred. Insofar as we can assert any fact at all, we can assert with confidence that Christ really lived" (page 60). "He was crucified as a criminal and, after three days, rose from the dead. Is this true or false?... An important feature of this story which the missionary anywhere has to tell is the Christ, having arisen, is alive today and can be known by anyone who will open his heart to his presence. The Risen Christ, the Christian believes, is available today, at any geographical point, and is actually knocking at every human door (Rev. 3:20)."

Then Trueblood develops his thesis further: "Though the Christian is a believer, he is not a mere believer: he has a reason for the hope that is in him. The good news of the resurrection of Christ, for example is supported by excellent evidence. The primary evidence is not that the disciples believe that He rose, but that, as the Risen Christ met them, they experienced changed lives. Once they had been broken and defeated

men, but soon afterward they exhibited a courage and confidence which lasted, not merely for the moment but for the remainder of their lives. They were immovable in spite of persecution and external discouragement. How is the thoughtful observer to react to this kind of evidence?... It is important to know that the Christian does not believe in the Risen Christ simply because he wants to believe, he believes because the historical evidence points in that direction" (page 64).

> The issue of being tolerant to other religions also arises in Trueblood's presentation. He quotes Bishop Neill on tolerance: "What do we say, asks this highly experienced missionary, when, as Christian emissaries, we are chided for our lack of tolerance? 'We can only reply,' he says, 'that, whereas there should hardly be any limits to



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Page 8 Gospel Herald our tolerance of people as people, the moment we raise questions of truth, we are faced by the painful issue of the intolerance to truth" (page 57). Truth cannot tolerate what is contrary or contradictory to it.

James Sire wrote a book he entitled The Universe Next Door, in which he presents a catalogue of "worldviews." This popular book, used as a text in many college classes, has gone through four editions being updated to the "postmodern" worldview. (Fourth edition published by InterVarsity Press, 2004.) Sire makes a strong effort to fairly present all the inclusive worldviews. But he himself continues to a committed belief in God and has faith in Jesus Christ as the living Son of God. He writes "A second characteristic of an adequate worldview is that it must be able to comprehend the data of reality... If a man is resurrected from the dead, our system must explain why. To the extent that our worldview denies or fails to comprehend the data, it is falsified or a least inadequate. It is just such a challenge to naturalism that

has caused some to accept theism as an alternative. The historical evidence for the resurrection of Christ, and the various 'miracles,' has been found by many to be so heavy that they have abandoned one conceptual system for another. Conversion to Christianity, especially among intellectuals in our time, are almost always accompanied by changes in a moral dimension" (page 247). Sire then observes, "We mask our insecurities, but our mask falls off. We find, in fact, that it is only when we pursue our doubts in search of the truth that we begin to get real satisfaction... But we should be reminded that Christian theism as I have defined it was culturally abandoned not because of its inner inconsistency or failure to explain the facts, but because it was inadequately

understood, forgotten completely or not applied to the issues at hand. There remain at every level in society and in every academic discipline—in science and the humanities, in technology and the business world—those who take their theism with complete intellectual seriousness and honesty" (page 249).

A student at the University of Uruguay said to Professor McDowell, "Why can't you refute Christianity?" "For the simple reason," he answered, "I am not able to explain away an event in history—the resurrection of Jesus Christ." Professor McDowell, on his website, goes on to write: "After more than 700 hours of studying this subject, I have come to the conclusion that the resurrection of Jesus Christ is either one of the most wicked, vicious, heartless hoaxes ever foisted on the minds of human beings—or it is the most remarkable fact of history."

Sir William Ramsay, who spent 15 years attempting to undermine Luke's (the author of the books of Luke and Acts in the Bible) credentials as a historian, and to refute the reliability

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of the New Testament, finally concluded, "Luke is a historian of the first rank. This author should be placed along with the greatest historians." E.M. Blaiklock, Professor of Classics, University of Auckland University, is quoted, on Josh McDowell Ministry website, as saying, "I claim to be an historian. My approach to Classics is historical. And I tell you that the evidence for the life, the death, and the resurrection of Christ is better authenticated than most of the facts of history. If the New Testament were a collection of secular writings their authenticity would generally be

regarded as beyond doubt." Careful study of the evidence of the resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth by many reputable historians gives remarkable testimony to the fact that Jesus was indeed raised from the dead and lives to be our sacrifice for sin, our Lord and Saviour, and our High Priest in the heavenly sanctuary.

Our faith in Jesus Christ as the living Son of God, based on historical evidence as truth. should enable us to live lives that "shine like stars in the universe as (we) hold out the word of truth" (Philippians 2:15, 16 NIV). Peter writes, "But in your hearts set aside Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have" (1 Peter 3:15 NIV). (Concluded next month, Witnessing-#4).

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in Acts 17 Paul spoke to a Gentile audience and did not quote Scripture directly but taught Biblical themes such as God's presence everywhere, His power, Creation, knowledge of God, His lordship and sovereignty, repentance, eternal judgement and Jesus' resurrection. The Bereans were "examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so" (17:11). Paul told the Christians living in Thessalonica to "examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good" (1 Thessalonians 5:21). Good listening is discerning and weighs everything against Scripture.

Read the Scriptures as your preachers and teachers elaborate on them. Ask if the sermon primarily exposes the heart of one Bible text (expository) or is about a topic (topical) spanning many Scriptures that are relevant today. Ask what is the main problem the Scriptures and the sermon address for the first hearers and for us? What are the evidences

of His grace and solutions God provides? Ask how these relate to issues and problems we face, or may need to avoid, or even help others solve? What Scriptural truth is this sermon opening to me or affirming for me?

Are there features of the language of the Scriptures and sermon that bring them to life and make them memorable? A large part of communication is non-verbal. Watch for gestures and illustrations that bring to life the pictures from Scripture and everyday life to which we may apply our faith and knowledge of God's Word. There is always a blessing, often many, that will stick with us and add meaning to our lives.

Writing notes can focus listening. You can make short notes of highlights in the margins of your Bible. If the preacher or teacher provides an outline, follow it, fill in the blanks, make your own notes. You may use a personal digital assistant, laptop or voice recorder. If you don't write notes, make mental memory devices to summarize and help you recall. Sermons often provide built-in memory clues that help recall. Keep the outlines or bulletin overviews of sermons if provided.

#### After and Between

Jesus' and the Apostle's sermons increased their listeners' faith. After and between sermons we should reflect on what we heard and let it build our faith, help us confront difficult situations and bring us peace and joy in the Lord. When the Gentiles heard about salvation "they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord" (13:48). As they held fast to the Word (1 Corinthians 15:2) and lived it "the disciples were continually filled with joy and with the Holy

Spirit" (13:52). They continued in the grace of God (13:43).

We reflect on how the Scriptures and sermons apply to our lives and how we apply our lives to them. They increase our awareness of the power and beauty of the Word and bring new meaning and purpose to life. To help this process of reflection and growth at home, organize your outlines or notes in a way convenient for you: binders, folders, computer files. Make a list for the year by key Scriptures and topics which allow you to find them easily. Recently one of our elders died. It was profoundly touching to review some of his past sermons.

Do compliment and encourage your preachers and teachers. They will also appreciate questions and constructive suggestions you have from your own experience of God and His Word. We may say, "I liked your sermon." In a real sense it is now "our sermon" too. We have heard it

and taken it into our lives. The greatest compliment we may pay a preacher or teacher is perhaps not by our words but by our actions in response to the message. In being a living sermon, we help spread the Word: "the word of the Lord was being spread through the whole region" (13:49). As a result, men and women "joined him and believed" (17:34).

Listening is work but it pays very well. There are many dimensions to successful listening: anticipation, expectation, preparation, receptively, openness, believing and receiving, searching, reflection, checking, absorbing, reading and remembering Scripture, applying its message to life and applying our lives to the Word, growing in God's grace and not least of all enjoying Him more.

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unusually complete knowledge of the passage, not feel a need to open your Bible. Some who possess an unusually good memory may not need to write the main points down, but all need to review the lesson at some point during the week. Review of what we learn is the only way to make that knowledge stick. If we do not review it in some form or fashion we will forget it.

Before closing this topic, let me make a few comments on what you should not do during the sermon.

You should not sit where you will be constantly interrupted in your listening. You definitely should not

speak to or pass notes to those around you—thus distracting both yourself and others.

You should not try to turn to every passage to which the preacher refers. Put the supporting passages down in your notes to look at later if you wish, but do not try to turn to every one of them at the time. Keep your Bible open to the main text. It will give you a road map to the sermon as a whole.

You should not come with your mind made up, or with an agenda that you expect to be presented. Expectations have an effect on results. Sometimes people fail to understand what was said because they were expecting and listening for something that was not said.

God's word is rich in teaching and we should not expect to be fed the same half dozen truths every Sunday for a lifetime. I believe all the fundamentals of the faith, and I teach them when I come to them in the text. But I do not read them into passages where they are not present. Instead I try to teach what is present in the passage at hand. I have found that the teaching of baptism, for example, is most effectively done in home studies rather than in Sunday sermons. It is also effective to teach it when it comes up in the text at hand. But it is not effective to drag this preliminary step of faith into every text. In fact, doing so will make the preacher lose credibility in the eyes of thoughtful listeners.

Some Christians resist this. They

do not want to be taught anything further than the "first principles." They want every sermon aimed at the unbeliever. When talking to a roomful of believers it does not make sense to preach to unbelievers, and it is not what you should come expecting.

Don't be too quick to blame the preacher if you do not get much out of his sermons. The fault may be with you. We need to be active listeners.

Toledo, OH

1. The order of the points in the sermon was chronological rather than textual, but all points could be clearly seen in the text.

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2. Acts 1:1-5 In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands (2nd point) through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen (1st point). <sup>3</sup>To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing (3rd) to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." (4th point)

3. This statement is true of expository preaching. It is not true of preaching that follows a topical rather than an expository format (even if it begins with the reading of a text). In topical preaching the preacher, rather than the text, provides the outline. When following topical preaching much turning back and forth is necessary, and more detailed notes are also needed to review the sermon.

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#### **Just Be Still!**

Jeanie Johnson

really need help. I get up in the morning, fix breakfast, help my husband get ready for work, get the kids off to school, go to ONE of my jobs, finish that—rush to my OTHER job, hurry home, help with homework, fix dinner, find time to visit with my husband, get the laundry done and on and on. When can I possibly fit in time to pray—let alone read the Word?"

A sister-in-Christ confided this dilemma to me a while ago. Since then, I've thought about it a lot. When I took time to pray about the "lack of time" and "too much to do" problem, the answer came. "Be still." Psalms 46 begins with "God is our refuge and strength, an ever present

help in trouble." Then, in verse 10, the psalmist wrote, "Be still and know that I am God."

We may think that our situation is sheer chaos, one in which we feel totally overwhelmed. "Be still" means the same thing as yelling "Stop! Freeze!" When we are feeling rushed and out of control, God is saying "Stop! Be still and know that I am God."

Isn't that a conundrum—to be told to stop when you are working at a dead run to keep up, to stay on top of things,

to survive? How does that work? What advice is there, really, for those of us who struggle with busyness?

If we think of childhood games when we played Freeze Tag, how long did we remain frozen? Not long, was it? I believe God's demand that we "be still and know" is a bit like that. Can we train ourselves to be aware of His presence in our lives? Can we post a note on the bathroom mirror with a scripture reminder that he is our ever present help in time of trouble? Perhaps a picture of a quiet place could be taped inside the kitchen cabinet door so we will see it and be reminded of His love for us. Let us find ways to be reminded that He is

constantly with us, He always cares, and He will help us with our frustrating schedules if we are able to allow Him to do so. Often, I find that the things that stress me the most are not significant in the whole scheme of life. If I had to place them on an importance scale of one to ten, they might not even rate a "one." However, they are the things that scream in our ears, which are the sand in our shoes, which break us down.

Let us remember that He, indeed, will be our refuge and our ever present help if only we will be still and recognize Him. He can bring order to chaos if we will give our day to Him—before we slip into a rush!



#### New Teacher hired at Great Lakes Bible College

Great Lakes Bible College is proud to announce the hiring of Mr Jim Holston as the new full-time Bible Teacher beginning August 1, 2007.

Jim has been teaching part-time on a volunteer basis at Great Lakes Bible College since 2002 and has been a member of the Board of Trustees since 2001. He brings a wealth of experience and skills to this position. Working with the Dean, Mr David Knutson, Jim will continue to offer the best post-secondary Bible Education in Ontario.

Since 1979 Jim has been in full-time preaching ministry, serving churches in Iowa, New York, Illinois, and Ontario.

A native of Indiana, Jim is a graduate of Freed-Hardeman College (A.A.), Harding College (B.A.), and Harding Graduate School of Religion (M.Th.). He has also worked toward the Doctor of Ministry at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (Deerfield, Illinois).

Jim is married to Kathy. They have two children: James, a graduate of Harding University, who works for a computer company in Arkansas, and Marianne, also a Harding graduate, who is working with women in a twenties ministry with the Downtown congregation in Searcy, Arkansas.

Jim's articles and book reviews have appeared in a variety of publications including the Gospel Herald, 20<sup>th</sup> Century Christian, Restoration Quarterly, Bible Truth, and the Iowan among others.



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#### **ONTARIO**

Beamsville: The Great Lakes Christian College baccalaureate service was held June 13. Brian Boden presented a blessing and Kevin Hunter brought the encouragement to the graduates. Graduation was on Friday, June 15. Twenty students graduated.

**Bramalea:** Group leaders and families met on May 20 and June 3 to plan for the small group ministry which will begin in September. Angelo Aiello was baptized into Christ on Friday, June 8. He first came into contact with the church through the website www.freehomebiblestudy.org. Sabastin, Sylvia and Paul Daniel, who recently moved to Canada from Tamilspeaking Chennai, India, have placed membership with the congregation. Sabastin is interested in contacting other Tamil-speaking Christians anywhere across Canada. He may be contacted at sabastin\_daniel@yahoo.com, phone # 647-448-1003, or Bramalea Church of Christ, bramaleacofc@bellnet.ca, or #905-792-2297.

**Brantford:** Rick Gamble was recently nominated for an award in Canada's premiere national competition for Christian writers, sponsored by Word Guild. In a Word Guild national conference that began June 14, Rick made a presentation on how to write for the mainstream media

second annual ladies' day

went well with 57 ladies in attendance. Shirley Straker (Bramalea) presented the lesson and led in sharing time. Shirl Wilson (St. Thomas) led the singing. "Kids for Christ" wrapped up the year with an awards' night on June 8. Approximately 55 children, parents, grandparents, and friends were in attendance. New Testaments, pens and church literature were handed out at the Pelham Farmers' Market on May 24. We look forward to our second "Olde Tyme Hymn Sing" on July 20.

**Grimsby:** Prayers are requested for previous minister, Jeff Cobb, and his family, as he was recently posted to Iraq for a 2-month period.

**Omagh:** Five young people were recently baptized: Shelby, Madison and Jessica Corbett, children of Steve and Angie Corbett, and Cynthia and Yvonne Ebinlaiye, children of Toyn and Julie Ebinlaiye, new members recently arrived from Nigeria.

Sarnia: Joe Woodford will begin a new position as minister/evangelist with the congregation on August 1, 2007.

Tintern: During the area-wide worship on June 3 there were 150 in attendance. The Outreach Ministry operated a booth at the Lincoln Strawberry Festival on June 16 to promote Bible Day Camp and get to know members of the community. The Pleasant Valley Church of Christ in Little Rock, Arkansas, will send a drama team and other helps to this year's Bible Day Camp from July 2-6.

Toronto (Harding Avenue): A gospel/revival meeting, on the theme: "Christian Love and Forgiveness," was held June 1-3, with Marlon Molina as guest speaker.

Toronto (Strathmore Blvd): Key To The Kingdom continues to open doors for contact with the gospel through World Bible School. The financial support received, resulting from Key Day on May 6, has reached \$13,895.00 from congregations and individuals outside Strathmore. Strathmore members gave \$3,829.00 above their regular contributions for the work. We know others have taken collections which have not yet been received. Thank you to all who continue to support the ministry financially, in prayer and follow-up of contacts. Santiago Molina preached in a gospel meeting in "Mexican Town" a section of Detroit, June

> 15-17. Javier Cuaresma, who used to be the Spanish evangelist in Waterloo, is working with the congregation there.

> Waterloo: Dorothy Tanzola (78) passed away on Thursday, May 31. Marie Grimme, granddaughter of Dorothy Tanzola, and daughter of Tom, was baptized Wednesday evening, June 6. An "Open House for Our Octogenarians" was held Saturday, June 23. David Dunn has been hired as the congregation's new full-time minister: he and Sally Dunn will move to Waterloo soon. A men's worship seminar was conducted Saturday, July 7, by Walter Hart to help the men gain a deeper understanding of what worship is, and how they can better lead in the various roles.

> Windsor: During the months of July and August, in addition to the regular Wednesday evening adult class, the congregation will hold a "Kid's Club." There will be three different groupspreschool, senior kindergarten to grade 3, and grades 4-6. Activities will include Bible lessons, games and crafts. The Davies' family will move west to Calgary at the end of July.

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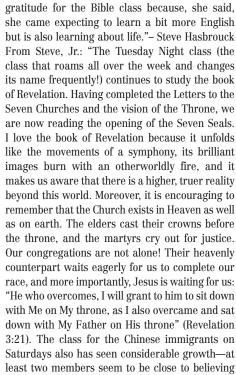
#### **BRITISH COLUMBIA**

Abbotsford (Central Valley): Norm Weir was one of the speakers at the seminar on "Church Growth in Canada through Evangelism" from June 26-29th on the GLCC campus in Beamsville, ON. Norm's address on the subject of "Our Forgotten People", was chosen from the request for news about Evangelizing Canada's First Nations. He pointed out how proactive these people have become in recent years in getting money and attention, and how unfortunate it is that white people are patronizing the gambling halls that are creating this change in the lifestyle of the Indian. He said that alcohol, also, is creating all the attendant problems in most of the Reserves. The Weirs were able to resume their visits to other places in B.C. last month after Norm's recovery from an emergency heart operation.

Burnaby: A trial run in making Sunday morning announcements during the collection time is being made so that children and teachers may also be aware of them. A course called "On the Front Lines" http://www.sbchurch.ca/frontlines which started meeting a couple of months ago at the building for those interested in learning more about ministering to, and praying for, people is being continued through the summer.

City Church (Vancouver): "Have you been googled? Have you ever done a google search of your own name? Recently a new student came to our daytime English Bible class. I asked her, "How did you find out about this class?" She said a friend had given her my name. Then she went on the Internet and did a google search and that brought her to the City Church of Christ webpage. Under classes she found the schedule and decided to

come. She said that she might also attend worship with us since she lives close to the Trout Lake Community Centre where we meet. While we may be sceptical of the latest in technology, here is a case where it actually brought us a new person to study the Bible. Our new student was overwhelmed with



and becoming Christians."

Oakridge: What more exciting gift could a mother have than for her son to be baptized into the body of Christ on her special day? Tyler Johnson became a Christian at Oakridge on Mother's Day! He recently returned from a trip to Africa to visit his twin brother, Tim, who has been working for a benevolent organization there for several months. Eight members have been present for the training sessions of the "Teacher Improvement and Preparation Seminar" by Warren Wilcox on Sunday afternoons. Joel Bojorski has been offering John Clayton's English videos of "Does God Exist?" on Thursday evenings, while Milton Diaz takes a Spanish class through Proverbs.

Salmon Arm: The church is expecting about 150 people to be present for their 50th anniversary celebration July 11–15. Lynn Anderson, the first located preacher for the church, will be the visiting speaker, along with Blair Roberts, a professor at WCC and Sam Tumlinson, who will give a history of the congregation since its inception 50 years ago. It was begun by a couple who heard the Herald of Truth over the radio, and started studying the Bible on their own. When they were convinced they

should be baptized, the Baptist preacher was asked to baptize them, since his was the only denomination in town which immersed. He refused, and they drove what at that time was an 800-mile-round-trip to Vancouver to be baptized by Murray Hammond at the 12th and Carolina Ave. building.

#### **ALBERTA**

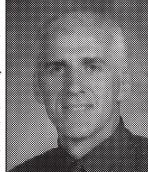
Calgary: Approximately \$25,000 was raised on May 6 when a special contribution was given for the school being supported in Katungu, Zambia. At the end of May, a nursing home in Jamaica received several care boxes filled with toiletries, linens and cleaning supplies sent by Margaret Cole-Porter, with the aid of contributions from the congregation. A Western theme was chosen for this summer's vacation Bible school July 17-19. Decorations to take the children on a "Wild Ride through God's Word" included rain barrels, milk cans and wagon wheels. On June 17, baby bottles filled with spare toonies, loonies, quarters and dimes were returned to the church building to be given to the Calgary Pregnancy Care Centre, a local ministry for counseling and caring for women and children in crisis. An increase in the number served increased 15% last year, as literally thousands were benefited.

Camrose: Dave and Dianne Friesen moved to Camrose for Dave to be the preacher of the Camrose church in April. Since then they have been acquainting themselves with Camrose, visiting with members and non-members as well as the usual preaching and teaching. A VBS is being planned for summer. – Dave Friesen

#### **SASKATCHEWAN**

**Regina (Glen Elm):** May 26 a men's day entitled "Responding to God" was held. Guest speakers and topics were: Grace – Dean Hotchkiss, Transparent Relationships – Jason Bandura, and Unity – Murray Sanders.

Weyburn: Karen Close will be speaking on "21st Century Idolatry" at the 2007 Christian Women's retreat and trail ride June 22–24 at the Mitchell Ranch south of Glentworth. The annual VBS will be July 9–13. Western Christian College Reunion is coming July 27–29. The Western Christian College alumni were busy fundraising through a garage sale and Mom's Pantry sales. Clearwater Camp preparations are ongoing for another great year.



#### **Great Lakes Bible College Departure**

Great Lakes Bible College announces that Mr Joseph Woodford has accepted the position of Minister for the Sarnia Church of Christ effective August 1. Joe will be leaving GLBC after two and a half years as the Director of Development. We are grateful for Joe's service to the College and wish him the best in his work with the Sarnia church. Joe would like to express his gratitude to the students, staff and faculty of GLBC and GLCC for their support as well as those brethren who help make GLBC a great Bible College.

### MISSIONINEWS

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**HAITI:** "When a stone is thrown into a body of water, ripples are formed and they expand further and further until they are no longer visible. We have experienced this ripple effect with our mission in Haiti. In 1993 we had one mission; by 1996 there were four. It became difficult to visit all of them during one tour as some were five hours walk apart. It was time to build a base. So, in 1996 we constructed a three room building to be used for all types of education and also for our own shelter and safety. It wasn't long before several villagers in the surrounding area came and joined us. The ripples continued to expand. From 1997 to 1999 we built a large meeting room which doubled as a common room for visiting villagers. In September 1999 we started a primary school with qualified teachers who taught 89 students aged 3 to 14. At this time Monique Louissaint, the wife of our evangelist Etienne, became the mission administrator. The mission exploded! By the end of the year we had 150 students. Each year after, our numbers multiplied; in 2006 we reached 553 students. It became too much. We couldn't handle that many for lack of room and money. Not only was the school growing, the church has grown from 15 to 105 as of March, 2007. Monique has organized a monthly day of study for the ladies in 10 different villages, teaching them a better way to live spiritually and physically. Etienne, our evangelist, also conducts a monthly study meeting for all surrounding villages. Throughout the years the ripples continued further and further. In 2003-2004, we built 20 homes for the very poor. More and more villagers kept coming for special weekends. Sometimes up to 20 members would walk as long as 12 hours to attend. In 2002, we built an oven to bake bread for the school kids, and we also started distributing rice to starving families. These two projects cost 10,000 per year. We usually serve 30 families twice per month. One day 97 families came! We need to do a lot more for the poor and the very poor. We have a few ideas... if only we had the resources committed. When we start a project we need to be able to sustain it for a long time. We also need to be able to respond to people's needs as they become apparent. My friends, these school children need hope. With education and some care from us to give them a start, many can escape poverty. However,

without money nothing can be done. Prayer is necessary and powerful, but prayer alone cannot feed. The most effective combination is prayer accompanied by money. I can't forget to tell you that over the last two years we have inherited four orphaned girls. Two are 15 years old; the other two are eight and nine. Three of them are sisters, but all lost their parents to AIDS. Fortunately, none of them have HIV. Our sincere thanks to all who are helping with our mission. Your support is greatly appreciated. We are anxious to welcome new supporters! You are welcome to check out our web site, which is www.partnersforhaiti.org Also, please note our recent change of email address. It is now ray@partnersforhaiti.org -Report from Ray Fillion, Abbotsford, B. C.

USA: A dramatic change in American postal rates in May has made a major impact on the work of several of the organizations that reach out to nations all over the world with printed books and materials to spread the Kingdom of God. "To the Ends of the Earth" reported that the cost of shipping the tons of material produced by Mission Printing in Arlington, TX., to other countries will be increased by approximately 168%. Whereas it has always been sent by surface mail that was based on a flat \$1 per pound rate, it now must be shipped by air freight. In addition, there is no longer a flat rate based on weight. Countries have been assigned to rate categories, raising the cost to anywhere from \$1.60 to \$3.75 per pound. To give readers an idea of what this will mean in the future, the article gave the cost of sending out 67,972 lbs of material last year was \$67,972. At the new lowest rate cost of \$1.60, that amount will now come to \$108,755.20. At \$2.68 per lb., the cost will be \$182,164.96. The Board of Trustees, Director and volunteers who do all of the printing, collating, binding and shipping, ask for the prayers and support of Christians everywhere that they may continue to be the powerful force and tool that Mission Printing has been in the past. Another urgentlyneeded work with tremendous shipping costs that is affected is the World Bible Translation Centre in Ft. Worth which translates and sends Bibles free of charge world-wide. With evergrowing challenges to provide coming from even such Muslim-dominated countries as Arabia, Christians will need to meet a new challenge in sacrificial giving in order to offset this obstacle. Also severely handicapped will be the World Bible School, which suffered the loss of many African students when their countries raised their postal rates so high that it was impossible for them to return their lessons. A way was eventually found to ease the situation, but many were never heard from again. Directors of the school have already been in conference

with other organizations to try to find a way out of this new dilemma.

UKRAINE: (A note from Eugene Perry) Brother Pinczuk has mailed us a "Year-end CD" which reports his family's activities in the Ukraine during 2006. Much of the report is in picture form. We are prepared, on his behalf, to loan this CD to any church or individual or group that would like to view it. Send your request to: E. Perry, 4904 King St. Beamsville, ON LOR 1B6; 905-563-8377; eperry@bellnet.ca.

SENDAI, Japan (Sendai): \*Ben Berry will stay in Sendai through October, then return to North America for a short furlough before entering a 2-year graduate program in missions at Abilene Christian University. \*Crimsen Ruhnke. After a year traveling in North America, Crimsen will return to Sendai in the fall to work with the congregation for the final year of her 5-year term. \*Joel Osborne plans to come back to North America for a short furlough, then return to Asia for further study and mentoring before returning to the Japanese mission field. \*Jonathan and Michiko scheduled to serve as 1-year missionaries in residence at Harding University beginning in August, were informed in June that Harding currently has no funding for the program. So, Lord willing, as soon as funding/visa requirements can be worked out, they will move to Abilene, Texas, where Jonathan will study towards a graduate degree in missions at Abilene Christian University. \*FriendsCamp—the concluding event for LST readers, workers, and congregations -will be held from July 27-29, 2007, in a camp near Sendai. Christians from Bramalea church of Christ, Brampton, Ontario, and East Hill church of Christ in York, Nebraska,—the team's sponsoring churches—will fly to Japan to assist in these camps. \*Asia Mission Forum, August 4-8, 2007, is being organized this year by the Sendai team and scheduled to be held in Bali, Indonesia, (since Japan was too expensive for many of the Asian missionaries). The theme is: "If My People, Who are Called by My Name..."—reflecting on the character of missionaries as the people of God in the Asian community. \*Prayer requests: LST readers and LST teachers; Sendai congregation & team members.

For further information or to receive reports, contact:

Joel Osborne at joelosborne4@yahoo.com; Jon and Michiko Straker at jstrake@yahoo.com or their website http://www.strakerhouse.com/missionreports; Bramalea Church of Christ, 750 Clark Boulevard, Brampton ON L6T 3Y2, bramaleacofc@bellnet.ca;

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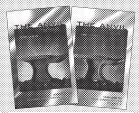
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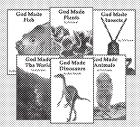
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Studying God's Word is of little value unless we are putting it into practice. I remember only a few of the Sunday School lessons I had as a child so many years ago, but I remember each and every one of my teachers. They weren't perfect but they worked hard at showing us how to put into practice what they were teaching us. They had us into their homes and we saw how they lived for Christ at home. A few led us on work projects in the community and showed us by their example and through our own experience how important it was to put what we were learning into practice.

I am encouraged when I see so many dedicated Sunday School teachers today who pray for more students daily and work hard to present good lessons in their classes. They seek to lead their students in not just learning about God's Word but in putting it into practice. Thank God for these dedicated Godly men and women! Give them a word of thanks! Preachers support them from the pulpit and elders encourage your flock to come to Sunday School. May God bless your study of His Word.

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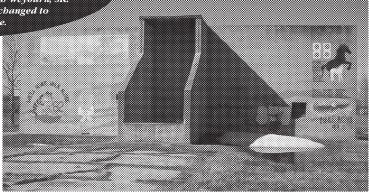
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### OBIUARIES

#### Kent, Lewis G.

Funeral services were held for Lewis G. Kent on Sunday, December 24, 2006 at the worship facility of the Church of Christ in Sundridge, Ontario.

Our Brother Lewis had just recently passed his 84th birthday and had suffered much in the recent months with several forms of cancer and other health struggles.

His journey of life began October 6, 1922, as the son of Walter and Anna Kent – the Kent family being one of the pioneer families of the Sundridge/Pevensey area.

Lewis married his life long love, June Preston, on June 4, 1949. June is the grand-daughter of one of our pioneer preachers, Charles W. Petch. Lewis and June became the parents of son Mike Kent (Janice), daughters Violet Konkle (Scott), Kathy Whitfield (Glen), Lisa Borg (Richard) and Melanie Souliere. Lewis was blessed with 11 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

Family meant a great deal to this kind father. His favourite Psalm was Psalm 128 which speaks of the blessings granted to one who fears the Lord and who walks in His ways—your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house, your sons will be like olive shoots around your table.

Lewis will be remembered in the Sundridge area for his many years in the lumber business with his brother Cecil. He was an expert sawyer and the brothers' together were innovative in both logging and mill operations. Kent Brothers Lumber provided employment for many men of the community over many years.

His recollections of the early years of community and of logging operations were always insightful and entertaining. He was the master story teller and, in 2000, published a journal about the pioneer families of the local area.

He will be remembered in the church family as a kind and gracious spirit who was always a moderating influence. He was baptized by George Johnson at Jordan, Ontario, on May 5, 1955, and was for over 50 years a servant to the church. He was instrumental in the building of our present church facility in 1967, and served briefly as an elder.

Lewis Kent was a most unique person with gifts of memory and humour and practical know-how. Even in the last difficult months of his life he remained interested in the goings-on of the world and of the church and community. He was always interested in the other person, their life, struggles and made welcome everyone he met.

Lewis will be missed as a patriarch of his family, his church and his community.

The tributes paid to him by his son and

daughters at the memorial service spoke eloquently to the love and admiration they felt but also spoke to the confidence and gifts of wit, words, humour and character that he had passed on to them.

The following poem written by grandson Kelly Kent also speaks to that deep respect and appreciation.

A quarter of me

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Half of my Dad
His wisdom guides me
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He raised my father
Taught him to be meek
Show integrity and respect
To your enemies — turn your cheek
His time with us
Has grown to be few

Even in sickness His spirit shines through Someday I'll wonder How my life is best spent. I'll reach for my quarter Lewis Godfrey Kent

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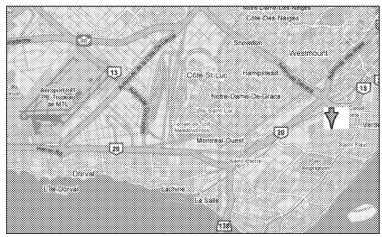
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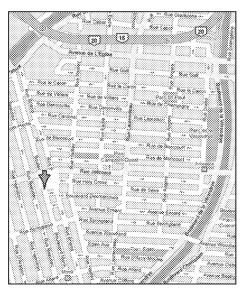
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NIAGARA FALLS: 359 14th St., Niagara Falls, NY, 14303. Off(716)285-6534, Home (716) 886-2871. Sunday Bible study 10 am, worship 11 am, evening 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm. Minister Eddie J. Cornelius. e-mail BROCNFCC@adelphia.com

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

#### PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

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

KENTVILLE: 177 Middle Dyke Rd. exit 12 off Hwy 101, Sun. 11, 10; Wed. 6; Box 26, B4N 3V9; Elders: Kevin Irvine, Jack Bearden; (902) 678-8881 or Ray Fisher, ev; (902) 582-3457; email: rcfisherofmen@yahoo.com

**SHUBENACADIE:** Mill Village Church, 3613 Indian Rd.; Sun. 10:15, 11; Wed. 6:30; R.R. 1, B0N 2H0; D. Hallett (902) 758-2133; J. Mackey, (902) 758-2633.

#### PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

AJAX (Serving Durham Region): Ajax Community Centre, 75 Centennial Rd., Ajax, ON, 905-683-2477 (off); (mailing address: 290 Harwood Ave. S., PO Box 21018, Ajax, ON, L1S 2J1); Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 7; call for mid-week information; Marlon Molina, ev., marlonm@strathmorecofc.ca; Malcolm Porter, 905-688-3346 (res).

AURORA: 15216 Yonge St. S.; (entrance beside Benjamin Moore Paints); Sun. 9:30, 11:00, Wed. 7:30; P.O. Box 71523, L4G 1L9; Contact: Scott & Linda Harvey, (905) 473-5631 or leave message; e-mail: <chuck churchofchrist.aurora@rogers.com>
or Clare Preston. (905) 841-2272 BARRIE: 345 Grove St. E. (at Cook), L4M 2R6; Sun. 10, 11, 6:30; Wed. 7:00; (705) 722-7155 (off.); Shawn Redding, ev. (705) 792-5024 Home; (705) 718-6876 Cell. sdredding89@rogers.com

BEAMSVILLE: 4900 John St., LOR 1B6; Sun. 9:30, 10:30 am, 6:00 pm small groups in various places (small group in library at building, Visitors welcome); Wed. 7:00; Don Smith, ev. 905-563-7655 (off); e-mail: beamsvillechurchofchrist@bellnet.ca

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

BRANTFORD: 267 North Park St., N3R 4L2; Sun. 10, 11, last Sunday of month 6:30; Wed. 7; contact Ray Knight (519) 754-0401; Roy Cox, 519-449-3239 office (519) 759-6630

BRANTFORD: (Costain/Johnson Community Centre) 16 Morrell St., N3T 4J2; Sun. 10 & 11., Wed. 7; call for information on various other mid-week classes; 519-758-5673 (75-U-LORD); Rick Gamble (min.); 519-753-5353 (res.); www.followers.ca or e-mail followers@bfree.on.ca

**BURKS FALLS:** Seniors Building above library on Young St.; Sun. 6-7:15 p.m.; c/o Hubert Lawrence, R.R. #2, POA 1CO; (705) 382-2026.

COLLINGWOOD: 494 Tenth St.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; C/O Peter Dale, 75 Peel Street, L9Y 3V5; (705) 444-0010 (office); Randy Morritt, ev (h) 705-445-0924.

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

FENWICK: 765 Welland Ave.; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6:30; Wed. 7:30; P.O. Box 416, LOS 1C0; (905) 892-5661; email cDonHipwell@AOL.com>

**GRIMSBY:** 63 Casablanca Blvd., south of Q.E. exit; Sun. Worship 9.45, Sun evening – 1 small group at building, 6 pm, during week – small groups; Box 181, L3M 463; (905) 945-3058 (off); other contact (905) 945-8668

**GUELPH:** The Evergreen Senior Center, 683 Woolwich St.; Sun. 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon; Wed. 7:30 (phone for location); c/o 25 Keys Crescent, N1G 5J7; David Azzoparde, sec. (519) 821-9179.

HAILEYBURY/NEW LISKEARD: 554 Helmer Pedersen Drive, New Liskeard; Sun. 10:30; Wed. 7:30; Contacts: Jim Robertson, PO Box 1556, New Liskeard ON POJ 1PO (705)647-5488 or Mike Tinney PO Box 702, Haileybury ON POJ 1KO (705)672-9241

HAMILTON: 321 East 27th Street (at Fennell) L8V 3G8 (Mt. Hamilton) Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7:00 p.m. (905) 385-5775 (off); Art Ford, ev., (905) 296-1560 (h), art/@hurchofchristhamilton. com; Chris Gardner, sec., (905) 388-9174; www.churchofchristhamilton.com

HAMILTON (North): YMCA building, 79 James St. S.; Sun. 9:30, 10:30; Wed. 7; Joe Sandassie, (905) 389-0714, 286 East 26th Street, Hamilton ON L8V 3E1

HAMILTON (West): Mohawk College, Fennell Ave./ West 5th St.; Sun. 9:30 and 10:30 (Please phone for Sun. p.m. and midweek information); P.O. Box 78041 Westcliffe PO, L9C 7N5; Wayne Page (905) 648-5100.

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HUNTSVILLE: Huntsville Public Library, 7 Minerva St. E., Sun. 10:30, c/o Dave Preston, (705) 789-7697, 491 Fowlers Rd., R.R.#5, Huntsville, Ont., P1H 2N5. Other contacts: Ken Smith, (705) 789-8292, Steve Watson, (705) 788-2332.

**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.

ICE LAKE (Manitoulin Island): 1-1/4 mile S. of Hwy 540; classes 9:45, worship 11:00, Sun; contact, Joel Lock (705) 282-8531 R.R. #1, Site 2, Box 3, Gore Bay, ON POP 1H0.

**KENORA:** 101 Norman Dr.; Sun. 10, 11; P.O. Box 2905, P9N 3X8; Earl Rattai, ev., 548-2245.

KINGSTON: 446 College St., K7L 4M7; Sun. 10, 11, 7:30: Wed. 7; (613) 546-5409 (off.); e-mail: church02@bellnet.ca; Richard Maddeaux, ev., Gordon Gibson, ev.

KITCHENER SOUTH: Kitchener City Hall (Learning Room) 200 King St. W.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30 in homes; Mailing address: Kitchener Church of Christ, P.O. Box 25040, SDM Hiway Centre Postal Outlet, Kitchener, ON, N2A 4A5; Hugh Pitcher 519-699-5263 or Julian Smith 519-742-8626.

**LONDON:** 1750 Huron St., N5V 3A2; (519) 455-6730; Sun. 9:30, 11; Call for mid-week opportunities. Harold Byne, ev., 645-0575; FAX 645-8088

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

MEAFORD: 113 Nelson St.W. N4L 1G3; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Wed. 7:30; Les Cramp; (519) 538-1750; e-mail: meaford-cofc@brucetelecom.com

NEWMARKET: 230 Davis Dr.; Sun. 11, 10, 6:30; Wed. 7:30; Box 21581, L3Y 8J1; Nathan Pickard, ev.; 905-895-6502(off); e-mail-pickardnathan@hotmail.com

NIAGARA FALLS: 3901 Dorchester Rd. N., L2J 3A8, (905) 356-3412 (turn E. on Thorold Stone Rd. from Q.E. and left on Dorchester Rd.); Sun. 10:30, Wed. 7:30; Henry Boland, (905) 356-0107 and Darrin Douglas (905) 371-1581, evs.

NORTH BAY: 73 Gertrude St. E.; Sun. 10:30; Wed. 7; Box 745, P1B 8.18; (705) 472-7040 (off.); David Lock, ev. 78-345 Mulligan St. P1A 3S3; (705) 475-0911, e-mail: davidrlock@acncanada.net; WebSite: www.northbavcoc.com.

OMAGH: 1412 Britannia Road West, Milton,L9T 2X8; 10, 11, Thur. 7; Steve Corbett,(416)999-1006, website: http://omaghchurch.n3.net, Harold Ellis, Sec., RR # 3, Campbellville, L0P 1B0.

**OTTAWA**: 1515 Chomley Cres., K1G 0V9; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 6; Wed. 7; Robert MacRury, ev., 733-2580 (off); 737-0701 (res.); www.churchofchrist.ca

OWEN SOUND: 835 10th Ave. E., N4K 3H8; Sun. 9:45, 11:00, 6; Thurs. 7; Brian Thompson, ev. (519) 376-6702 (off.), 372-2155 (res.); email: oscoc@bmts.com

PETERBOROUGH: 323 Lindan Ave., K9L 1K9; The Board Room., Parkway Place Mall Landsdowne St.W.; Sunday: 10 & 10:45 Mid-Week Study contact Peter McPherson at 705-742-5349.

PINE ORCHARD: 16716 Warden Ave (just south of Vivian Rd.) 3 km east of Newmarket; Sun. 10, 11; (905) 953-9386. Mailing address: Bruce Brandon, Sec., RR 2, Uxbridge, L9P 1R2 (905) 852-5026

**PORT COLBORNE:** 700 Steele St., L3K 4Z2; Sun. 11, 10, 6:30; Wed. 6:30; (905) 834-5775 (off). REXDALE: Meets Sunday for SS 9:30, worship 10:30 at 1485 Albion Road, Etobicoke, corner of Albion and Kipling. mail goes to Derrick Grant, 29 Revelstoke Place, brampton On L6R 3G3, phone 416-628-9620 (D. Grant) or 416-656-9309 (Rupert Comrie)

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

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

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

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132 Cunningham Rd, P6B 1N4 (705)949-4988 Sun 9:40A, 10:40A, call for PM time, Wed 7PM Elders: C. Whitfield (705)253-6153 L. Hotchkiss (705)759-0649

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

**SMITHVILLE:** 246 Station St. LOR 2A0; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7. Chris Nicholson, ev. (905) 957-6039

**SOUTH RIVER:** Jaspar St. S.; off Ottawa St. W.; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:00; Box 549, P0A 1X0; Jim Nicholson, ev. (705) 384-5215, church bldg. (705) 386-2551.

STONEY CREEK: 105 King St. E., L8G 1L1; (905) 664-1130 (off.); Sun. 9:45, 11; Sun.; Wkdy evenings call for time and place; Darrell Buchanan, ev., (905) 643-7853 (res); Robert Priestnall, sec. email: emailus@sccoc.ca; website: www.sccoc.ca

**STRATFORD:** 478 Brunswick St.,N5A 3N6; Sunday Worship 10:00, Wed. Bible Study 7:30; voice mail (519) 273-5280; Larry Hoover (519) 271-9545;

**SUDBURY:** 2663 Bancroft Dr. P3B 1T7; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:00; Edward Klym (ev), 705-560-3964, Wes Bailey, sec. 523-0933,

**SUNDRIDGE:** Hwy. 11 N.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; P.O. Box 927, POA 1Z0; (705) 384-5214, Steve May, ev. 384-0597.

**THESSALON:** 8 Albert St. off Hwy. 17; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; Guy Stopard, ev. 705-842-3340; Eric White, RR 2, POR 1L0 (705) 842-6533.

THUNDER BAY: 501 Edward St. N. (at Redwood), P7C 4R1; Sun. 9:45, 11 (call for summer hours); Wed. call for information; Eric Bailey, ev. (807) 473-5353(res.), (807) 577-2213 (off.); email <ebailey@baynet.nets.

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

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

TORONTO (Bayview Ave.): 1708 Bayview Ave., M46 364 (1 block S. of Eglinton); Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30; Michael Hilborn, sec., mhilborn@rogers.com; 63 Campbell Ave., M6P 319; (416) 489-7405 (off.).

TORONTO (Scarborough): Madison Academy Building, 700 Progress Drive.; Sun. 9:45a.m.; 11:00a.m. (Mailing Address: PO Box 47011, 300 Borough Dr., Scarborough, ON M1P 4Z7) Church Phone: 416-970-3835; Devon Bennett ev. 905-686-2486, cell: 416-209-2529, Fax: 905-686-0612; e-mail: devon.bennett@sympatico.ca. →

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TORONTO (Strathmore Blvd.): 346 Strathmore Blvd. M4C 1N3 (across from Coxwell subway station); 416-461-7406; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Elders: Marvin Johnson (416) 752-0325, Stephen Gill (416) 265-2496, Peter Dwomoh (416) 462-3616; Jean Volcy (416) 267-6820; Max Craddock, ev. (416) 461-7406, e-mail <maxc@strathmorecofc.ca>; Fax (416) 424-1850; Santiago Molina (Spanish) ev, (416) 751-6879, website: www.strathmorecofc.ca

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

WALKERTON: Victoria Jubilee Hall; 111 Jackson st.; Sun 10 a.m. and 11a.m.; Gregory Smith (519) 392-8128; Mailing- RR2 Teeswater, ON NOG 2SO; email- gregory@gregorycnsmith.com

WEST MANITOULIN: Meets in homes, call ahead; Sun. 10:30. Mailing address: 10787 Hwy 540, R.R.1, Gore Bay, POP 1HO. Contact Bill Baker 705-282-2095 or Dieter Nollert 705-282-2908

WINDSOR (West Side): 2255 Totten St., N9B 1X6 (E. of Huron Church Rd.); 254-6262 or 945-4851; Sun. 9:45, 11, 5:30; Wed. 7:30; Drew Chapados, ev., 3713 Shinglecreek Crt., Windsor, N8W 5T8; (519) 250-4407; email: wsidecoc@wincom.net; wwwgeocities.com/wsidecoc.

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MONTREAL (English/French/Ashante/Ghanian): 598-5 th Avenue, Lachine; Sun. 10, 11, 6:30; Wed. 7:30 (English); Fri. 7 (French); PO Box 66 Westmount Station, H3Z 2T1; 514-637-7604; Leonard Amanatey, ev; email <churchofchristmontreal@hotmail.com>:

website: www.churchofchristmontreal.com

MONTREAL (South-Central - English/French/ Spanish): 6259 Monk Blvd. Ville-Émard, Montreal, QC H4E 3H8 (2 streets east of the Monk Subway Station) (514) 765-8919; Simultaneous Translation: Sun.10, 11, Wed. 7; website: www.villeemardchurchofchrist.org Michael Mazzalongo, ev. 514-766-4911 email: mazzalongo@videotron.ca

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mortineric (spainisti): 73/6 the Lajeuriesse; Rm.#101, Montreal, QC H2R 2H8; Sunday 10, 11; Héctor Méndez info (514)948-0917; e-mail: 303012@gosympatico.ca; Roberto Herrera info (514)328-1467; e-mail: robertoro38@hotmail.com

PLESSISVILLE: Centre Communautaire, André Côté, CP21, G6L 2Y6; Sun. 6 & 7 pm; Yvon Beaudoin, (418)728-5240; email: ybeaudoin@oricom.ca.

QUEBEC CITY: 2980 Verteuil, Ste-Foy (corner Jean-Noel); Sun. 9:30, 10:30 (French); Wed. 19:30; C.P. 9041 Ste- Foy, G1V 4A8; →

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#### PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

**BENGOUGH:** E. side Hwy. 34; Sun. 10:30, 11:15; Norman Kemp, Box 134, SOC 0KO; (306) 268-4522.

**ESTEVAN:** 1302 8th St., S4A 1H6; 634-3116; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7; Tim Pippus, ev., 634-8195, res.

GRAVELBOURG: 300-2nd Ave. E.; Sun. 10:30, Box 507, SOH 1XO; Wendell Bailey, ev (306) 648-3435; Edna Johnson, sec.; Gerry Bell and Stan Bell, elders.

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

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

MOOSE JAW: 901 James Street, Moose Jaw SK. S6H 3H5, (306) 693-4064 (off) mjcoc@sasktel.net HYPERLINK http://moosejaw.o-coc.com Sept - May Sundays 10, 11; Wednesday Kids Classes 7:15; Adult Class 7:30; June – Aug Sunday 10:30 Worship; Wed - 7:30 Adult Class; Darin Ashby, ev

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

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

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

SASKATOON: Sunday, coffee & fellowship 9:30, Worship 10, Wed. 7; Phone for summer schedule; Office: 343-7922; Bob Parker, ev, 343-7884; Outreach: Bernard Krogsgaard 373-3651; location & mail, 134 Cardinal Cres. S7L 6H6; Fax: 343-1589; e-mail: stooncofcoffice@asaktel.net

**SWIFT CURRENT:** Church of Christ, Box 1103, Swift Current, SK, S9H 3X3; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 6:30; Susan Eidem, sec., 306-773-9043; (call for location of meetings).

**WEYBURN:** 1115 First Ave. NE (Hwy. 13E), S4H 0N2; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 7; Wed. 7; Scott Wade, ev., (306) 842-6424 (off); (306) 848-2032 (res).

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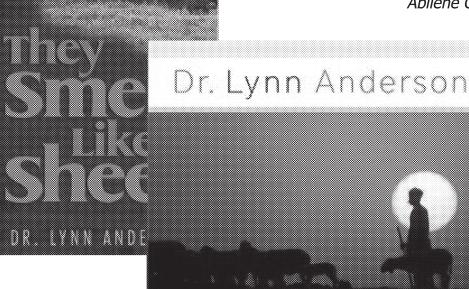
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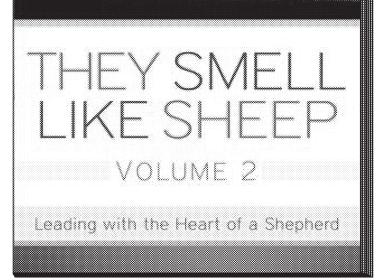


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