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Winnipeg Elders



In May, the Central congregation in Winnipeg appointed two additional elders: David King and Wayne Turner. Pictured here are the Winnipeg elders and their wives.

From left to right, they are Walter and Margaret Johnson, David and Joanne King, Roy and Nelle Merritt, Wayne and Diana Turner, Merle and Anne Johnson and Jim and Wanda Hobbs. Shortly after this picture was taken in June, the Merritts moved to St. Catharines, Ontario.

What It Means To Be Added To The Church

J. C. Choate

Most people talk about joining a church. This is something like joining a club such as the Lion's Club or the Rotary Club. In a case like this it is usually left up to the members to accept or reject the one seeking membership. This would mean that the members would have more to say about whether a person became a member of some particular church than the Lord would. There is another side to the picture, however, and that's the Lord's side or his part when it comes to being a member of the church, and this should be the thing that matters more than anything else if one really wants to be saved and to be a member of Christ's church.

First of all, we must understand that the Bible teaches that the Lord built one church and that church belongs to him (Matthew 16:18). He is the foundation of it (1 Corinthians 3:11), head of it (Colossians 1:18), the saviour of it (Ephesians 5:23), and it wears his name (Romans 16:16). The church is his spiri-

tual body, his family (1 Corinthians 12:27); (1 Timothy 3:15). Also, with Christ being the saviour of the church he has the authority to say who can be a member or not be a member. It is certainly not up to man to make such a decision. When one complies with the Lord's wishes by obeying his commands to be saved, it is the Lord himself not man, who is able to discern and know whether that person has obeyed from the heart. If he does so then the Lord saves him and adds him to his church (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 2:47). If he does not, he is not saved or added regardless of what he claims or what anyone else says.

Another way of putting it, when one hears the word of God, it conceives in his heart, and in obedience to the Lord's commands of repentance, acknowledging Christ as the Son of God, and being baptized (buried in water) for the remission of his sins, he is spiritually born again or becomes a member of the Lord's family

(John 3:3-5).

No doubt we accept people as members of the church when they are really not. All we have to go by are the outward acts of faith, repentance, confessing Christ with the mouth as being the Son of God, and a burial in the waters of baptism for the remission of sins. Now when they say they want to be saved, and are willing to comply with these acts that lead to salvation, all we can do, once they have outwardly complied with these commands, is to accept the fact that the Lord has saved them and added them to the church. But only the Lord can look into one's heart and know the real motives that are there. Therefore, only the Lord can save one and add him to his church. As Paul wrote, "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his, And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity" (2 Timothy 2:19).

Tupelo, Mississippi

A Problem With Discipline In The Home And In The Church

Bethel W. Bailey

To say there is a problem with discipline in most homes across Canada, might well be the under-statement of the year. Everywhere we read of vandalism, arson and even murder committed by young people who have not yet reached their teen years. We are compelled to ask the question: "Is the human race degenerating, or should we look for a cause that explains this serious change in our life pattern?" An explanation of the problem should not be considered a deep, dark mystery. The noticeable lack of discipline is the major contributor.

THE QUESTION IS WHY?

Again, one does not have to dig too deep to find why correction in the home for the most part, has been abandoned. With child-rearing experts, governmental and otherwise, speaking of the danger of using any form of physical force and the penalties that could result, it has become complicated to be a good parent and allow the inspired Word to be our guide in this area of our lives. Have our instructors become guilty of paranoia without a cause? Most certainly not. A brief glance at our local paper on any given night reveals abuse, brutality and even murder inflicted under

pretence of discipline. It isn't any wonder that intelligent people see all forms of correction as archaic. There is an answer to this problem, but it is not my purpose to deal with it in this article.

Church discipline, like discipline in the home, has fallen into disarray because of misunderstandings regarding its purpose, and because of abuses in the past. Some of our more indifferent brethren consider any form of discipline as passe, and are content to allow disorders, both doctrinal and moral, to persist. But this attitude is destined to reek havoc in the church of our Lord, just as it has lowered standards in our homes.

It is not my purpose to emphasize the one to the exclusion of the other. We note however, the eternal nature of the Family of God.

HAVE WE INTERPRETED DISCIPLINE TO MEAN EXCOMMUNICATION?

Though most would hesitate to acknowledge excommunication as Bible teaching, our practice in the past often meant just that. What I am about to say, I am sure will raise a few eyebrows, but nevertheless, I feel constrained to proceed. In

doing so, I trust that I will not be misinterpreted. I have no axe to grind with anyone. In presenting my views, I will attempt to provide scriptural authority for my conclusions in order to allow the entire thought to stay in context.

Number 1. God adds to the church (Acts 2:47). No one else but God can add to the Church! Do I hear any dissenting voices?

Number 2. If God alone can add to the Church, is it not logical to conclude that God alone can expell from the Church?

If you question these conclusions, please turn first to Revelation 2:5b. God is speaking: "I am coming to you, and will remove your lampstand out of its place except you repent." Read also Matthew 13:41: "the Son of man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His Kingdom, all stumbling blocks and those who commit lawlessness." I do not believe that it is presumptuous to conclude that this would embrace all moral and scriptural infractions.

May I wander off course for just a moment! It is most perplexing that whenever a matter of discipline comes up, seldom, if ever, is any attention given to the

13th chapter of Matthew, and particularly the parable of the tares, where the dangers of indiscreet discipline are graphically laid out.

Note the following: "Do you want us to gather them up?" (the tares). He said to them "No, lest while you are gathering up the tares, you may root up the wheat with them." (Matt. 13:29). How many innocent souls have been lost by over-industrious critics?

As far as my limited knowledge extends, I only recall reading in the Bible of one person who spent his time removing people from the Church. Note how the Apostle John dealt with his actions: "I wrote something to the Church, but Diotrephes, who loves to be first among them, does not accept what we say. For this reason, if I come, I will call attention to the deeds that he does, unjustly accusing us with wicked words; and not satisfied with this, neither does he himself receive the brethren, and he forbids those who desire to do so, and puts them out of the Church." (2 John: 9 & 10)

IS DISCIPLINE A BIBLE SUBJECT?

I am sure by now, that many are ready to ask: "Do you accept any form of spiritual discipline?" Most certainly. God Himself chastens those He loves. It thus would be illogical to suppose that God would entrust the responsibility of the gospel to humans, without controlling measures to maintain its purity! The Apostle Paul clearly outlines our needed position in Eph. 5:11. "And do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them".

There are two major areas where discipline is needed:

Number 1. Correcting those who are guilty of immoral conduct,

Number 2. Marking those who cause division.

I will deal with them in their numerical order.

Regardless of how guilty the wrongdoers might be, our primary interest should still be to save their soul.

When we discipline our children in the home, the purpose should not be to abuse them because we are bigger, but to teach them right from wrong. The same reason should be practised in the Church, the family of God.

Had it not been for a previous warning from God (My ways are not your ways), our first scripture reference in disciplining the immoral would seem to be counter-productive (1 Cor. 5:5). Paul is speaking here in respect to an immoral man at Corinth: "I have decided to deliver such a one unto

Satan for the destruction of his flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus." What is Paul saying here? Is he suggesting that this man should be thrown out of the Church? I think not. If we read Paul's later comments

regarding this same man following his repentance, we can surely see that Paul only had love at all times for his fallen brother. The verse in question can be best understood if we look to the example of the lost Prodigal. The father let go. If the person involved refuses to repent and turn when approached in respect to his sin, we must cease fellowship, even to the point of not eating with the offending party, until such a time as the relationship changes, - "They come to themselves". Forceful extraction is seldom necessary if we refuse to wallow in the mire of sin with them, even out of sympathy; and furthermore, under present laws we could be subjecting the Church to a charge of discrimination. A life of sin is not more desirable for a lengthy period. Be there like the prodigal's father to welcome them back. Sadly, too often we are like the prodigal's brother.

"Now I urge you brethren, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching which you learned, and stay away from them." (Rom. 16:17). We note elsewhere in the scriptures where we are admonished to "withdraw ourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly".

In neither case does it suggest to throw out the offender. Rather, we are commanded to put distance between us and them. All division within the Lord's Church does not result from false teaching. Occasionally we are simply adverse to learning something new, and merely suppose that someone is guilty of false teaching. More often, division results from personality clashes. The struggle is really an imaginary struggle, but before long, hard feelings become deeply engrained. Differences have a wonderful way of dissolving after awhile and usually the individuals are stronger from the experience. May we always keep in mind the words of the Psalmist "How beautiful and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." My wife has a favourite saying: "If we can't get along on earth, how do we expect it to be any different up there."

Often in our desire to see that proper discipline is in place, we become guilty of a matter that is more serious than the misdemeanours that we set out to correct. We become judgmental. In respect to this dan-

ger, we offer the following scriptures for your consideration. "Do not judge lest you be judged." For in the way you judge, you will be judged, and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you..." (Matt. 7:1 & 2). Can you afford to have this against your final judgement! The writer James sounds almost vindictive in his warning: "For judgement will be merciless to the one who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement." (Jas. 2:13).

SIN IS NOT ALWAYS EASY TO DISCERN

It is not always easy to tell when men violate the will of God. So says the Apostle Paul: "The sins of some men are quite evident, going before them to judgement; for others, they follow after." (1 Tim. 5:24). Even cases that seem most evident, may not always be as they seem to be on the surface.

My thoughts at this time, go to the woman brought before Jesus, taken in the very act of adultery. An open and shut case, or so it seemed to be. Jesus refused to deal directly. His reply eventually was: "he that is without sin among you let him cast the first stone". They all left without inflicting the punishment that was legally due, and without explanation.

Why do you suppose that they gave up so easily? They had the law on their side which was not always the case. Do you think that some of them might have been present when Jesus stunned His audience with this announcement? "You have heard that it was said: You shall not commit adultery, but I say to you, that everyone who looks on a woman to lust after her, has committed adultery already with her in his heart." (Matt. 5: 27 & 28). I know most of you are quite familiar with these verses, you've heard them many times before, but let me draw your attention to yet another verse from your Bible, that I believe is quite relevant to the situation. "For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joint and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart." (Heb. 4:12).

Certainly there is much more that could be said and maybe should be said on this delicate matter, but inasmuch as I tire reading lengthy articles, I would suspect that others do too. So with this offered as an apology, I will leave further comments for a later time.

Sudbury, Ontario



An Asterisk-Free Record

Wayne Turner

Whether you are a baseball fan or not, you likely paid close attention to the sport during the month of September. You couldn't help but know about the 37 year old record that was broken by two players. When you think of the great home run hitters, names like Babe Ruth, Hank Aaron and Roger Maris come to mind. Until 1961, Ruth held the record for most home runs in a single season. That year, Roger Maris topped Ruth with 61 homers. That record stood, not even seriously threatened, until this year. In 1998, not one, but two players have bested Maris. At the time of this writing, both Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa have hit 62 home runs during this baseball season. Who will finally set the new record and how many homers he will hit will be known by the time you read this. Whichever player sets the new mark, they both have reached a remarkable achievement and deserve to be recognized.

At the same time, while the accomplishment is noteworthy and comparable for both men, a cloud hovers over one. During the season, McGwire admitted taking a steroid-like drug. While banned in some sports, including the Olympics, this particular drug is legal in baseball. Any baseball player could be taking it, but most choose not to. The message that sports has tried to convey is that such drugs can be dangerous, they can unfairly influence competition, and true athletes do not need to take them to develop their skills. To some people, recognizing McGwire's accomplishment is troubling. On one hand, it must be understood that such drugs improve strength or stamina but have little effect on the eye-hand co-ordination that allows him to consistently swing a round bat and connect with a round ball coming at him at speeds up to 90 miles per hour. On the other, his real accomplishment is obscured by his use of the drugs, and some feel that if McGwire finally sets the new record, an asterisk should identify that the record was "assisted." However, Sosa's achievement is unquestioned. He has not been tainted by doubts associated with drug use, but is respected for his drug-free hard work.

There is an important lesson here for us as Christians. Even the greatest accomplishments can be diminished when they are tarnished by something wrong or questionable. (Consider the decline of respect that has occurred toward the President of the United States.) As McGwire's case demonstrates, even something technically permissible may be perceived by others as questionable and violating the spirit of the competition. This may send the wrong message, that the end somehow justifies the means. For the Christian, both the ends and the means are important. Not only should we do what is right, we should also be seen

to be doing right. This is why Peter charges Christians to "Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us." (1 Peter 2:12) Non-Christians will certainly try to make charges against Christians. Peter instructs us to see that there is not even the slightest basis for such allegations to be made. Similarly, Paul told Timothy to "keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Timothy 6:14). Paul personally sought to avoid giving offence in anything, that the ministry not be blamed. (2 Corinthians 6:3). This also extended to the way money was to be handled. "We want to avoid any criticism of the way we administer this liberal gift. For we are taking pains to do what is right, not only in the eyes of the Lord but also in the eyes of men. (2 Corinthians 8:20,21). The principle is best summed up in Romans 12:17, "...Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody."

Christians and congregations need to live and function in ways that are unquestionably right and honourable, so there is no asterisk to mark our efforts as doubtful. To be lights for the world, we cannot allow ourselves to be tainted or our ministries diminished in any way. We are called to the highest possible standards of ethics and practice. In all things we need to remember that we are ambassadors for Christ and that the world needs to see Jesus clearly in our lives. Let us commit ourselves to the moral and ethical purity that keeps our message and example clear.

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Maintaining Sibling Relationships

They tell me I am somewhat unique in that I love crowds. I love to go to a busy restaurant and meet pretty much everyone. I was attending a seminar on stepfamilies a few months back when, while standing in line, I needed to get off my feet. There was one seat available. It just happened to be behind the display table beside the featured speaker. He was there to sign autographs; I was there to rest. Apparently I broke a few social rules during that little episode. The people that I was with are still laughing about that night. As for the speaker, he gained a target for his jokes for the next two days and a new friend according to his email. My fellow attendees that night would never have even considered doing what I chose to do, but coming from me, it was no surprise. It reminds me that people are different, and that we spend a lifetime dealing with people that would have made a different choice if it were they. In dealing with our siblings, we learn how to handle our differences.

In case you have never heard my sister Denyse sing, let me inform you that she has a beautiful voice. I used to love to listen to her sing in church. I imagine that everyone around also rejoiced when I was listening to her sing, because it meant that

I might be reminded of the sensation one has when right beside the ship's speaker when the foghorn sounds. It is loud but not often pretty. Over the years, my voice has gotten better, but it will never sound good next to my sister. I admit that I was a little jealous as a child. Remember the Corinthians as they coveted each other's spiritual gifts? Sometimes we do a similar thing in that we covet another's talent. Growing up with siblings provides us with opportunity to accept each other's God given uniqueness. That brings me to point number one, in that we need to maintain our sibling relationships because we have a history with each other. Most of my major life events prior to the age of 20 involved my siblings.

The second thing that I wish to note is that siblings always play a present role in each other's lives. The question is whether the relationship is positive or negative. It takes a great deal of effort to maintain sibling relationships in our society today. Here are three keys to better sibling relationships:

1.) Keep your siblings informed about your household news. No one likes to hear news about their own extended family through other people. They need to hear it from you. Make sure you do as

much listening as you do talking.

2) Remember the way you do things is not the only way to do it. Sometimes the best opinion is the one that you keep to yourself.

3) Make sure to take time for another. I thank all my siblings because our trips to Meaford are always marked by family dropping in.

The third thing I wish to note is that sibling relationships need to be maintained because we have a future need for one another. As family, we share in many great things and events that feel dark and difficult. When parents pass away, siblings need each other and that is not the best time to start to build a relationship. I fear the day that my parents die, because their absence will leave a great hole in my life for a long time. I mention the death of parents for two reasons. One, it will happen and two, it often tears siblings apart. Often, the great tragedy when parents die is that the family dies with it, as children divide over the birthright, so to speak. Philippians talks about looking to the needs of your brother as greater than your own. In the case of siblings, the greater need is for the family to go on. Siblings share a past, present, and future with all of the accompanying struggles and blessings.

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Love Does Not Boast

Do you like to be around people who blow their own horn? To be with those who's favorite subject is themselves? To be with those who don't worry about whether what they say is true or not, as long as they look good? In all honesty, we avoid people like that, don't we?

Many times the reason people boast is because they don't like themselves very much. They desperately want someone to love them, but the boasting they do doesn't cause people to love them, but rather to avoid them.

Boasting was a problem in Corinth. We know that the church there had divided into parties, each party claiming allegiance to its favorite preacher. We can imagine them boasting about which preacher was the best and which group was more spiritual or closer to God. Paul reminded them that love does not boast.

Jesus condemned boasting in His sermon on the mount. Matthew 6:1 records Jesus basic principle on the subject. "Be careful not to do your acts of righteousness before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven." They were not so much boasting in what they said, but in what they did. Some who gave to the needy, first ensured that many people would see their "generosity." Their goal was not to help the needy but to be honored by men for doing it. Some, when they prayed, did so while standing at the front of the synagogue or on street corners so that others would see them and believe them to be very spiritual people. Some, when fasting, would make themselves look as miserable as possible, so that others would know that they were fasting and honor them for it. Jesus said that those who do their acts of righteousness (their good deeds) before men to be seen by them, will receive no reward from God.

Being a part of the first century church in Jerusalem must have been great (read Acts 4:32-37). The sharing and caring being practiced there was a little bit of heaven. They had no needy people among them because those who had possessions

sold them and gave the money to the apostles to be distributed to any who had a need. Notable among those who made this sacrifice is Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, better known by the name the apostles gave him, Barnabas, which means Son of Encouragement. Barnabas sold a field that he owned and brought the money to the apostles.

The black cloud of boasting quickly rises on the blue skies of generosity, Acts 5:1-11 describes the story of Ananias and Sapphira. Ananias and Sapphira wanted to be praised for their generosity, they wanted to be honored by the apostles as Barnabas was, but they were not generous like

"Be careful not to do your acts of righteousness before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your father in heaven."

Barnabas. They sold a field they owned and lied to the apostles, the church and the Holy Spirit, saying that they had given all the money from the sale of the property, when they had kept some back for themselves. Their sin was the lie. They had not been commanded to give all the money from the sale, they had not even been commanded to sell their property. They could have kept part or even all of the money from the sale of their land if they wanted to. They chose instead to give some of the money, while pretending that they had given all of it. In the end their lives were taken showing us that boasting really is a deadly problem.

In the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector (Luke 18:9-14) the Pharisee actually bragged to God. He thanked God that he was better than other men of whom he named a few. Not only did he brag about himself, he put others down. These two tend to go hand in hand. The Pharisee lacked the humility to pray as the tax collector did and in the end the tax collector went home justified before God while the Pharisee was condemned. The lesson Jesus teaches is simple, "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted" (Luke 18:14).

Why do we boast or brag? Knowing

why we boast will help us to overcome boasting. It may also help us to have a greater sympathy for other boasters. We may brag to protect our wounded pride or compensate for failure. All too often when we fail at something, we assume that this proves that we are incompetent. To cover that hurt we may put up a bluff pretending that we are just the opposite of our fears, highly competent. We brag about how good we are because that is what we want others to think so as to cover up how bad we think we are. We might boast to conceal fear. We don't like to let show fear or to admit to fearing anything. Many boast in an effort to cover up their fear, the greater the boast, the greater the fear. Some boast because they feel inferior to others. This may be the result of constant put-downs at home, school or work, but not always. It may be that they don't feel like they deserve to be loved. This makes them want to be loved all the more. Then they don't accept the love given them because they don't feel like they deserve it. They constantly seek to be the centre of attention and love but

never allow the attention and love to make them feel better about themselves because they don't feel like they deserve it. Failures, fears and insecurities are not sin but problems. These can accomplish

some good if they bring us on our knees to God, in the realization of how much we need Him. However, if these problems are not dealt with properly they can lead to bragging, boasting and sin.

There is another reason for boasting. It isn't a problem. It is a sin. There are some who boast, because they believe that they are better than everyone else and that everyone should simply acknowledge their greatness. The Bible clearly and unequivocally condemns that kind of an attitude. The quicker one repents of it the better.

We don't like to be around those who boast, they get on our nerves and make us angry. So often we would like to retaliate and put them in their place. Why do braggarts effect us that way? Maybe it is because we think we are better than they are and would like them and everyone else to know it. Since we are all saved by the grace of God, none of us are in a position to boast.

We can help boasters most by loving them and teaching them. They need to know of God's love and grace. They need to know that God accepts them and that we accept them. Perhaps then they can accept themselves without the need to boast. Understanding "real" love removes the need and the desire for boasting.

Being Positive

Tim Johnson

Like mud thrown into a stream, a negative attitude toward life spoils beauty and purpose. The water will reach its destination anyway, just dirtier, and certainly nobody will want to drink it.

Pessimism is simply concentrating too much on the problems, failures and insufficiencies that infest your life and letting it colour your view of everything. Optimism is choosing to see the good things and find some hope for living.

It's never hard to find a pessimist. There's too much wrong with the world for them to lack ammunition to fire at society. Mix in a dose of suspicion and they begin pronouncing heavy indictments against governments, banks, big business, and the rich guy down the street with the large house. Disease will get us all, winter is going to be especially bad this year, you can't trust anybody, and everything is unfair.

Churches have their share of these people who specialize in spoiling the sparkling waters of ambition, good ideas, enthusiasm and hope. Nothing discourages the life of the church more than a brother or sister who can find little to be hopeful about, and expect everything to fail. It

drags everything down.

If we are to follow the model of Christ, how did He approach life in this imperfect world? Surely His times were no better than ours. The Jewish economy was bad enough to spawn plenty of poor people. Politics was so corrupt it bordered on organized crime. Soldiers walked the streets fully armed. Natural disasters and horrible accidents occurred then, as now. Christ could have easily been gloomy, but He wasn't.

Add personal disaster to the picture. Jesus knew he was soon to face humiliation, violence, and an agonizing death before a crowd. His followers were mixed up and certainly didn't look like they could handle the cause without Him. In fact He knew they would be crushed by his upcoming death, and scatter back to their homes. The future didn't appear to be nice.

Yet in John 16:32-33 He tells His anxious apostles "I am not alone, because the Father is with Me. These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."

What remarkable words! Sure, Christ could have been gloomy, dark, and self-centered. He wasn't. He encouraged people about the future when everything seemed impossible and improbable. He

based his optimism on two things: 1. He was not alone, the Father was with Him. 2. Courage came from knowing that He had overcome the grisly world of His time - and we can do the same in ours.

Don't these principles operate today too? If so, can't Christians have a better attitude about this life than most unbelievers do? Can't we look at things and have a positive attitude rather than just see mud? After all, the Father is with us and the Son overcame the world. If we can't come up with a bit of courage and a more positive attitude, then what have we got that's any different than the rest of the world?

Nobody is saying we shouldn't consider the downside of things or be cautious. But let's not be guilty of discouraging others, shooting down good ideas, offering cynicism and gloom. Sure our society is sinful and difficult. So was the age when Christ lived. However, He told us we are to appear as lights in the world (Philippians 2:15). Let's not appear to be those who want to blow out candles all the time. Of all people, Christians need to have some positive attitudes about the future, about what we can do, about the great things we are a part of, and about the endless possibilities for good. Here's why - "...take courage, I have overcome the world."

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We have recently heard more than one speaker observe that the world seems to be making greater inroads into the church than the church is making in the world. They are saying, "We see more of the world in the church than of the church in the world." They are seeing indications that Christians are succumbing to worldly influences more than the world is being influenced by Christians. When we take note that Jesus called his people "the light of the world" it is saddening to see that the world is darkening the church instead of the church lighting the world.

In the seventeenth chapter of the gospel of John, Jesus prayed that God would keep his disciples, whom he was leaving *in* the world (v.12) but who were not *of* the world (vs.14,16), from the evil one. As disciples of Jesus today we must give these two prepositions serious thought and diligent application. As applied to us, what does it mean to be *in* the world but not *of* the world?

Light and darkness do not mix. Oil may be poured into water and even dispersed throughout water but it does not become like water. It maintains its distinctive identity despite being in the water. In like manner, Christians, even though dispersed among the people of the world, must maintain a distinctive and recognizable identity and, as with the oil, rise above their surroundings.

Here is the problem and the challenge! We, as Christians, are scattered among and intermixed with people of the world in schools, in sports, in recreation, at work in the various activities of our daily lives. Generally, we are outnumbered and often under heavy pressures to fit in, be accepted and be popular. The temptation is to blend even though doing so requires the compromising of our Christian values in speech, behaviour and attitude. If we are not strong and careful our distinctiveness is eroded and we end up being both *in* and *of* the world. The challenge is to remember who we are and stand firm.

One of our vivid memories is the shocking discovery that a fellow secondary

school student who seemed very much a part of the worldly gang during the week at school was participating as a leader in public worship on Sunday. How could this be? "Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be" (See James 3:9-12).

There is a story of a young man who, soon after becoming a Christian, spent the winter in the bush with the lumberjacks. His friends were concerned about how he would stand up under the ridicule that would likely be directed at him in that environment. In the spring when they asked him how things went he responded, "I didn't have a problem. They didn't find out."

Do those with whom we are associated in the various situations of our daily activities "find out" that we are Christians? Is it clear that we are not of the world?

The word 'world' is used in various ways in the Bible. In this context it is used to denote that which is in contrast with

Christianity. Impure, unclean, materialistic, selfish, dishonest, immoral, quarrelsome and hurtful things are of the world and were 'put off' when we were baptized into Christ. Peter wrote of those who "have escaped the corruption of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" and noted that if they "are again entangled in it and overcome, they are worse off at the end than they were at the beginning" (II Peter 2:20).

This distinctiveness is accentuated by Paul. He wrote, "Do not be yoked together with unbelievers . . . What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?" and quoted from the prophet Isaiah, "Therefore come out from them and be separate, says the Lord" (II Cor.6:14-17).

As his disciples in the world today, it is his intent that we follow him in values and principles as well as in his purpose of reconciling the world to God. We cannot hope to do this while appearing to be *of* the world as well as *in* it. *ecp*

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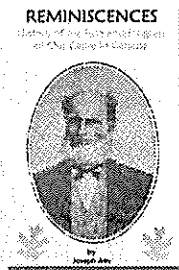
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Getting What We Deserve

Roger Lansdell

Over thirty years ago, baseball legend Ted Williams was closing out his career with the Boston Red Sox. He had been suffering from a pinched nerve in his neck all that season. It was so bad that he could hardly turn his neck to look at the pitcher. As a result, for the first time in his baseball career he ended the season with a dismal batting average of under .300. His average for the entire season was .254 with ten home runs.

At that time he was the highest salaried player in sports making \$125,000 per season. As the next season approached the Red Sox offered him the same contract as he had had the previous year with the exact same terms and money. When he got the contract and reviewed it Ted Williams

refused to sign it and sent it back saying that he wouldn't agree to the contract until they gave him a pay cut. He said, "I was always treated fairly by the Red Sox when it came to contracts. Now they are offering me a contract that I don't deserve. I only want what I deserve."

Ted Williams finally agreed to a twenty five percent pay cut in his salary. During that final season he raised his batting average by 62 points and then closed out his brilliant career by hitting a home run on his final time at bat.

The principle that is illustrated in what Ted Williams did is so foreign to us today that it is almost beyond comprehension. Our world is full of labor disputes and strikes over wanting more pay. Currently in our own community there is a transit strike that is over money and a difference of opinion about what is deserved. Now I don't pretend to know what is deserved but can you imagine what it would be like if all employees in every business were

paid according to what they really deserved? I am afraid that many would be taking some hefty pay cuts. Ted Williams realized, when he was really honest with himself, that he was being paid more than he deserved and he demanded that his salary be cut. He only wanted what he deserved.

However, what would it be like if we only received from God what we deserved? The reality is that we would receive nothing good because none of us deserve the kind of blessing, love, grace and mercy that he sends our way. Yet he keeps on giving those things to us even though we are all imperfect and we deserve a total pay cut. As a result should not our response be gratefulness? Should we not humbly respond in thankfulness? Is our thankfulness not exhibited by our words, thoughts, actions, obedience, commitment and dedication about him and to him? Of course it is?

We deserve to be taken completely off the pay roll but God keeps on blessing our lives as if we were batting a thousand. "Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God: Sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided you continue in his kindness." (Romans 11:22a)

-Sault Ste. Marie, ON

It's Not Fair

Peter Morphy

"It's Not Fair!" are the words that are sometimes expressed when tragic things happen to God's children. This may be a natural reaction, especially when reasonable explanations and pat answers are nowhere to be found. We do sometimes go through some trials and temptations that leave us feeling that we have been treated unfairly.

There may also be some events in the Bible that, when read and reflected upon, cause us to feel that people were not treated with fairness and justice.

Consider the time when God asked Abraham to take his only promised son, whom he loved, to the mountain and offer him as a sacrifice (Genesis 22:2). We know that God did this only as a test (22:1). We also know that Abraham believed that God would provide another type of sacrifice in His son's place (22:8). Even if Isaac was killed on the altar, Abraham knew that God could raise him from the dead (Hebrews 11:19).

We feel relieved in the knowledge that in the end God did stop Abraham from sacrificing his one and only son and He provided a ram for the burnt offering. Yet we may feel that it was not fair or reasonable that God would ask Abraham to make such a great sacrifice. This was his only child. Isaac was the promised child. Abraham and Sarah conceived and raised Isaac in their old age. Abraham loved Isaac.

This indeed was a great test for Abraham to go through. Abraham was proven faithful. He did love God more than his own son. There may be a greater lesson in Abraham's test for us, who have said, or at least felt, that it was not fair or reasonable to ask Abraham to sacrifice his son.

Fifteen hundred years later we read of another father who had an only Son. This father loved and cherished His Son as Himself. He enjoyed the intimate fellowship and companionship that was shared between a father and an only Son.

This father was also placed in a position where He had to choose whether to offer His only Son as a sacrifice or to keep Him for Himself. A decision that was difficult to make. A resolution that would break His

own heart and the heart of His beloved Son.

We think it unreasonable and unfair that Abraham would be asked to offer his one and only son for the Almighty, although God saved Isaac's life and Abraham's heart. Then at the same time, we fail to recognize that it was altogether unreasonable and unfair that the Father of all would sacrifice His one and only Son for the most lowly. The Father watched as His Son was crucified on the cross by cruel and wicked people. The Father turned His back upon His own Son as the sacrificial lamb took on the sins of the wicked world. When He could take it no more, the Father turned out the lights.

Perhaps it was with a heavy heart, tear in His eye and looking into the heavens that Jesus declared that, "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him." (John 3:16-17)

Sudbury, ON

FOR WOMEN BY WOMEN

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Nothing To Hide

Although I do not profess to take an interest in politics, I am aware that every time there is an election, someone somewhere is trying to dig up some dirt or discover "skeletons" in the closet about the candidates. This effort is less difficult for some than for others, but it is likely that something negative can be found out about almost any of the candidates. We are currently in the middle of a distasteful procedure in the United States as President Clinton is under investigation for inappropriate behaviour. In light of the events that are taking place and the information that is being put before the people in connection with this situation, it becomes obvious that each of us needs to examine our lives to see if we are conducting ourselves in the appropriate way.

We, as Christians, are to be different from the world. We are to live in such a way that people can see that we are different. When we become Christians, we make a decision from that day forward to walk with God. Most of us will never be under the scrutinization of the public. But we should live in such a way that we have nothing to hide. "Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children" and walk in love. . .but do not let immorality or any impurity or greed even be named among you, as is proper among saints; and there must be no filthiness or silly talk, or coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. . ." (Ephesians 5:1-4). This whole chapter of Ephesians is talking about proper behaviour for a follower of God.

Too many people, even Christians, still have the misguided belief that there are degrees of sin. However, God's Word shows in many places that this is not true. For example, in the verses above, immorality, impurity and greed are all listed together, none receiving more emphasis

than another. In the next verse the list continues, - filthiness, silly talk and coarse jesting. Further, we read, "For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God" (Ephesians 5:5). Who of us would have thought that covetousness is as distasteful to God as is immorality and impurity?

We in the church need to take a stand against immorality lest we become no different than the world around us

Unfortunately, immorality (specifically relating to sexual behaviour) has sunk to a new low. It is disgusting how much emphasis is put on illicit sex in the media and on TV. I wonder if this same degradation hasn't crept into the church as well? The numbers of unwed pregnancies among teenagers and young ladies in the church is on the rise. I would be surprised if any of us doesn't know personally of an individual in our congregation or one close by who has had a child out of wedlock. Sex seems to be the centre of attention and conversation for most teens. The availability of sex-related materials in magazines, on TV and now over the internet is making it increasingly easy for anyone to see and hear more than she needs to on this topic. Things that used to embarrass us or cause our faces to blush are now daily topics of discussion in the classroom or on dates. We in the church need to take a stand against immorality lest we become no different than the world around us.

This context speaks not only of immorality and impurity but also of greed. It doesn't say greed of anything in particular, which would seem to infer that greed for anything is wrong. We become obsessed with many things, which is the

same as greed. Being greedy for money, possessions, education, fame or anything is wrong. It is not proper among saints for there to be any greed. Perhaps the immorality in our lives is connected with greed or obsession. Look at the sins in your life—how many of them have to do with or were caused by greed? If we are perfectly honest in answering this question, more than likely the majority would agree that greed does play a major role in our transgressions. Are we truly walking with God when we are looking out for ourselves, trying to satisfy our hunger for things?

We are to live continually in the Lord. We, in the church, must start taking a stand against the immorality that is in the world. We must say no to the sins of sex and greed. We have to let our light shine in the world. We cannot do this if we are engaging in worldly things and behaving the same as the unsaved. We must hunger and thirst after righteousness, live in righteousness and truth.

As we read further in this chapter, we find that God instructs his followers to "Be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:15-16). This is a warning to Christians that things in the world are going to be contrary to God's will. We are told that we must make wise decisions about these things. These decisions can only be made with a knowledge of God's word. (I would encourage you to read this whole chapter for more insight into the Christian walk.)

We might think we can do whatever we want because we aren't in the public eye like the president or other public figures. Who will ever know if we do something that's immoral? Who will ever know how much money we have stashed away? Who will ever know what impure thoughts we have? Well, God will know and He, after all, is the one who counts!

This walk with God is not an easy one. But the encouraging thing is that it is a walk with God. We must not forget that He is there for us, available to help us through every situation. May we ever strive to live so that we have "nothing to hide" from others, from ourselves, and especially from God.

NEWS

- EAST -



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ONTARIO

Beamsville: Chad Whittington and Bonnie Nollert were married on August 15. The annual church picnic was held on Sunday, August 30. Ruth Zimmerman, who has been working in Papua New Guinea was featured in the Lincoln Post Express. Wanda Spiers arrived safely in Ghana July 17, was picked up in Accra and driven the five hour trip to Kumasi. She has been in training, learning the culture, understanding the people and learning how to cook the food and learning about tropical diseases.

Art Ford, church elder and president of GLCC held a meeting for the church leaders in the area to see how the school and churches can best serve and use the young people who come to Great Lakes.

A meeting to plan the nomination and appointment of elders occurred on September 20.

Bramalea: Trina Wood became Mrs. Tim Heinz on August 29. Denise Thomson has moved to Belleville, where her daughter lives. Tony Graham, who was a member of the congregation for about five years, passed away on August 16. He'd had a bone marrow transplant three weeks earlier. Craig Redwood had a bone marrow transplant August 28, 1997 and passed away August 28, 1998 from complications with pneumonia and graft host disease. Frances Hamilton was baptized on August 30. Frances is married to Cecil and they have three children. Ian Meyer was baptized on Tuesday evening, September 1. Ian was married September 5. He and his wife Kathy are living in the area. Veronica Fordjour was baptized at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, September 14. Veronica had been a student the last two years at Great Lakes Christian. She comes from a background of the Muslim religion in Ghana.

Brantford: Jenna May was baptized at Camp Omagh. She'll be worshipping with the congregation in Guelph. Several from the congregation enjoyed a corn roast with the Fennell Ave. congregation in Ancaster.

Brantford (afternoon group): "Jamie Walters was baptized late in the evening of August 16. He followed that by marrying sister Sharon O'Brien on August 21. Hosanna! A mini-musical that took the place of Vacation Bible School attracted about 30 child actors and workers. Almost 100 people were out for the performance on family night. The group is starting to study Spiritual Gifts on Wed. nights: identifying, recognizing and using our own gifts from God. The group took part in a worshipful retreat at Camp Omagh on September 12 with the congregation from Stoney Creek.

Promotion Sunday saw 32 children out for classes with another handful away. We are blessed with lots of kids!" S. Gamble

Collingwood: Nursing home devotions are being held at the Sunset Manor and at Bay Haven for seniors. At a special meeting for "Key to the Kingdom" on Saturday, October 3 at 7 p.m. Michael Tackett, the speaker of the program, will tell of results and future plans for this media effort. Bob Davison was the speaker for the 1998 Georgian Bay Fellowship in Meaford on September 12. The theme: Holding Onto the Hope. Roger Lansdell was guest speaker September 6.

Grimsby: Paul, Bonnie and Rachel Rozmarynowycz, former members, who served as missionaries in Ukraine but now live in Kentucky, made a visit here September 5 and 6. Paul spoke to the congregation giving a report about evangelism and the church in the Ukraine at the Sunday morning class. Vacation Bible School was August 24-28. An adult class was included this year. Brother J.J. Turner, director of the Bear Valley Bible Institute was guest speaker August 9.

Guelph: Jonathan Amy arrived back from two weeks in Honduras where he and the group worked with the people of San Esteban and Trujillo. Brian Boden and Keith Thomson have been guest speakers.

Hamilton (West Hamilton): Students who have gone off to college are Jonathan Page to Harding University and Nancy Van Alstine to Oklahoma Christian University.

Meaford: Joanne Massey was baptized in early August.

Sault Ste. Marie (Pinehill): There were 223 campers at Strawberry Point Bible Camp. Three of them were baptized. The annual picnic was on August 23.

Stoney Creek: There was a Sunday School picnic on September 13. A newer van has been purchased. Chad and Bonnie Whittington have been attending now that he is in McMaster University.

Dr. Richard Longenecker was scheduled to speak on the NIV version of the Bible on September 27.

Darrell, Darlene and Christopher Buchanan will be welcome as he begins work here on October 1.

Sudbury: The door-to-door campaign continues every Tuesday and Thursday evening and Saturday morning. The congregation held a weekend retreat August 21-22 for the teens. The congregation is studying the Minor Prophets on Wednesday evenings and they plan a couples night out with a dinner. The annual corn roast was held at the Bailey's farm, Saturday, September 12.

Sundridge: Pamela Ellis, daughter of Wayne and Christine, was baptized at Camp Omagh.

Tintern: September 6 the congregation worshipped Sunday morning at Kinsmen Park and followed the service with a pot-luck picnic. A report from Ed Jermakowicz: "My father passed away August 7 at 10:20 p.m. in Oshawa General Hospital." Ed had been trying to get his documents together so he could bring his family over, but the Belarus government was too slow.

David Peirce was baptized shortly after enrolling in Freed-Hardeman University in

Henderson, Tennessee.

Toronto (Harding): The VBS during the week of August 10 was a success with an average attendance of 40 students.

Joyce Oseni was baptized on Wednesday, July 29. On Sunday, August 16, Samor Wiredu came forward and was baptized. He is the son of Aikin, one of the deacons.

Toronto [Strathmore]: Peter Humphrys is enrolled as a student at Abilene University in Texas. The congregation held a pot-luck picnic as a teachers appreciation day. Immanuel Velasco was baptized by his brother Jay, at Camp Omagh during teen week. Jeremy Yaksich, son of Dan and Judy was also baptized at Camp Omagh. Youth Lectureship was held on September 25-27 with the theme: "Shaping Up For Service." A senior's barbeque was held September 7 at the Craddock home. David Philip and Matthew Gill spent 10 days campaigning in Trinidad in July. The church picnic was July 25. Max Craddock was the guest speaker at the 50th anniversary of Christian Heights Youth Camp at Little Valley, N.Y. on August 9.

Toronto [Bayview]: Their summer intern, Dan Bringleston, did part of the preaching and teaching. The congregation has unique, original artwork from their youngsters on the front of their bulletin. Another guest speaker was Jim Dickie, from the Tintern congregation. Gord Tallman's wife, Tencie, passed away on Thursday, July 30. Darrell Buchanan will have completed his ministry at Bayview as of September 30. The congregation is searching for a replacement.

Waterloo: Dr. Bob Rigdon of Sylva, North Carolina will be holding a series of lessons on "Happiness Explained" on September 20-24. The students put on a play, "Moses, This is Your Life" with 120 people in attendance. This was the theme of their VBS, August 31-September 3. Robert Moore of the congregation is teaching Church History 1 & 2 on Tuesday evenings from 7-10 p.m. in the GLBC program.

Windsor (West Side): On August 16, Jonathan Borre was baptized by his uncle, Rick Rutherford. On September 13, a pot luck luncheon was held to welcome back vacationers. Once a month we will have a joint service with the Spanish brethren beginning Sunday, September 20. Ray Miller held a series of lessons September 27-30. The congregation is adding an elevator for the physically handicapped. A Sunday school reunion is being planned for November 7.

Michigan

Ann Arbor: Two more families, the Dean Griles and the Jim Morricks, have placed membership. Ryan Conn was baptized and Katie Hoffman was re-baptized at camp.

There were 265 present for the first service in the new building on July 19. A "grand opening" was set for September 20.

Grand Rapids (Southside): On September 6th this congregation, where Charles Young preaches and is an elder, celebrated thirty years in its present building.

Marquette: The VBS saw community visitors every night and attendance peaked at about 50 on Friday.

NEWS

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Manitoba

Winnipeg: Since our last report, we are pleased to announce the addition of two new members to the family of God. Chris Brunette, the owner of the Grace Café, was baptized for the remission of his sins. Chris came into contact with the congregation through members Barry and Joan Grainger, who asked if they could display some of our Bible Call brochures. Bible Call is an automated system that allows people to select from approximately 150 pre-recorded Bible messages. After listening to all the messages, he sought to study further and came to the conclusion that he needed to be baptized. On Saturday, September 12th, Pearl Green was immersed into Jesus. Pearl is Vince Anderson's aunt. We rejoice at the addition of our new brother and sister in Christ.

On September 25-26, we will be holding our annual Kid's Rally. The Kid's Rally is for children in Grades 1-6, and includes a sleep-over at the church building, lessons and skits. The theme for this year's rally is "Stand Up For Jesus".

We are also looking forward to our annual youth rally, which will take place on October 16-18. This year's theme is "The Brawl For It All - The Battle For YOUR Soul." We are excited about this topic and about the program for this year's rally. We will be looking at Satanism, the occult, and how Satan works in our society, with the view toward Jesus as the ultimate alternative. Rolland Bouchard will be with us again to lead our singing and Gerry Bibaud will be our speaker. We are excited about this year's theme and hope to share the message of Jesus with many teenagers.

Saskatchewan

Prince Albert: Maurice and Darlene Bourassa and children, Jeffrey and

Patricia, have moved from La Rouge to Prince Albert to attend classes at SIAST. In September we welcomed them to our church family.

We celebrated as I baptized my grandson, James Davies, into the Lord Jesus on August 9. *Dean Hotchkiss*

Regina: Autumn Challenge is scheduled for Sept. 18-20th with Jason Bandura and Tim McMillan as speakers.

There have been two baptisms as a result of the recent LST mission trip to Zagreb, Croatia. Lidija and Bibi were immersed and are faithfully studying and growing in Jesus.

Saskatoon: Summer was an eventful season for the Saskatoon congregation. Our senior evangelist, Bob Parker fell and fractured his hip and over the past few months has concentrated on regaining his mobility.

After 12 years working with the Saskatoon congregation, Allen Close has accepted a position with the church of Christ in Lexington, South Carolina. The work he and his family have done with the congregation has been greatly appreciated, and they will be missed. His replacement as youth worker will be Jason Bandura who began working with the congregation on September 1. We wish Jason and Shannon God's blessing as new additions to our congregation.

Terry and Cheryl Jacobs have placed membership in Saskatoon. Terry is working in Saskatoon with a Chiropractic Group.

We have enjoyed the fellowship of Tim McMillan and Tami Goodwin who have been working as interns for much of the summer. They have been a special blessing to us.

Weddings involved both present and former members of our congregation. Exchanging vows this summer were: June 20 - Jaelyn Ashby and Robert Marchildon, July 18 - Darin Ashby and Donna Elford (living in Regina), July 20 - Donna Duxbury and Stan McNight exchanged vows. July 25 - Shannon Tucker and Jason Bandura, August 1 - Dan Barnard and Chantelle Samson and August 22 - Fred Norland and Janice Sharp.

We welcome Janine, Denae and Kamara Willett to our congregation.

Our vacation Bible School had an average attendance of 35 students. We

had able assistance from the Western Christian VBS group. The Heritage Bible camp had another successful year. Three were baptized and added to the church. Ryan Goodwin from Horse Creek, and Becky Ewing from Dauphin, are the grandchildren of Barney and Jean Borsheim. Carly Olson is the daughter of Bernard and Debbie Olson. We rejoice in the commitment of these three young people.

Two very exciting programs this past winter involved our congregation.

"Experiencing God" and "His Needs/Her Needs". The responses were so positive that the elders are planning to repeat these programs during the coming year. The congregation is blessed in having elders, deacons and program leaders dedicated to the welfare of the Lord's church in the community. *Ken Miller*

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BRITISH COLUMBIA

Vancouver (Oakridge): 43 were present at a congregational picnic held at the beginning of August.

Sunday evening services are in the form of a Bible study. Currently, we are studying the customs and times and geography of the people of the Bible.

Ming Paul Lee: We had a remarkable two weeks in Scotland and England this summer. In Scotland, we met at the Kirkcaldy Church of Christ. This church will celebrate its 200th year in September. Alexander Campbell, a leader in the restoration movement, preached here. In England, we went to the British Bible Camp in Oxford. It is a children's camp, but we met many happy Christians, young and old. Among those we met were David and Ruth Winstanley of Wales.

Missionary team plans are being made to go to Burma.

Tremendous suffering has created a strong desire among many in Cambodia to seek God and to look for something to hang on to.

Pray for me as I hope to go to the International congregational camp in Thailand in December of 1998. I hope to visit and be of some help to children along the Cambodia border. Help us to bring the Bible to all nations. Bibles, medicines,

etc. are needed for Vietnam, Cambodia and Thailand.

We hope to have a mission team to go to Scotland and/or England the summer of 1999. Teens and young adults would have the opportunity to work in church camps and work with congregations. If you are interested, write to me.

Nanaimo: Karen Bolger and her family left B.C. for Ontario in March. They are now in St. Catharines and much missed by the congregation.

On March 22, Dick Ady was our guest speaker and gave some very interesting insight into the work taking place in Albania. On March 29, Bill Pakosz, from Campbell River, spoke to us and on April 9 - 21, Buddy Burns from the southern USA held a three-day series of talks.

Spruston Road Bible Camp completed Junior, Teen and Family camp from July 5 - August 3, and as always, this was a very busy but pleasurable time for all those involved.

A Ladies' Retreat was held at Campbell River and was attended and thoroughly enjoyed by a number of Nanaimo ladies.

Our Sunday evening services were discontinued as of June 1. A number of small mid-week groups are being well attended.

Bob Seddon was baptized on January 30 and our prayers are with him as we welcome him into the family of God.

Bob & Barbara Iddon

ALBERTA

Edmonton: We had no baptisms in August. However, a number of one-on-one studies are continuing and some new studies have started. Also, we are gearing up for the start of our small group evangelistic Bible studies in September.

In addition to the regular adult Bible classes on Sunday and Wednesday, we will be holding a Sunset International

Bible Institute course on Friday evenings starting in September. About fifteen members are already signed up to take the course. This will provide members who cannot attend the mid-day classes for the interns (evangelists-in-training) the opportunity for more in-depth Bible study.

Congratulations to Rob and Lisa Romeo on the birth of their first son, Quentin Joseph, on August 24. Mom and son are home and doing well. Rob is also home (he needed an appendectomy at the same time that Lisa was giving birth.)

Congratulations also to Greg and Lowell Sorenson on the birth of their second son Bryce Lowell. All are doing fine.

We bid farewell to Randy and Ellie Carmony, who returned to the United States in August. Randy was transferred with his work.

Scott and Patty Laird returned for a visit in mid-August. It was good to have them back for a few days.

David Ford

Calgary: David Perry read a statement before the congregation and on the following Wednesday, baptized his wife, Darlene, at her request.

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"Don't Sweat the Small Stuff...and it's all small stuff."

Simple Ways to Keep the Little Things from Taking Over Your Life. This is the title of a little book by **Richard Carlson, Ph.D.** published in 1997 by **HYPERION** New York. **USA TODAY** describes it as "the #1 best-selling book of the year." The author is a frequent lecturer and a consultant on stress and happiness. The book has a Canadian price at \$14.95. *(Reviewed by Donald Perry in the Beamsville, Ontario bulletin.)*

Diane and I bought a copy in the airport in Amsterdam. We have been sharing one or two of the two- to three-page chapters each evening. Dr. Carlson is very personal in his writing and makes practical suggestions about how to overcome destructive perceptions and habits. This is a book "that shows you how to keep from letting the little things in life drive you crazy." In simple language, he suggests small daily changes which can make one more mature and reduce the anxieties and stresses of life.

This small-sized book of 148 pages has 100 chapters. Each can be read in a few minutes. A few of the chapter titles give some idea of the range of topics discussed: "Make Peace with Imperfection"; "Develop Your Compassion"; "Let Others be 'Right' Most of the Time"; "Become More Patient"; "Be the First One to Act Lovingly or Reach Out"; "Imagine Yourself at Your Own Funeral"; "Become a Better Listener"; "Practice Humility"; "Choose Being Kind Over Being Right"; "Resist the Urge to Criticize"; "Remember that Everything Has God's Fingerprints on it"; "Mind Your Own Business"; "Fill Your Life With Love."

Most of us find it difficult to change our way of looking at things. We find it very difficult to change our habits, some of which may be antisocial and irritating to other people. Some of the interpersonal stresses we have with those closest to us may be due to these bad habits. Dr. Carlson helps us to see in ourselves some of these destructive patterns and gives us helpful hints to make positive changes.

This book would be good for personal or group devotions for those interested in spiritual growth. It is practical. It can help you. (As I read this book, I was impressed

that nothing in it was out of harmony with the scriptures, K.T.)

Commentary on Colossians published on the Internet. Roy Davison gives this report:

A new full-length commentary on the book of Colossians has just been published by Charles Hess of Lakeside California.

In addition to verse by verse comments, it contains 73 charts, which can be used to make overhead transparencies for class or preaching use. It also includes 368 footnotes. The commentary is being published on the Internet in the "Library" of the Old Paths Bible School. (<http://www.oldpaths.org>)

Internet publication allows special facilities not available in book publication. The Scripture portions are shown in blue. A click on the verse number at the top of each chapter takes one to the comments on that particular verse. Using arrows, it is also possible to step from verse to verse. A click on the reference number in front of the footnote returns one to the verse.

The material is copyrighted, but permission is granted for the commentary to be transferred to one's own computer and printed out for personal and class study. The next two books scheduled for publication are the Letters of John and Galatians. The author has attended many different colleges and universities and taught school for support. He has conducted a preacher training school and spends about seventy hours a week writing and studying. He does this since his "retirement."

J.C. Bailey, Man of Destiny Celebration at Age 95, August 1, 1998 Weyburn, Saskatchewan

A Testimony By Alvin Jennings
(Condensed by ECP)

In 1950, J.C. Bailey, the man from Canada, sat down at the Abilene Christian College lectureship by the side of Joe F. Watson, preacher from Canyon, Texas. As a result of that meeting, my life was changed for all time and perhaps for eternity as well.

In a few months, at age 22, I moved to Saskatoon where a handful of Christians was breaking bread in the home of the Olson family.

It was there I did my first radio preaching, erected a meeting house for the church with the help of a lot of volunteers, trav-

eled all over the northern part of the province with letters of contacts and baptized souls into Christ that resulted in God giving increase and churches of Christ being planted at Lloydminster, Prince Albert and Red Pheasant Indian Reserve.

Brother Bailey preached in a tent in Saskatoon and later we took that tent to Prince Albert, where the only contacts were letters from radio listeners and there were no known baptized believers. At times, I was about the only person attending. If the sermons did not help anybody else, they made indelible impressions on that young preacher that have never faded, impressions that helped create resolutions that I hope shall never fade.

And what excitement to hear him debate with such men as Brost and Reesor at

Wawota and Saskatoon.

Other exciting times with this man, Bailey, as a preacher. I remember the time he made a powerful point and came down with all his force. In fact, so much so that his teeth came out. No problem, however. He caught them with his hand without missing a word, plopped them back in their 'rightful place' and went right on. Because he is such a lover of humor, I do not fear telling a little from the funny side of this great man.

As a writer, he was also unique. **The Plan of Salvation** was one of the first, a book of radio sermons. Then there was **How the Church Began and Grew In Saskatchewan, Jesus Christ the Son Of God, My Appointment With Destiny** and **Forty Years a Canadian Preacher**. There

may be other books, too. I printed and published three of these books for him. These words of truth will be read long after his voice is silent.

His work as an educator will long be cherished, especially as founder of Radville Christian College, later to be known as Western Christian College. The number of summer Bible schools he set in order will only be known in eternity. The converts by the hundreds, yes thousands, will arise in the judgement and say, "Thank you for coming our way and preaching the pure gospel to me and for baptizing me into Christ." Ellen Kristianson, a young lady in Estevan, Saskatchewan, who was later to become

my wife, is but one of that great number. She was baptized 50 years ago in August of 1948.

J.C. Bailey was always pushing into new frontiers in an unrelenting quest to seek and save the lost. Whether preaching in a schoolhouse in southern Saskatchewan or in an open market place in the scorching heat of an Indian market-place, he was ever moving and ever pressing the battle for truth and the kingdom of God. I have never known a man like-minded, unless it would be the apostle Paul or Jesus Himself. Nothing else seemed to be important except preaching the word and persuading men and women to obey the Lord.

Like Gideon who said he was "worn out, but still pursuing," J.C. Bailey, at retirement age, was ready not only to go to India, *but also to die there*, when most others his age were planning to quit. No one is able to number the converts the Lord has added in India since he set foot there, traceable directly or indirectly to his labors. Some have said as many as one million.

He has fought a good fight, has run the race and *almost* finished the course. His crown of righteousness awaits him *in that land beyond the river that we call the sweet forever*.

Hurst, TX

Ash's Reminiscences Published In Book Form

In his seventy-fourth year, Joseph Ash wrote his recollections of the progress of the Restoration Movement in Ontario which had its beginning in the early 1830s. His twenty-one articles were published in the Christian Worker (Meaford) during the years 1882-1884. While these articles were being reprinted in the Gospel Messenger (1895-1896, from Stouffville and later Beamsville), brother Ash passed away at Rodney, Ontario on August 3, 1885, six days short of his eighty seventh birthday. The Gospel Herald reprinted these articles again during the years, 1987-90.

Believing these descriptions of our early days to be of unparalleled value, the directors of the Gospel Herald Foundation determined to reproduce Ash's "Reminiscences" in book form. Fully indexed, and one of the Gospel Herald Monograph productions, Ash's recounting of our early days is now available.

Joseph Ash was born August 9, 1808 just east of Cobourg, Ontario. He was christened in the Anglican church but accepted

believer's baptism at age twenty-one at the hands of Elder Thomas McIntyre of the Christian Connection in September 1829. He immediately sought Christian literature and was introduced to the writings of Alexander Campbell in the Christian Baptist and the Millennial Harbinger. He helped to establish the "first" congregation of Disciples of Christ, in Cobourg in 1836.

Joseph Ash had experienced personally the advances of what was truly an indigenous movement in Christian reform that had developed in Ontario for a half century. He wrote from a perspective, however, which saw a faltering of the early confidence of the pioneers and under the darkening cloud of coming division. The uncanny similarities developing among us today as we come to the close of another century make the reading of Ash's "Reminiscences" both poignant and instructive. G.H.

Ellis

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20/20 Vision Update

The 1998 20/20 Vision Soul Winning Workshop was a wonderful opportunity to unite together to be encouraged, instructed and challenged. The speakers presented outstanding material that was Biblical, relevant and practical.

The singing, led by Living Water and IOU was both joyful and inspiring.

The highest attendance was on Friday evening during Jack Exum's presentation on "Pick Up The Towel" with nearly 250 people listening. Other sessions had between 150 to 225 in attendance. The total number of participants this year is estimated at 350. Over the next few months we will be including transcripts of some of the lessons in the 20/20 Vision Publication and next spring we will release

a half hour cassette tape with some excerpts from the Keynotes and classes. The Workshop is available on cassette tape from Bruce Robinson.

There were a good number of teens this year. Each teen workshop was crowded, sometimes with people sitting in the hallway. Some of the teens were from the local congregations and we were also blessed with a good number of teens from New York State. The teens also enjoyed IOU's vocal presentation at the end of the afternoon.

Other highlights at the workshop were the return of the Prayer Wall which provided people with opportunity to list names of friends and relatives who needed to hear the gospel as well as names of local and foreign workers who are active in sharing the message of salvation.

The 1999 20/20 Vision Soul Winning Workshop is already planned for August 6-7, 1999. Speakers already confirmed include: Dr. J.J. Turner (Denver, Colorado); Larry West (West Monroe, Louisiana); Dan Cooper (Pitman, New Jersey); Dr. Wilson Dicker (Rochester, New York); Mark Frost (Trenton, Michigan); Dr. Geoff Ellis (Waterloo, Ontario); Jeff Cobb (Grimsby, Ontario); Dr. John Smiley (Buffalo, New York); Walter Hart (Owen Sound, Ontario); Jim MacKenzie (Livonia, Michigan); Bill Schwarz (Waterloo, Ontario); Al Meakes (Ann Arbor, Michigan); Walter Straker (Bramalea, Ontario); Darrin Douglas (Niagara Falls, Ontario); and Drew Chapados (Windsor, Ontario). More details to follow. Peter Morphy

OBITUARIES

Craig Redwood

Craig Garth Anthony Redwood left this pain racked life for a better life on August 28, 1998, one year to the day since he had his bone-marrow transplant. Craig was born December 5, 1975 in Kingston, Jamaica. He grew up in the Mona Primary School, was baptized into Christ by immersion for the remission of sins in November 1986 at the Mona Church of Christ and later when he lived in a different part of town, he attended the St. Andrew Church of Christ. He went to Wolmer's Boys High-school. Following high-school, he worked for the equivalent to our Bell Telephone, the Telecommunication of Jamaica.

He called his mother in August of 1995, saying he was too sick to get to work and was afraid he would lose his job, which he did. He was a whiz at computers and loved classical and religious music, - in fact he loved all music. He also enjoyed cooking and liked to cook up new and different dishes. He was an amateur song writer. It was October 5, 1995 before he knew that he had chronic myeloid leukemia. Then, after spending time in the hospital and getting to where he felt better, he worked for the library service in Kingston and did workshops for children, using library books plus music and art. He came to Canada in February 1997. Before he left Jamaica, he told his Dad, "Daddy, I'm going to fight it to the end."

From the time he was a teenager in Jamaica he'd worked in Christian Crusades every year

in various parts of the Caribbean in different Churches of Christ. After he contracted the disease, he talked to high school kids about the disease and the effects it had on the body. About Wednesday, before passing away on Friday, the doctor asked his dad, Tony, "Is this boy a religious or a Christian boy?" His dad said, "Yes". The doctor said, "I thought so, I can't think of anything else that's keeping him going."

Craig leaves behind his mother, Patricia, his father, Tony and his sister, Judy-Ann, of Jamaica and his half-sister, Carol of Toronto and his grandmother of London, England. He was buried in the cemetery where his great-grandmother was buried; the Spring Creek Cemetery in Mississauga, near Lake Ontario.

Craig spent a year and a half here in Mississauga. During that time he probably spent at least sixty days in hospital overnight. Another two to three days a week he was an outpatient, just in there for part of the day for several months. While here and when feeling up to it, he did volunteer work at the Mississauga Library. In Mississauga he lived with his aunt and uncle, Nona and Winston Stewart and his two cousins, Susan and Dian. At the funeral Owen Whittington led the singing, his two cousins each gave a reading, his family sang, "Because He Lives", and the sermon was presented by Walter Straker.

R.L. Roberts

R.L. Roberts, 73, library faculty member at Abilene Christian University for 21 years, and a prominent church historian, died at his home on Saturday, September 12.

He had been a member, deacon and elder at

University Church of Christ. He directed tours to numerous restoration sites and early church sites and assisted in video films of restoration history in the United States, Ireland, Scotland and England. ECP

Mary Bales

Although we have received no details, we have heard of the recent death of Mary Bales, wife of the late James Bales, and daughter of Fred Smart. Besides her own children, her sister Mrs. Ralph Denham and her family have our sympathy in their time of loss. ECP

In Memoriam

Schlarb ... In loving memory of a dear husband, father and Opa, Martin, on the fourth anniversary of his passing, October 30, 1994.

Forever in our Hearts

*Softly the leaves of memory fall;
Gently, we gather and treasure them all.
A golden heart has stopped beating;
Two hands are laid to rest.
Each day recalls sad memories
Of when we lost the very best.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you did not go alone,
The day God called you home.
Our family ties are broken,
As loved ones have to part.
It leaves a wound that never heals,
And ever aching hearts.
We cannot bring the old days back,
When we were all together;
But loving thoughts and memories
Will live with us forever.
... Wife Louise, children and grandchildren.*

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Mission News

UKRAINE

Ralph Williams

Ralph writes of plans to return to the States in October, where he hopes to find a new sponsoring congregation. We quote, "We hope to return to MARIUPOL as soon as possible and to stay here for at least another two years. We are finding the work here very rewarding (and challenging) ... We will need to figure out an itinerary: who wants to see us and when and for how long?"

LAOS

The Allisons are in Vientiane and are providing encouragement to the families of the ten who have been in prison since January, because of participation in a home Bible study. These ten were not included in the amnesty list as was hoped.

The prisoner's reaction was, "If it is God's will for us to stay, we are fine with that ... they needed to be happy wherever they are."

ALBANIA

Dino Roussos of Athens, Greece just spent a week of preaching in Tirana, Albania, in which sixteen were baptized. Thirty-five have been obedient since the start of the summer campaign, in which about 25 World Bible Institute teachers taught Albanians. This was brother Roussos third missionary effort there.

The two-hour meetings included a half-hour of singing followed by preaching and a question and answer session. One of those baptized was a former military General, the father-in-law of a gospel preacher, Artan Xhaferi. He had been an atheist for many years.

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PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

CALGARY: (Northside): 803-2A Ave. N.E., T2E 1S1; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; recorded message; 276-8088; Wayne Bailey, 247-6337; Brian Guilbault, 264-9232.

CALGARY: 4030 Maryvale Dr. N.E., T2A 2S8; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 6; Wed. 7; Small Groups (Fri. - Mon. eve.) Phone: (403) 272-2111; E-mail: ceofc@cadvision.com; Larry Yurk, ev., 547-2046.

CAMROSE: 4901-42 St., T4V 1A3; Sun. 9:30, 10:30; Wed. 7; Will Hart, ev. (403) 672-1220.

EDMONTON: 13015-116 Ave., T5M 3C9, 455-1049; FAX 454-9545; Sun. 9:30; Wed. 7:00; C. Eric Limh, Henri Bouchard, Herb Anderson, elders.

FORT MCMURRAY: Beauregard Edu. Community Centre, Abasand; Sun. 10-12; Thurs. Bible Talk 7:30 in homes. Mon. ladies class 1:30-3:00 in homes (phone (403) 790-0109; Terry Mullins, Treas., 399 Thicket Dr., T9H 4H7; (403) 790-3537; Billy McMillan, ev.

LETHBRIDGE: 2720 21st Ave. S., T1K 1H8; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:00; Mike Gray, ev. 328-0855.

MEDICINE HAT: Crescent Heights Church of Christ, 402 12th St. N.E., T1A 5V3; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Herb Carnagey, ev., (403) 527-5406 (res.); 527-7311 (off.).

RED DEER: 4519 53rd St., T4N 2E4; Sun. 11:15, 10, (evening-call for information); Wed. 7; John Smith, ev. (403) 347-3986.

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ABBOTSFORD (Central Valley): Columbia Bible College Chapel, 2940 Clearbrook Road; Sun. 11:15, 10; midweek class 7:30 in homes; #4-3292 Elmwood Drive, V2S 6B2, Norm Weir, ev. (604) 850-8670 (off); 859-5973 (res). If no answer 852-5052.

BURNABY (Greater Vancouver): 7485 Salishbury Ave., V5E 3A5; Sun. 10:45, 9:30; Midweek (groups meet in homes. Call for times & locations); Jeff Floyd, ev. 526-3895; Kirk Ruch, ev., 951-4102; (604) 522-7721 (off).

CAMPBELL RIVER: 226 Hilkhey Road, V9W 1P4; (250) 923-5233.

CHILLIWACK: Senior Citizens Bldg. Br. 24, corner of Cook and Victoria St.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7 at 9687 Windsor St; Mail P.O. Box 327, V2P 6V4, 24 hr. phone (604) 792-4940; George Sillman, ev., Al McCutcheon, sec. 792-0046.

CRESTON: Corner of 5th Ave. and Cook St.; Sun. 10, 11; Box 2329, V0B 1G0; 428-7411 (off) or 428-5937.

CROFTON: 1288 Smith Rd. Box 45, V0R 1R0; Phone for time; (250) 246-3659.

DELTA: Ladner Community Centre; Sun. 10, 10:50; Wed. in homes 8:00; 205-1318 - 56th St. V4L 2A4 (off); 56th St., V4L 2A4; Jay Don Rogers, ev., (604) 943-7280 (res.), 943-0515 (off).

KAMLOOPS: 110 Mohawk Cres., V2H 1J6; Sun. 10:30; Thurs. 6:30 pm; Contact Dan McLean (250) 374-4624, Rob Harper, (250) 554-6721; FAX 554-6728.

KELOWNA: 1317 Ethel St. V1Y 2X1; Sun. 10:45, Bible study 9:30; Charles McKnight (250) 861-9486 and Barrie Forman 763-2103 (pager 717-8043), evs.; Wayne Muirhead 861-4008 and Ted Windswill 763-8445, elders.

KELOWNA (Rutland): #209-120 McIntosh Rd., V1X 7E8; Sun. 11. Call for directions/other services, Bill Forman, ev. (250) 765-3643.

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PRINCE GEORGE: 933 Patricia Blvd., V2L 3V6; Sun. 10:30, 11; (250) 562-0502.

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RICHMOND: Call Gary Marrs, ev. (604) 271-6197 or Carlos Castillo (604) 273-0506.

SALMON ARM: Community Center, 2550 TransCanada Hwy. N.E., Rm 1; Sun. 9:45, 10:45; 7:30; Wed. 7:30 at Shuswap Christian School, corner of 5th & 5th SE. Call 832-3828; P.O. Box 51, V1E 4N2; W. Bailey, John Murray, M. Tynlor, elders. Shuswap Christian School, Box 789, V1E 4N9, 832-7994; Doug Kendig, adm. 835-8529 (res.).

SURREY (Greater Vancouver): 15042 92nd Ave., V3R 5V8; Sun. 10, 11; Tues. 7:30; Ron Beckett, ev., 594-1796.

VANCOUVER (Oakridge): 6970 Oak St., V6P 3Z6; English services: Sun. 10, 10:40, 5 (Spanish Bible Class 10 and Fri. 6:30); Wed. 7:30; Stephen C. Hasbrouck, ev. (604) 241-7544 (res); Spanish services: Sun. 5; Fri. 6:30; Milton Diaz, ev., 432-1749 (res.).

VERNON: 4107 Pleasant Valley Rd.; Sun. 10, 11; Box 541, V1T 6M5; Bruce Tetreau, ev., 503-0112.

VICTORIA: 3460 Shelbourne St., V8P 4G5; Sun. 8:30 or 11:00, 10:00; midweek in homes; Kelly Carter, ev. (250) 592-4914 (off), (250) 472-3775 (res.).

PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

BRANDON: 943 7th St., R7A 3V1; Sun. 10, 11; (204) 728-0957; Charles Muller, sec. 726-4723.

CARMAN: Main Street S.; Sun. 10, 6; Wed. 7:30; c/o D.B. Laycock, Box 266, Miami, R0G 1H0; 435-2413; or contact Ray Winkler (elder), 745-3226; Hugh Gannon, ev., 745-6969.

DAUPHIN: Multipurpose Room, Dauphin Regional Consolidated Secondary School, Mountain Road; Sun. 9:15, 10:00; Sun. & Wed. p.m. call for class locations; P.O. Box 701, R7N 3B3; (204) 638-6321 (off); William Hart, elder, 638-5283.

MANSON: Bldg. in Manson Village; Sun. 11; Box 2, R0M 1J0; Gilbert Jacobs, (204) 722-2148 or Lloyd Jacobs, (204) 722-2278, elders.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE: Contact Gerald McCutcheon, 239-1817.

WINNIPEG (Central): 217 Osborne St. S., R3L 1Z4; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Jim Hobbs, sec. for elders (204) 261-9861; Wayne Turner, ev. (204) 257-7926 (res); Jeff Harris, ev. 261-5360 (res); Bible Call 284-9506; 475-6462 (off), 475-5302 (fax).

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BARRIE: 345 Grave St. E. (at Cook), L4M 4T7; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30; P.O. Box 460, L4M 4T7; 722-7155 (off.); Claude Cox, ev. (705) 737-2272.

BEAMSVILLE: 4900 John St., L0R 1B6; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 6; Wed. 7:00; Don Smith, ev. (905) 563-7655 (off).

BRAMALEA: 750 Clark Blvd. (south of Hwy. 7 on Finchgate Boulevard), L6T 3Y2; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Thurs. 7:30; Walter Straker, ev. (905) 455-3263 (res.); 792-2297 (off).

BRANTFORD: 267 North Park St., N3R 4L2; Sun. 10, 11, last Sunday of month 6:30; Wed. 7; contact Roy Cox (519) 753-6051; office (519) 759-6630.

BRANTFORD: 267 North Park St., N3R 4L2; Contemporary services Sun. 2 p.m., classes 1 p.m., prayer, praise and studies, Sun. 7:30 and Wed. 7:30 in homes; contact Rick Gamble (519) 753-5353; 759-6630 (bldg).

BURKS FALLS: Seniors Building above library on Young St.; Sun. 6-7:15 p.m.; c/o Hubert Lawrence, R.R. #2, P0A 1C0; (705) 382-2026.

COLLINGWOOD: 494 Tenth St.; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7; c/o Frank Kneeshaw, 317 Hume Street, L9Y 1W4, 445-3252; 444-0010 (office); Wayford Smith, ev. 444-2701.

CORNWALL: 1702 Dover Rd., K6J 1W1; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Allen Bojarski, ev. Phone (613) 933-1825, e-mail: allenk@cnw.igs.net.

CORNWALL: 205 Tollgate Rd. E.; Sun. 10, 11 plus home Bible studies; Wed. 7; Box 42, K6H 5R9; Randy Downton (613) 936-0718; e-mail: rdownton@cnw.igs.net; Ann Hotchkiss, sec. (613) 932-5053; bldg. (613) 933-4999; for bus pick up (613) 932-8819.

FENWICK: Welland Ave.; Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; P.O. Box 416, L0S 1C0; Felix Turner, ev. (905) 892-9020.

GORE BAY: W. Manitoulin church; (Gore Bay waterfront, past docks); Sun. 10:30; Box 85, P0P 1H0; Contact John Robertson (705) 282-3499; Bill Baker (705) 282-2095.

GRIMSBY: 63 Casablanca Blvd., south of Q.E. exit; Sun. SS 11:05; Worship 9:45, 6; Wed. 7; Box 181, L3M 4G3; (905) 945-3058; Dave Cox, sec. (905) 945-3833.

GUELPH: The Evergreen Senior Center, 683 Woolwich St.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30 (phone for location); c/o 428 Cole Rd., N1G 3J8; David Azzopardi, sec. (519) 821-9179.

HAILEYBURY/NEW LISKEARD: Meeting in homes. Times flexible. Mike Tinney, Box 702, Haileybury, P0J 1K0, 705-672-9241.

HAMILTON: 321 East 27th Street, L8V 3G8 (at Fennell) (Mt. Hamilton); Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:30; (905) 385-5775; John Dennis, sec., (905) 389-0717; Guy Stopard, ev. (905) 318-0102.

HAMILTON (West): Mohawk College, Fennell Ave./West 5th St.; Sun. 10, 11, 6; midweek (call for times and locations); P.O. Box 78041 Westcliffe PO, L9C 7N5; Wayne Page (905) 648-5100.

HEATHCOTE: Sun. 11; Larry Elford, R.R. 1, Kimberley, ON N0C 1G0.

HUNTSVILLE: Chaffey community Hall, Muskoka Rd. 3, one km. N. of Hwy 60; Sun. 6:30 p.m.; Eugene Preston (705) 789-7630; David Preston, sec., R.R. #1, GR Box 174, P0A 1K0; 789-7697.

HUNTSVILLE: 36 Hilltop Dr. P1H 1C5 (off Hwy. 11BN); Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Wed. 8; Contact John H. Preston, sec., (705) 767-3237.

ICE LAKE (Manitoulin Island): 134 mi. S. of Hwy. 540; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Mon. 7:30; Les Cramp, ev. (705) 282-0974; Peter Tallman, sec., R.R. #1, Mindemoya, P0P 1S0, 377-4555.

KENORA: 101 Norman Dr.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; P.O. Box 2905, P9N 3X8; Earl Rutni, ev., 548-2245.

KINGSTON: 446 College St., K7L 4M7; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; (613) 546-5409 (off.).

KITCHENER SOUTH: Kitchener City Hall (Learning Room), 200 King St. W.; Sun. 11:15, 12:30; Wed. 7:30 in homes; Gregory Smith, sec., 480 Drummerhill Cres., N2T 1G4; (519) 884-2449.

LONDON: 1750 Huron St., N5V 3A2; (519) 455-6730; Sun. 9:30, 11; Call for mid-week opportunities. Harold Byne, ev., 645-0575; FAX 645-603.

MEAFORD: 113 Nelson St.W. N4L 1G3; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Wed. 7:30; Bill Scharz, ev., (519) 538-1750 811; Fax (905) 778-0366 (res.); 895-6502 (off.); e-mail: meafordcofc@bmts.com.

NEWMARKET: 230 Davis Dr; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6:30; Wed. 7:30; Upper Canada P.O. Box 21581, L3Y 8J1; Brian Cox, ev., 165 Britannia Ave., Bradford, L3Z 1A4; Ph/Fax (905) 778-0366 (res), 895-6502 (off)

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. 10:30-12, 5:30 (last Sunday of month 10:30, 1); Wed. 7:00; Henry Boland, (905) 356-0107 and Darrin Douglas (905) 371-1581, evs.

NORTH BAY: 73 Gertrude St. E.; Sun. 11:15, 10:30; 6:30 in homes (call for information); Wed. 7; Box 745, P1B 8J8; (705) 472-7040 (off.); David Lock, ev. 78-345 Mulligan St. P1A 3S3; (705) 475-0911, e-mail-bigdave@vianet.on.ca; WebSite-<http://www.geocities.com/Hearland/Meadows/8939>.

OMAGH: 1412 Britannia Road W. at 4th line, Milton, L9T 2X8; Sun. 10, 11; Thurs. 7:30 in homes; c/o Harold Ellis, Sec., R.R. #3, Campbellville, L0P 1B0; (905) 878-7565; Bryan Meneer, ev. (905) 383-5259; 875-2939 (off).

OTTAWA: 1515 Chomley Cres., K1G 0V9; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Robert MacRury, ev., 733-2580 (off); 737-0701 (res.).

OWEN SOUND: 835 10th Ave. E., N4K 3H8; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Thurs. 7; Walter N. Hart, ev. (519) 372-9042 (res.), 376-6702 (off), e-mail wn.hart@bmts.com.

PETERBOROUGH: The Lions Center (corner of Hunter St. & Burnham); Lord's Supper/Classes, 10-11, Preaching 11-12; 323 Linden Ave., K9L 1K9; Peter McPherson, ev.(705) 742-5349; Shaun Parks (705) 876-7104.

PINE ORCHARD: Sun. 10, 11; Bruce Brandon, sec. 852-5026, RR 2, Uxbridge, L9P 1R2.

PORT COLBORNE: 700 Steele St., L3K 4Z2; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 6:30 Potluck every first Sun.; 834-5775 (off).

ST. CATHARINES: 439 Ontario St. N., L2N 4M9; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 6; Wed. 7:30; Steve Corlue, ev.; (905) 934-3862 (res); 935-9581 (off.); contact David Carruthers (905) 227-8972.

ST. CATHARINES (Garden City): Ina Gratton Gage Home (Elm Room), 413 Linwell Rd.; Sun. 9, 10, 11; Wed. 7; c/o Roy Diestelkamp, ev. 123½ Keefer Rd., Thorold ON L2V 4N1, ev. 227-8336.

ST. THOMAS: 60 S. Edgeware Rd. NSP 2H6; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Brian Thompson, ev., (519) 633-2210 (off.), 633-2646 (res.).

SARNIA: 796 Errol Rd. E., N7V 2G7; Sun. 9:30, 10:45, 6:30; Wed. 7; Len Dennis, 542-3260; Contact Vern Hibbard, (519) 383-6700; E-mails: sarncofc@chtech.net

SAULT STE. MARIE (Eastside): 99 Melville Rd., P6A 5J6; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; (705) 946-1930.

SAULT STE. MARIE (Pinchill): 132 Cunningham Rd., P6B 1N4; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Roger Lansdell, ev. 256-1977 (res.), 949-4988 (off.); R. Whitfield, sec., 949-7612.

SELKIRK: ½ km. N. of village; Sun. 11, 10; Wed. 7:30; Box 13, N0A 1P0.

SMITHVILLE: 246 Station St.; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Ari Garner, Box 144, LJR 2A0; (905) 957-7745; John Hains, ev., 957-1123.

SOUTH RIVER: Jasper St. S.; off Ottawa St. W.; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; Box 549, P0A 1X0; Jim Nicholson, ev. (705) 384-5215, 386-2628, church bldg. 386-2551.

STONEY CREEK: 105 King St. E., L8G 1L1; (905) 664-1130 (off.); Sun. 9:45, 11; Sun. & Tues. evenings call for time and place; Harold Parker, ev., 945-8803 (res.); Robert Priestnall, sec.

STRATFORD: 478 Brunswick St., N5A 3N6; Sun. 11:15, 9:45; Wed. 7:30; George Mansfield, ev. (519) 273-5280 (off); 272-1714 (res); e-mail: gmansf1@quadro.net; David Ross, 744-2872; david.ross@owenscoming.com John Brush, 625-1054; Larry Hoover, 271-9545; Joseph Kippax, 744-3439;

SUDBURY: 2663 Bancroft Dr. P3B 1T7; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:00; Peter Morphy, ev., (705) 524-3944 (res.), 560-3964 (bldg); email: pmorphy@cyberbeach.net; Wes Bailey, sec. 523-0933.

SUNDRIDGE: Hwy. 11 N.; Sun. 9:45, 11; Wed. 7; P.O. Box 927, P0A 1Z0; (705) 384-5214.

THESSALON: 8 Albert St. off Hwy. 17; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; Eric White, RR 2, P0R 1L0 (705) 842-5533; Murray Smith, ev., 842-2741.

THUNDER BAY: 501 Edward St. N. (at Redwood), P7C 4R1; (807) 577-2213; Sun. 9:45, 11 (10:30 summer); Wed. 7:00; JoAnne Toews, sec. (807) 577-4081 (res.).

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

TIMMINS: W.E. Miller Public School, 200 Victoria Ave.; Sun. 10-12; Thurs. 7:30-8:30; Box 1396, P4N 7N2; for more information call Larry Fost, sec./treas., (705) 268-4526.

TINTERN: R.R. #1, 4359 Spring Creek Rd., Vineland, ON L0R 2C0; Sun. 11, 9:45, 6; Wed. 7:00; Jim Holston, ev. (905-563-6348 (res), 563-6311 (off).

TORONTO (Bayview Ave.): 1708 Bayview Ave., M4G 3C4 (1 block S. of Eglinton); Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:15; Michael Hilborn, 63 Campbell Ave., M6P 3T9; Ph (416) 534-3033; Darrell Buchanan, ev. (416) 489-7405 (off.).

TORONTO (Harding Ave.): 47 Harding Ave., M6M 3A3; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 8; Dick Putsyih, ev., Beamsville, 563-7874; Rupert Cormie, sec., 656-9309.

TORONTO (Metro East): 7 Elinor Ave. (meets at Wexford Presbyterian bldg., Lawrence Ave. E. between Victoria Park and Warden); Sun. 5, 6; Thurs. in homes. Melanie Wright, treas., 1093 Kingston Rd.#611, Scarborough M1N 4E2, 699-4116; R. Kruse, sec., 20 Bernice Cresc. M6N 1W6, 762-5668.

TORONTO (Strathmore Blvd.): 346 Strathmore Blvd. M4C 1N3 (across from Coxwell subway station); Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Marvin Johnson (416) 752-0325, Stephen Gill (416) 265-2496, elders; Max Craddock (416) 461-7406, e-mail maxc@sympatico.ca; FAX (416) 424-1850; Santiago Molina (Spanish) (416) 751-6879, ev.

TRENTON-BELLEVILLE: Clarion Inn, 211 Pinnacle St., Belleville; Sun. 9:45; 10:45, p.m. in homes; Tues. p.m. in homes; P.O. Box 22049, Trenton Center, Trenton, ON K8V 6S3; M. McDonnell (613) 969-1741; J. Short 965-1079.

VANDELEUR: E. off Hwy #10 (2 km S. of Markdale) along Artemesia Township sideroad 10 7 km; Sun. 10, 11; Jan Boyce, sec., R.R. #6, Markdale, N0C 1H0; (519) 986-2143. Gordon Dennis, RR3; Mount Forest, Box 274, N0G 2L0; (519) 334-3077

WATERLOO: 62 Hickory St. W. (at Hazel), N2L 3J4; Sun. 9:30, 10:30; Wed. 7:30; Bob Sandiford, ev., (519) 886-4162 (res.); Geoff Ellis, ev., 885-6330 (off.); 885-3702 (res.).

WELLAND: 72 Summit Ave., L3C 4G6; Sun. 11, 10, 6:30; Wed. 7; S.F. Timmerman, ev. Box 193, Beamsville, L0R 1B0; 563-8765; Magnar Knutson, 65 Graystone Cresc., L3C 4G6, (905) 788-3248.

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., 1179 Harrison Ave., N9C 3J4; (519) 253-3932 e-mail: <drew@wincom.net>

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MONTREAL (French): 2500 Charland, H1Z 1C5; Sun. 10:15, 11:00; Wed. 7:00 (Fr. class); 1st Sat. 5:30 p.m. #PhoebeY women's class; last Sat. 6:00 youth meeting; Silvia Caddeo, ev., 387-6163 (off.); 337-9344 (res.); email: cnddeo@total.net.

MONTREAL (English/French/Spanish/Chinese/Ghanlan): 1650 De Masionneuve, O., Suite 500, H3H 2P3; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 6:30; Wed. 7; 934-0400 (off.).

MONTREAL (Verdun): 503-5th Avenue, Verdun, QC H4G 2Z2; (514) 765-8919; (Fr.) Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Roger Saumur, ev. (514) 635-5105; rsaum@total.net; (English) Sun. 10, 9; Wed. 7:30; Chris Blackwell, ev. (514) 639-6432; chrish7777@videotron.ca.

PLESSISVILLE: Centre Communautaire, André Côté, CP21, G6L 2Y6; Sun. 11, 10; Yvon Beaudoin, (418) 653-3493.

QUEBEC CITY: 2980 Verueil, Ste-Foy (corner Jean-Noel); Sun. 10:45, 9:30 (French); Wed. 19:30; C.P. 9041 Ste- Foy, G1V 4A8; (418) 651-3664.

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

BENGOUGH: E. side Hwy. 34; Sun. 10:30, 11:15; Norman Kemp, Box 134, S0C 0K0; (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, 11; Wed. 7:30; Box 507, S0H 1X0; 648-3435; Larry Elford, ev. 648-3106.

HORSE CREEK: Sun. 10:30 (May-Nov.); 11 (Dec.-Apr.); Lannie Goodwin, Box 58, McCord, S0H 2T0; (306) 478-2516.

LLOYDMINSTER: 56 Ave. and 47 St., Box 88, S9V 0X9; Sun. 10, 11; (403) 875-4052 (off).

MOOSE JAW: 901 James St. S6H 3H5; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:30 (CST); Ron Hegdahl, ev. (306) 693-4064 (off.).

NORTH BATTLEFORD: 1462-110 St., S9A 2J2; Sun. 10-11; Wed. 7; Glen Davies, (306) 445-4231; Jelsing Bailey, 446-2630.

PERRYVILLE: 20 mi. s. Wynyard on Grid 640; Grid Rd., 7½ mi. W., 2 mi. S. of Wishart; 15 mi. NE of Punnicby; Sun. 11, 10; Box 158, Wishart, S0A 4R0; 835-2681.

PRINCE ALBERT: 264-23rd St. W., S6V 4L6; Sun. 10, 11; 763-3057 (off.); contact Bob Jenkins, 764-6187.

RADVILLE: 714 Beckwell Ave., Sun. 10 (Winter: 817 Beckwell Ave.); Richard Thue, sec., Box 532, S0C 2G0; (306) 869-3103 (res.).

REGINA: 1825 Rothwell St. S4N 2C3; (306) 757-1825; FAX 757-5727; Sun. 10; Ray McMillan, ev., 949-0969; Bernard Krosggaard, 352-5621.

SASKATOON: Hours may vary; Please phone to be certain; Office: 343-7922; Allen Close, 955-0464; Bob Parker, 343-7884; mailing address: 134 Cardinal Cres., S7L 6H6; FAX (306) 343-1589.

SWIFT CURRENT: 400 2nd Ave. S.E., S9H 3J6; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30; Susan Gusikoski, sec., 773-1185.

WAWOTA: Hwy. 48 W. of town; Sun. 9:30 a.m.; Mid-week call; Box 454, S0G 5A0; (306) 739-2103 (off); Michael Parker, ev. or contact G. Husband, 739-2915 or G. McMillan, 538-4654.

WEYBURN: 1115 First Ave. NE (Hwy. 13E), S4H 0N2; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7; Russell Ferris, ev., (306) 842-6424 (off); 848-0645 (res).

WHITEWOOD: Legion Hall, 738 Lalonda St.; Sun. 11; Midweek call; Box 82, Broadview, S0G 0K0; Contact Merle Nelson for more information; 735-2862.

YORKTON: 550 Parkview Rd., S3N 2C7; Sun. 10:15; Wed. 7:00 p.m. (call for locations); Randy Fiske, ev. (306) 782-4662 (res); 783-6877 (bldg); Harry Menkes, sec. 783-6850. (Inclusion in this listing does not mean complete endorsement of all teaching and practices.)

CALENDAR

OCTOBER

3.....Michael Taskett of "Key to the Kingdom" at Collingwood, ON, 7pm

4-6.....41st Annual Bible Lectureship at Rochester College, Michigan

16-18....Youth Rally - The Battle For YOUR Soul", Winnipeg, MB with Gerry Bibaud

18-21....Gospel Meeting with Peter Morphej at Fenwick

24.....Camp Omagh Dinner & meeting, 5:30 & 7:00 at Beamsville church building

NOVEMBER

7.....Sunday School Reunion, 2-4 pm, Windsor, ON

8-11....Patrick Meede at Ann Arbor, MI

12-14..GLCC Lectureships, (see page 20)

Great Lakes Christian College
and Great Lakes Bible College
present

Great Lakes Lectureship '98
November 12 - 14

on campus of Great Lakes Christian College
Beamsville, ON

Thursday, November 12 (*at the Beamsville Church building*)

7:00 pm Our Identity Crisis Walter Hart
Owen Sound, ON

Friday, November 13 (*on GLCC campus*)

9:30 am Chapel with our high school students

10:00 am There is One Body Earl Greene
Newark, NY

11:00 am The Qualities of the New Testament Church Ray Miller
Phoenix, AZ

12:00 pm Luncheon

1:30 pm Open Forum: Our Identity Crisis Moderator: Art Ford

3:00 pm Postmodernism: A Changing World View David Knutson
St. Catharines, ON

7:00 pm (*at Beamsville Church building*)
The Visions That Shape Us..... Geoff Ellis
Waterloo, ON

Saturday, November 14 (*on GLCC campus*)

10:00 am The Faith of the New Testament Church..... Earl Greene

11:00 am The Unity of the New Testament Church Bryan Buttram
Rochester, NY

12:00 pm Luncheon

1:30 pm Open Forum: The Visions That Shape Us..... Moderator: Walter Straker

3:00 pm The Restoration Movement in Ontario..... Geoff Ellis

7:00 pm (*at the Beamsville Church building*)
The Lord's Leading..... Walter Hart

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