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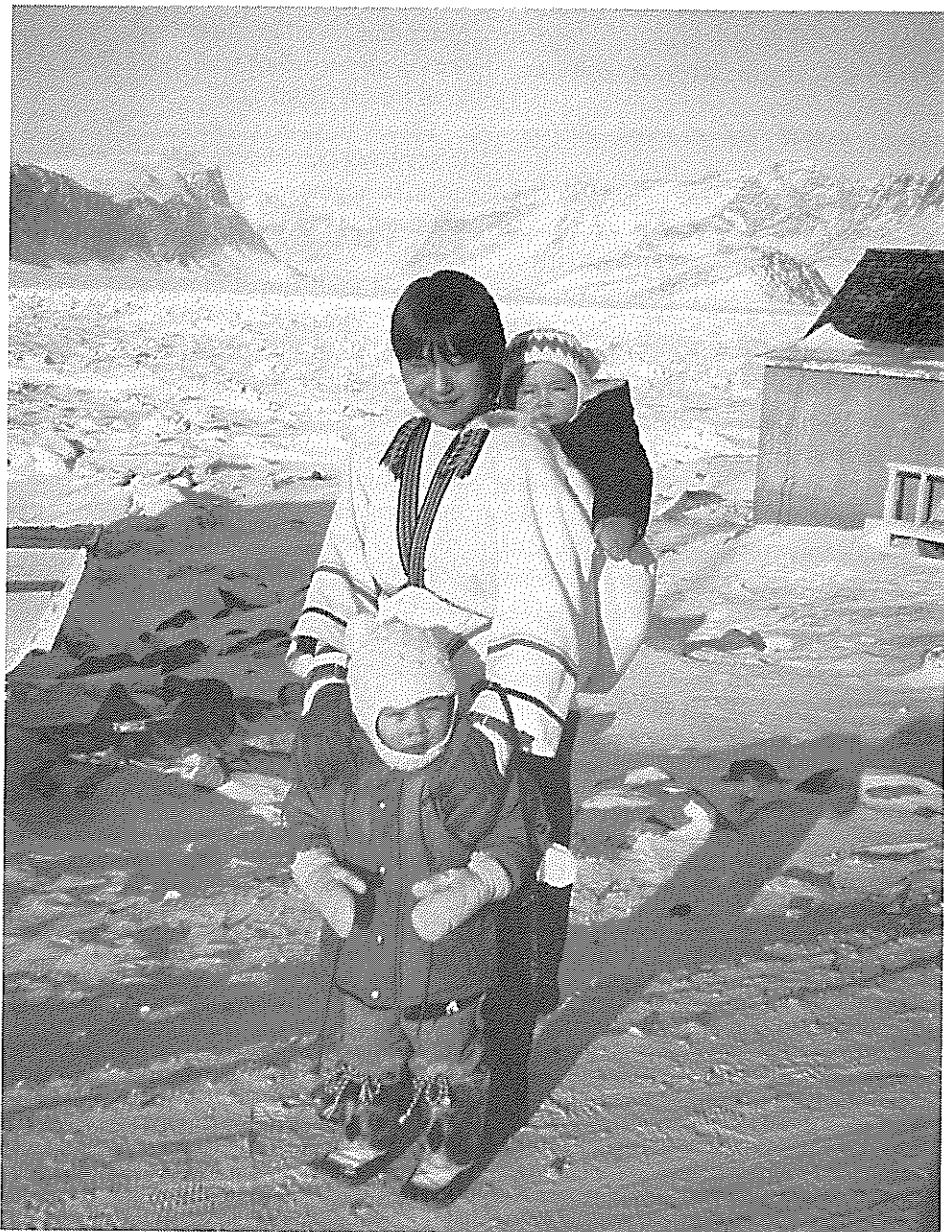
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*This winter scene of
mother and children
enjoying a winter outing
was taken at Pangnirtung,
Baffin Island
in March 1991.*



The Worthy Woman

*“When it snows, she has
no fear for her household;
for all of them
are clothed in scarlet.”*

--Proverbs 31:21

--picture courtesy David Lewis, Grimsby, Ontario

God's Marvelous Peace

Roy D. Merritt

Isaiah saw His coming about 700 years before His arrival. He called Him "the Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6). Angels heralded His birth with a glorious promise of peace on earth to men of good will. The Heavenly Father, whom the apostle Paul called the God of peace (Romans 15:33), smiled down on the babe as He lay in the manger. Here was the answer to man's greatest need--a Saviour. The rescue plan of the ages was to be carried out by this one for whom an angel had supplied a name, Jesus, and a title, the Son of the Most High (Luke 1:31, 32).

God's Grand Paradox

The life of Jesus is a striking example of the fact that evil circumstances often surround good people. Life is often not fair nor is our own peace of mind dependent upon favourable surroundings. Peace of mind and successful living above evil are in many ways products of our own response to God's will. This is not to deny that there are exceptional mental or physical aberrations which make it impossible to make rational decisions. God alone can make a proper assessment of such individual handicaps to spiritual responsibility.

Jesus certainly did not have a favorable environment for peace of mind. He came "out of the ivory palaces into a world of woe"! He was the target of an assassination attempt while still a babe. His early years were spent in a land where from time to time He would hear the sound of marching foreign troops on patrol. The Roman occupying power controlled an immoral, cunning, puppet king to whom Jesus alluded as "that fox" (Luke 13:12). As a young man, He could have been impressed into service to carry a burden, as was Simon of Cyrene later with the heavy cross. As a carpenter (perhaps builder), He would understand calluses, aching muscles and fatigue. (Did He ever hit the wrong nail in one of His temptations?)

As a teacher, He was often confronted by enemies seeking to entrap Him and to discredit Him with the masses. Finally His enemies obtained His seizure in a quiet garden of prayer, a mockery of a trial and a

humiliating parade through the streets of Jerusalem. His physical life ended in agony. Despite these circumstances, He was master of His own peace and could end His life praying for His enemies. By faith we know that He was more than human. Perhaps a look at a very human Saul of Tarsus will give us greater confidence in the power of peace of mind despite outward evil circumstances.

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Let us do a little imagining together. First, imagine yourself in prison. You have done nothing dishonest, violent, immoral or evil. You have simply shown an extraordinary interest in the souls of your fellowmen. The ruler before whom you expect ultimately to be tried is a noted ruthless egomaniac. He is a despotic tyrant who has repeatedly shown himself capable of capricious cruelty. It is a well-known fact that he murdered his own mother, Agrippina, after a first attempt failed. The lives of those under him he reckons as but objects of his own gratification and exploitation. Add to that the frustration of not being able to make known the saving gospel in a thousand new places and to strengthen the faith of a multitude of brethren by a personal visit. These are the circumstances which Paul faced as he wrote the Prison Epistles.

Under these conditions, could you be at peace with yourself and sound out a cheerful greeting of love and joy in your letters to brethren. Most of what he wrote was positive and encouraging. One of the high spots, which he sounded in his letter to the brethren in Philippi, advises, "Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say rejoice" (Philippians 4:4). This does not sound like a man who has let the tide of evil events destroy his joyous expectations in Christ.

The Source of Paul's Peace

As we read the context of this exhortation, we discover where Paul finds such joy in adversity. He goes on to say, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus". "Into each life some rain must fall" is a true metaphor with which all of us can identify. In times of particularly heavy rainfall, we can realize the promise that the "peace of God" can stand guard in our hearts.

We should pay particular attention to the sphere in which this peace of God takes up guard duty. It is "in Christ Jesus". Here is the key phrase which is so dear to Paul and to all mature Christians.

On a number of occasions, as Paul writes to scattered churches in a pagan environment, he begins with a beautiful greeting of grace and peace. He quickly lets them know that these come from God, the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. Over and over, he uses the phrases in Christ, in the Lord, in the Lord Jesus Christ, and simply in Him. He is writing to men and women who share his assurance and joy in the fact that they have a special relationship with the God of Peace and the Prince of Peace. They have experienced a new birth and are part of the spiritual body of Christ. They entered this relationship when they were baptized into Christ and put on Christ (Galatians 3:27; Romans 6:3, 4).

Circumstances and crises can wear upon us, and at times they can hurt us badly. We can have a guard over our hearts, the marvelous peace of God, which transcends all understanding. With Christ in control of our hearts, we can conquer any crisis and weather any of life's storms with peace and assurance.

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Illogical Faith--A True Story

Roy D. Merritt

(Editor's Note: Although it differs from our usual type of material, this story of a man whom we knew in Zambia shows us the power of faith and gives a picture of practical Christianity. Would you like to read more stories like this? ECP)

Botias dropped out of school after grade six. The years rolled over. Winters followed the rains. Summers returned. Preachers visited Botias' village. He pondered their messages. There was no church in his village.

"I want to learn how to preach," he told his wife. He walked 20 miles to the best preacher he could think of: Bicycle Sianjina.

"Teach me to preach!" he demanded.

"Hey, fellow," Bicycle said, "this is planting season. What's your panic? Wait until after harvest."

"I'll help you plough. Teach me as we walk behind the oxen."

Botias stayed three months at Bicycle's village. He turned the fields, planted, fertilized, and weeded. And listened. Holy fire kindled. When it blazed, he knew time had come to return home.

When he reached his village, he gathered people. A new congregation began under a central tree in his village. Some folk liked Botias' devotion and fervor. Most did not. He refused to honour the ancestral spirits. This angered traditional tribesmen. When two of Botias' children died, animists found an opening to challenge his careless ways. They pounced on him.

"You see? Your forefathers have punished you! Honour them before they bring bad luck to us as well!"

"I trust Jesus," Botias said. "You need to trust him, too."

"Who stays in this new hut?" Botias asked as he cycled through a nearby village one morning.

"That one off to the side?" a local said. "Just one of Father's distant cousins. He lived at Chikankata Leper Colony for years. Now he's come home to die."

Botias pushed his bicycle toward the hut.

"Hey!"

Botias stopped and looked back over his shoulder.

"Don't go there. He has leprosy, man!"

Botias ignored the warning and marched toward the hut.

"You gonna die man!"

Botias kept walking. Already he could smell a problem. The hovel stank like an overflowing latrine.

"Don't be a fool. You think Jesus will protect you from leprosy?"

"He does whatever he wishes," Botias said. "If Jesus walked here, he would visit this *mudaala*--this old man."

The grass wall made a good place to lean his bike. Botias took a deep breath and held it as he ducked under the low thatch. He peered through the door and retched when he saw the old man's condition. Nobody had helped the leper to the bush to relieve himself. Faeces smeared the withered body. Urine soaked his shabby clothing and tattered blanket.

What a vile way to die, Botias thought. I need a hoe and plenty of soap.

*The same strong arms
that had buried the old
man in water the day
before now laid him in
God's earth.*

He scraped the hut clean and buried the filth. While he heated water to bathe the old man, he walked to the river, a sliver of Sunlight Soap in his pocket. He knelt on a stone at the water's edge and began to scrub the old man's rags. Then he walked back to bathe the old man. There wasn't much to wash. His skin stretched tight over his frame. Veins stood out on his arms and scalp. He was just a black skeleton. As Botias rubbed soap over the fingerless hands, he felt scales and scabs beneath his fingers. He scrubbed the toeless feet, worked Vaseline into the cracked heels.

Children chattered. Botias looked up from his work. A nervous group toted a food bowl toward the hut. The youngsters crouched at the door and scooted a dented enamel dish across the sandy floor into the hut. The children scampered away,

giggling. Botias poked a finger into the stiff food. Yesterday's tallowed leftovers clung to his skin, cold and greasy.

Those kids are all the company the old fellow has all day, Botias realized.

He lifted the old man's head and helped him sip warm gruel. "Jesus loves you!" he laughed. "You are not too old or sick to pray." He began to sing. "*Izuba talibbili*," he crooned and rocked the frail body in his arms. "Night never comes to heaven."

Supper over, he opened his Bible and read aloud. Page after page, until the aged man slept.

Botias served the old man every day after that. Every day they prayed, and Botias read and sang.

One afternoon the old leper's fingerless paw scraped at Botias' arm.

"Baptize me," he said. "Baptize me now, little brother. I want to be with Jesus."

"Of course, *mudaala*, old man. You honour me."

Botias rose to his knees. He shoved his sturdy arms under the slight body and lifted.

The burden was not great.

He carried the old man to the stream, well below the pool where people drew their water. People do not like washed-off sins in their drinking water, Botias knew. He wanted no criticism about that.

He waded into the chilly pool, the leper in his arms. There he knelt, easing the old man into the water until all but his trembly head lay beneath the lily pads. Botias pronounced the sacred blessing, then dipped the old man's head. As he gasped from the water, still in Botias' arms, the newborn ancient grinned up at the young man, exposing all three of his snaggly teeth.

"Thank you, young brother," he quavered. "Now I am ready."

Back at the hut, Botias towelled the scrawny body. He covered the leper with a blanket and rose to go.

"Pray for me, young man. Pray for me," the quavering voice wheezed. Was that the sparkle of tears in his eyes?

"What would you have me say?"

"I am ready to die now," the old man whispered. "I don't want to wait. Pray that Jesus will take me home. Pray that he will take me home *right now*."

Botias just stood there a moment, speechless. He choked, then cleared his throat. Kneeling beside his friend, he spoke

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The Holy Quartet

Wayne Turner



Does the expression the "Holy Quartet" sound strange? If Kenneth Woodward's assessment of a growing and influential movement in the Roman Catholic church is correct, this term may one day replace references to the "Holy Trinity".

Woodward, author of the article "Hail, Mary" (*Newsweek*, August 25, 1997), identifies the most recent development in the veneration of Mary, the mother of Jesus, which seeks to accord her the status of "Co-Redeemer" with Christ. The elevation of Mary has resulted from a process that occurred over many centuries. The Council of Ephesus (431) gave her the title "Mother of God". In 1854, Pope Pius IX declared the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception, that Mary was born free from original sin. In 1950, Pope Pius XII declared her Bodily Assumption into heaven "the last time to date that papal infallibility was invoked to define dogma" in the Catholic church. In this newest development, according to the article, over 4.3 million signatures from 157 countries have been sent to the Vatican in the last four years. The petitions ask the pope to "solemnly define as Christian dogma and proclaim the Blessed Virgin Mary as Coredemptrix, Mediatrix of all graces and Advocate for the People of God". The petition refers to bringing to light "the whole truth about Mary, Daughter of the Father, Mother of the Son, Spouse of the Spirit and Mother of the Church". (The text of this petition and other information about this campaign can be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ewtn.com/voxpopuli/index.html>.)

According to Woodward, among the supporters of this movement are nearly 500 bishops and 42 cardinals as well as the late "Mother Theresa". Professor Mark Miravalle, lay theologian at Franciscan University in Ohio, who leads this petition drive, has met with the pope several times and written three books since the campaign was started in 1993. He hopes that this dogma will be proclaimed by the year 2000.

Some Roman Catholic theologians differ with Woodward's assessment, claiming that he has misrepresented the significance of the titles proposed for Mary, the authority of the people to pronounce new dogma and the influence of the campaign. They argue that "co" does not necessarily mean that Mary is equal but rather that she works with Jesus. A commission of 23 Mariologists appointed by the Vatican to study this proposal voted 23-0 against it. However, the emotional attachment of many Catholics to Mary may overcome such opposition. Some of the most beautiful church buildings, art and music have

been created in her name. Countless shrines in her name, especially Lourdes and Fatima, draw millions. The newest, in Medjugorje, Bosnia and Herzegovina, has drawn 10 to 20 million pilgrims since 1981.

Woodward observes that Pope John Paul II has a special affinity for her as patron saint of Poland. The pope credits Mary with saving his life in an assassination attempt in 1981 and has, unofficially, referred to her as "Co-Redemptrix" at least five times. In his article, Woodward identifies the profound implications of this proclamation. "Catholics would be obliged as a matter of faith to accept three extraordinary doctrines: that Mary participates in the redemption achieved by her son; that all graces that flow from the suffering and death of Jesus Christ are granted only through Mary's intercession with her son; and that all prayers and petitions from the faithful on earth must likewise flow through Mary, who then brings them to the attention of Jesus."

Even conceding the possibility that Woodward has overstated these implications, to those who view Mary from a Biblical perspective, these doctrines would still seem shocking and heretical. Mary's place in the gospels is as a historical fact and biological necessity. She is last mentioned by name in Acts 1:14 where she is included with the disciples in Jerusalem. In Galatians 4:4, Paul only referred to the fact that Jesus was "born of a woman" (NIV). Other than references in the gospels to her role as the

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Prioritizing the Church

Several months back I indicated that I would be writing an article on the need to prioritize the church as family. Up to this point I have talked about the cost of being family and the great need for mentors. Now here is part three of my mini-series on the "Church as Extended Family".

Here is an exercise for you. 1) Make a list of the top six priorities in your life. 2) Take six small pieces of paper and on each sheet write one of your six priorities. Each piece of paper has one of your priorities on it. 3) Look at your papers and discard the one that means the least to you. 4) Slowly discard your papers until you have one left. 5) Consider what you have left in your hand and what you have thrown away. I realize that I have put you through this exercise before, but it is my understanding that we need to check our priorities regularly.

Now, for any of you who are truly interested in knowing what your priorities are, ask your wife or grown children to do the exercise pretending to be you. They are not to write what they believe you want to hear but are to rate your priorities based upon what they have experienced or seen in you.

A moment of private confession may be appropriate here. The first time I engaged in this exercise, my six priorities did not include the church family. I had Bible study and God on the list, but as for the needs of the fellowship of believers, I realized that I was missing the mark. Oh yes, and for my last card, I was left with my wife. God had made it to the final two, but I knew that my spouse is usually my number one priority, and while keeping my "God card" may have impressed the people around me, both God and I would have known the truth.

Let us take a look at a man imprisoned for his convictions. Paul was no stranger to jail cells. In fact, some of his greatest

moments happened while in jail. One of my favourite passages tells about the time the walls began to shake in Acts 16:26. Paul and Silas are in prison together and the hour of midnight finds them praising the Lord. In this text we witness the conversion of the jailer and are given some insight into Paul's relationship with the people of Philippi for it is in that Roman colony that Paul was imprisoned.

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It is in Paul's letter to the people at Philippi that an astounding statement is made. In Philippians 1:23-24 Paul talks about being torn as to whether to go home to the Father or to stay. Going home to be with Christ is by far the better option, and Paul recognizes that, but so great was his love for the fledgling church that he understood the need to stay. How high did Paul prioritize the church? To say the least, he placed it ahead of his personal desires and health.

Paul's love for the Philippians stimulates my mind, but recently it has been the Old Testament story of Esther and Mordecai that moved my heart. The king has just given the edict that all Jews within his kingdom are to be annihilated. Esther is queen, but she is Jew first. Mordecai reminds Esther that even in her position she would not be spared; silence is not an option. Esther has to act, and Mordecai asks her who she is to say that she was not ap-

pointed to her position as queen for such a day as this. It was a day and a time when her people were in need of saving.

Let me outline Esther's response to the crisis. First, she takes the time to fast. Fasting included bringing the passions of the body under control as well as periods of intensive prayer. Remember that the start of our Lord's public ministry included a forty-day stay in the wilderness. Secondly, Esther also tells Mordecai to gather the people of Susa and have them fast as well. The third thing she does is commit herself to a course of action as she declares that after the allotted time she will go to the king. Going to the king when one is not summoned is punishable by death, but Esther declares that she will go to the king and risk her life.

Paul, Esther, and Mordecai had such great love for the Lord's people that they prioritized them ahead of themselves. Makes me feel a little ashamed of myself, if the truth was known.

Vision Canada II

A nationwide gathering of members of churches of Christ, called "Vision Canada", occurred in Waterloo, Ontario in 1988. Now, 10 years later, on July 21-23, 1998, Western Christian College will host a similar event.

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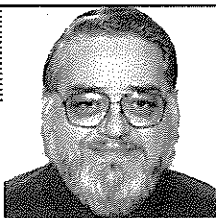
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World War, Part 2

Peter Morphy

(Editor's Note: This month we continue the article by brother Peter Morphy of Sudbury, Ontario on World War. In this article, Peter is discussing some of the wars we as Christians have to fight to please God. If you missed the first article, please see last month's Gospel Herald. MEC)

W.W. 3—Worldly Walk

Our walk usually refers to how we live day to day. Countless times God reminded the Israelites to "walk in His ways". We must choose which path we will travel. Paul describes a worldly track, which we all once walked, "Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived" (Colossians 3:5-7).

John in his letters speaks of a walking Christian. We are either walking in darkness or in the light (1 John 1:6, 7). We prove our love by our walk, "And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands" (2 John 6). We also prove our obedience by our love, "As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love" (2 John 6). To sum it up John said, "Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did" (1 John 2:6).

W.W. 4—Worldly Wealth

Many people are living to accumulate as many material things as they can get, somehow hoping that more things will bring more happiness, peace and contentment. They spend most of their time working for possessions that will not last nor satisfy. God offers a new perspective and a new investment that is guaranteed with an incredible return (Matthew 6:19-21).

Sadly, some Christians have fallen prey

to the illusive promises of material riches and have become unfruitful (Matthew 13:22) or deserted the work for the world (2 Timothy 4:10) or have thought that they are rich when, before God, they are really "wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked" (Revelation 3:17).

Jesus cautions us to have a true and proper perspective on material riches, "Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions" (Luke 12:15). Our hope and trust is in God, not in financial investments and security that we acquire for ourselves. Paul tells Timothy to "Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment" (1 Timothy 6:17).

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W.W. 5—Worldly Wants

What kind of things do we desire in order to make us happy? What would it take to make us really content? What kind of things do we think and dream about? If we had only one wish, what would it be? These kinds of questions help us to recognize what is really most important to us. Surely there is nothing wrong with wanting a promotion, a pay increase, a new CD player, or, at some point, a new car. But what is our motive? What do we think these

material things will do for us? James sharply reproves all worldly Christians, "You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God" (James 4:2-4).

Worldly desires and wants cause all kinds of problems in our lives, both within and without. Peter identifies sinful desires which wage war against our soul. "Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul" (1 Peter 2:11). Keep your desires and motives in check.

W.W. 6—Worldly Worry

Worry is a condition that is destroying many people. . . even young people. It robs them of joy, peace and productivity. Some people worry about things that have happened in the past. Others worry about things that *may* happen today. Many worry about what will happen in the future. Worry is like a cancerous tumor that continues to grow, increases pain, immobilizes, stifles growth and destroys quality of life.

Worry is not to be confused with being cautious, careful or planning for the future. Worry is a result of trusting in self, circumstances or luck rather than God working in us for our good and His good pleasure. Jesus instructs his disciples to trust in God rather than worry about things over which they have no control. "Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes" (Matthew 6:25)? If God feeds the birds and clothes the flowers, will He not take care of us (Matthew 6:26-34)? Jesus warns us that it is the worries of this life that can choke the Word of God out of believers' lives, rendering them fruitless (Matthew 13:22) and immature (Luke 8:14). God is still in control, and He will bless, direct and protect His beloved children.

(A final article on World War next month.)

The Deception of the Double Negative

H.F. Thompson

By way of introducing our theme I use a fictitious (though much tried) example of a family situation. The mother of the household is in need of certain food items. Knowing the approximate cost, she writes a list of designated brands and sends one of her responsible children to the store with the note and more money than is required. Upon his return, the groceries are checked against the sales slip and show a balance of \$2.50, which is close to the estimated amount. Mother asks for the change and is told that there isn't any. It was spent on the shopper's personal tastes. When asked why he did so, the son defends his actions by saying, "You didn't tell me I couldn't spend what was left over. You let me do that one other time".

Let us carefully analyze this situation, for it reveals much.

1) Mother chose that person because he was responsible as verified in the listed items purchased.

2) By going beyond what was specified, the mother's trust (faith) in her son was broken.

3) Actually, the spending of the \$2.50 was theft because neither the entrusted amount nor the change belonged to the one who did the buying. There is a verse that comes to mind: "If you have not been faithful in the use of that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own?" (Luke 16:12).

This story is a simple illustration of the deception of the double negative, which leads to the false conclusion that the unspecified equates with permission to act upon one's wisdom in the areas of desire and/or ambition. This ploy is as old as human history. Do you know who introduced it? "And he (Satan) said to the women: 'Indeed, has God said (the adversary knew full well what God had said) 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden?'" (Genesis 3:1). To put it another way, "God has not said, 'You shall not eat of any tree of the garden', has he?" When Eve rehearsed what God HAD said, the Devil contradicted the word of the Lord. . . the usual result motivated by the double negative. If God has not specified what we can-

not do, then that is the same as God's silence on a matter.

A sobering case of the foregoing principle is revealed in the life of one of the great men of the Bible who had a unique personal relationship with his God. This is what He said, "Hear now my words: if there is a prophet among you. I, the Lord, shall make myself known to him in a vision I shall speak to him in a dream. Not so with my servant Moses. He is faithful in My household; with him I speak mouth to mouth, even openly and not in dark sayings, and he shall behold the form of the Lord" (Numbers 12:6-8b).

When Israel, coming out of Egypt under Moses' leadership, arrived at Raphidim, the people threatened to stone him when they found no drinking water. At God's command, Moses struck the rock with his staff, and there was water in abundance for all. Nearly 40 years later Israel arrived at Kadesh and again bitterly complained against Moses and Aaron because of a lack of water. When they came before Him this time, God instructed Moses to speak to the rock that it might yield its precious liquid. In the midst of Israel, Moses twice struck the rock with the rod of God, instead of speaking the Lord's command.

What an opportunity to be glorified in the eyes of his people. Yet Moses' faith failed him when, in frustration and self-esteem, he struck the rock instead of speaking to it. Oh yes, the life-giving stream flowed, but consider the price! After all his monumental labours with and for the people, Moses was denied entrance into the promised land. Hear the word of the Lord God, "Because you have not believed Me, to treat Me as holy in the sight of the sons of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them" (Numbers 20:1-13).

And what did this great leader of God's people do that he should bear so grievous a loss? What was his error? Did he not fall victim to the deception of the double negative?

1) Once before at Raphidim, God had commanded Moses to strike the rock.

2) At Kadesh God did not command him not to strike the rock.

3) Did God change His mind? No, He changed the command for His glory and that of Moses.

4) The Lord specified that Moses speak--which he failed to do!

5) Instead of sharing the glory with God in His way, Moses exalted himself, "Shall we bring forth water for you rebels?"

When man rejects what God specifies, which is first to the Lord's glory and, reflectively, to the glory of the one commanded, then the person assumes an equality with God to which no human has a right. In other words, we rob God of His authority when we go beyond what is spoken or written. The silence of God on any given matter is equal to a negative command because "faith comes from hearing and hearing by the word of Christ (God)" and "whatever is not of faith is sin" (Romans 10:17; 14:23b).

It might be asked, "Why this build up? Where do we go from here?" The answer begins with, "Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction upon whom the ends of the ages have come" (1 Corinthians 10:11) and "... whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope" (Romans 15:4). By these things we receive an exhortation to persevere and be encouraged to walk by faith in assurance of hope.

For those who may not be aware of it, there is presently a troublesome contention among us on the meaning of the "silence of the scriptures" as a part of the doctrine of God in the New Covenant. One side looks upon silence as the right to act with expedience unless specifically forbidden (permission); whereas the other group views silence as prohibitive unless required to carry out a direct command, an approved example or an essential inference, which F. LaGard Smith modifies to "precedent, purpose and principle". Add to this any expedience that does not contradict or annul the foregoing.

Here are some things "God has *not* said that we *cannot* do" that are worth pondering:

1) God has not said that we cannot baptize or dedicate babies.

a. But He has commanded immer-

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Points by Perry: Making a Difference



They say that it takes all kinds of people to make a community or a world. History records the stories of those who have made a difference--some positive and some negative--the Lincolns and the Hitlers, the Pasteurs and the Bernardos. Although few of us will make a difference on a scale that will warrant inclusion in national or world history, we should, nevertheless, be interested in making a difference that will be recorded in the lives and hearts within our circle of influence and opportunity.

Through the ages, philosophers have diligently striven to discover and teach others the purpose of human life. Why are we here? What should we do to live happy and fulfilled lives? Our conviction is that the answer is found in living to make a difference, in determining to leave each situation in which we are involved--the family, the class, the work situation, the neighborhood, the community, the church, yea to some extent the world--better than we found it. It is ours to live and serve so that in each case it can be said, "It was good that he passed this way".

Our time to accomplish this is uncertain in duration, not long at best. This simply means that we need to begin making a difference here and now. To borrow from the title of a popular tract of a few years ago, "A Better World Begins with Me".

The inventors of the automobile, the light bulb, the electric motor, the radio, the television, the computer, etc. have each made a tremendous difference. Doctors and scientists in the health fields have made and are making wonderful differences. Meditate for a moment on how different your life would be without any one of the benefits mentioned. Then think about the results of the absence of all of them. The people in eastern Canada and northeastern USA are, as a result of a prolonged freezing rain, experiencing the extent of our daily dependence on these benefits that we tend to take for granted. As much as we owe to those who have made these differences, there is one who has made a more

significant difference than all of the above put together.

Although there may be those who would challenge this, we believe that Jesus Christ has made a great difference in the lives of more people than anyone else has ever done. The general benefits to the lives and circumstances of many who do not even acknowledge Jesus are many. The benefits to those who have become His disciples are beyond our ability to measure or express.

Christ lived and loved to show us how to live and love. He suffered and died to save us from sin and its consequences.

If we want to really make a difference, a difference that really counts, we will take our cue from Jesus. He teaches us to "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. . ." (Matthew 5:44) and showed an example of willingness to pay the high cost involved in doing so. "To this end were you called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps" (1 Peter 2:21). We are taught to return good for evil (Romans 12:20, 21) and Jesus demonstrated this for us. "For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of His son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through His life!" Both His life and death were dedicated to making a difference in the lives of all men (John 10:10).

Paul seems to have learned quickly and well to follow his master's example. Upon becoming a believer, "At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God" (Acts 9:20). He desired to preach the "good news" where it was not known. He wanted to visit Rome to impart some "spiritual gift to make you strong" (Romans 1:11). Although convinced that "to die is gain", he was willing to remain for the "progress and joy in the faith" of the Christians (Philippians 1:20-26).

Have we learned to follow Jesus; to teach others to believe and be baptized that they might be saved (Mark 16:15, 16); to dedicate our lives to the general and spiritual well-being of others; to sacrifice and suffer for the spread of the good news of the abundant life? Thus it is that we become involved in making a great and lasting difference.

Let us all determine to live to make a difference.

—E.C.P.

Illogical Faith (continued from page 3)

the request the old man coveted. After a quiet moment he rose, stooped under the low doorpost and mounted his bicycle.

Next morning, Botias found the old man dead.

"Ha ha ha!" the locals mocked. "What a Christian you are! You pray for people and they die! Ha ha ha! You will soon die of the same disease, you silly fool."

Botias hefted his hoe. The same hoe he had used to clean the floor. Perhaps those who taunted him thought he might strike at them. Instead, he turned his back on them, found a decent grave site, and began to hammer the earth. The same strong arms that had buried the old man in water the day before now laid him in God's earth. The same embers that once boiled the old man's soup served now to incinerate his shack.

Job done, Botias dusted his hands and swung a leg over the saddle of his cycle. As he cranked the pedals toward home, he began to sing, *Izuba talibbili*. . .

Forty years have passed since then. On his deathbed, Botias gave instructions for his own funeral.

"Weep if you wish," he said. "But don't wail like people who have no hope. When you put my body in the ground, my spirit will stand by you and watch. I want you to sing *Izuba talibbili*. When you start to sing that hymn, I will leave you and enter the gates of heaven."

—Kalomo, Zambia

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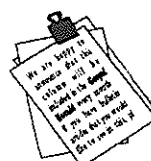
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In Whom Do You Trust?

You know, for some it is very difficult to trust God. Recently I read two accounts of people who struggled with being able to trust. Maybe their stories can benefit us.

Five-year-old Teresa Cook and her two older sisters stood by the truck in the downtown shopping district waiting for their mother to return from shopping. She didn't return! Then they noticed a note under the windshield wiper. The note said, "Go on home, I'm not coming back!"

What would you do? You are five years old, and you've just been read a note from your mother, "I'm not coming back!" It deeply impacted Teresa, especially about the issue of trust. She was told as a child that she could choose to be like her mother or she could choose not to be like her mother. But Teresa said, "But no one told

me how to trust again! She emphasized that her situation was an ordeal of learning how to trust again.

However, once through the refining fire, listen to her encouraging words. "With patience and understanding, I have learned to place all my trust in Him. I have total confidence that he will never let me down. Now I am able to deal with the disappointments of people in whom I choose to place trust."

Renee's story is similar. Even though she believed in God's existence, for many years she didn't trust Him. And no wonder! As a small child, she had been mistreated by a cruel father. This trauma left such deep emotional scars that she blamed herself and felt she didn't deserve to live. When she became an adult, she married but couldn't believe that her husband

loved her. Nor could she accept God's love. Why had He let her go through so much pain? She couldn't bring herself to trust Him.

Some victims of child abuse try to find an escape in drugs, alcohol, and immoral conduct, but Renee chose a different course. "Finally, I surrendered to a God I didn't even trust," she wrote. "My foundation was crumbling so fast that I held onto the only shred of hope I could find--God!" Since that time, much healing has occurred. She says that she has learned that, although God does not always keep her from being hurt, He is always there to see her through.

What about you? Have you recovered from being let down? God is the one in whom you can place your total trust. If there is any message in scripture, it is that God is faithful and he will not abandon you.

D.L. Moody probably said it best. "Trust in yourself and you are doomed to disappointment; trust in your friends, and they will die and leave you; but trust in God, and you will never be confounded in time or eternity."

"Oh, how great is Your goodness, which You... have prepared for those who trust in You" (Psalm 31:19). --Roger Lansdell, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario

Seeking God

Everybody is seeking something. For the most part we are all looking for the same thing. We all want a purpose for living, we seek happiness, we all desire peace, we all want to enjoy good, healthy relationships. Perhaps the difference between people is twofold: 1) where we go to look for these things; and 2) whether or not we ever find them.

Some go to the bars or night clubs hoping to find a "good time and good friends" (so the dramatized beer commercial promises). Other people turn to money and materialism. If only we had more finances and more things, we would have happiness and friends. No wonder so many people buy the lottery tickets. For others happiness, peace and good relationships are just around the corner--just one step away. It is the next business deal, the next promotion, the next girlfriend or boyfriend, the next vacation, the next purchase. It is always just out of reach but never attained.

God eagerly desires that we find and hold onto true happiness, real peace and great relationships. God wants to have a relationship with us in order that He can bless us, both in this life and in eternity.

God is a Father who waits for His children to come home to Him in order to receive the wonderful blessings He has in store for us (see Luke 15:11ff).

God has designed this world system in such a way that we will get frustrated at seeking contentment and happiness in the things of this world. Paul explained it this way, "For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God" (Romans 8:20ff).

The disappointment in what you thought was your key to happiness is not a coincidence. For some it is the next morning or the realization of the empty promises. Without God we will not be filled with real contentment and lasting joy because these things are found only in a relationship with Him.

God is hoping that we will turn to Him for happiness, peace and a secure relationship. So God orchestrates everything in such a way that we will turn to Him. Paul declared God's action in this way: "From

one man He made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and He determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. God did this so that men would seek Him and perhaps reach out for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us. 'For in Him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are His offspring'" (Acts 17:26-28). Some turn to God while they are young. Solomon, the wisest man, said, "Remember our Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, 'I find no pleasure in them'" (Ecclesiastes 12:1). Others, like Solomon himself, look for the meaning in life for many years in all the wrong places and end up frustrated, discouraged and disappointed. Solomon, after his search in things and people, found direction and meaning for his life in God (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14).

You don't have to search the world over to reach the same conclusion. Why not begin seeking for God today? You will find meaning and direction in life, lasting happiness and real peace that only comes from knowing and having a relationship with God. Seek the Lord today!

--Peter Morphy, Sudbury, Ontario

FOR WOMEN BY WOMEN

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Just Make Lemonade

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That's it! I've had it! This is the last straw, the straw that broke the camel's back! I've reached the end of my rope! I just can't take any more! When will this all end? How could this happen to me?

These are all terms of distress and despair that we have all heard, if not used, on many occasions. Remarks such as these are usually voiced by someone who has just experienced yet another trial in a long line of trials in her life. Unfortunately, some really do give up when they reach this point of hopelessness. Many of us really do feel like giving up or quitting when life's trials and problems seem to just be too much.

However, as Christians, we are called to a different response to these troubles. Most of us experience one trial or another on a regular basis. No one is exempt from trials. All of us experience hardships, hurts and heartaches at times during our lives; some even come to expect them. We should not anticipate a life free from tribulations. But because of the love and presence of God in our lives, we can choose to react to these times in a way that will lead us to ultimate victory.

God's word delivers several unchanging principles regarding trials. Trials produce perseverance (Romans 5:3, 4). This can only happen, however, if we have faith that we must keep on in spite of the trials.

Trials also drive us to dependency on God. One common characteristic of most humans is a streak of independence. So often, we think that even in trials, we can do it ourselves. How many times have we heard someone say, "When all else fails, pray"? This would verify our feelings of independence. But trials are needed to bring us to our knees, to break our spirit. They cause us to recognize and admit the

need for God. Paul refers to this need when he writes, "indeed, we have the sentence of death within ourselves in order that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead" (2 Corinthians 1:9). This statement was written by one who had been through a myriad of trials, most of which we cannot even imagine.

Trials will bring a maturity attained in no other way. I recently heard about some huge oak trees on the coast that were constantly met with winds off the ocean. Upon examination, it was found that the roots of these trees were tremendously strong. It is believed that because of the fierce winds that continually blow against these trees, they of necessity grow stronger roots to hold them firmly in the ground. Our life's trials can serve the same purpose by helping us grow stronger. These trials can help refine and bring us to a state of fullness and completeness in Christ.

Trials can be stepping stones to a better life.

Trials can help to influence others, positively or negatively. Our positive reaction can be a blessing to the lives of other people by giving a positive perspective in face of troubles. We all know that no one understands like one who has been through a similar situation. The way we handle life's problems can help others know how to face theirs.

Finally, we are promised strength equal to the challenges we face in times of trouble. "Cast your burden upon the Lord, and He will sustain you; He will never allow the righteous to be shaken" (Psalm 55:22). "God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1). These

and other scriptures promise us direction, strength and help in dealing with the trials of life. It is also important to know that how we handle these problems is greatly coloured by the relationship we have with God. Just as young children depend on their parents to help them when they've been hurt or are in trouble, we must have this same relationship with God that will lead us to him for help when we are having difficulties.

Trials often make no sense in our lives. They seem like disconnected pieces of our lives. They can be compared to a quilter's sewing room. In this room we see many different types of fabric in many different sizes, colors and patterns. Sometimes the scraps look like nothing more than rags. But weeks later, these same pieces of rag can be put together to create a beautiful quilt. God is in control of our lives. Everything that happens in our lives is either God caused (to teach discipline) or God allowed (to teach a lesson). But no matter why the trials come to us, we must believe that "... God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28).

Trials can be stepping stones to a better life. God is the master weaver and has a plan for each of us. If handed a lemon, will we wish we had an orange instead of this sour fruit or will we make lemonade? Sometimes it isn't until we are on our backs that we finally look up to our Creator. Trials are not something we want to look forward to, but they can definitely bring victory to our lives if we will make lemonade!

MISSION NEWS

New Guinea

Joel Lock and others were able to deliver food supplies to every church of Christ in four of the five Highland Provinces.

About 200, mostly from the Western Highlands, attended a "Christmas Meeting". "Six women were baptized and many repented asking God's and our forgiveness. ..."

Joel, having twisted his knee, learned that he has torn or broken a cartilage, necessitating surgery not available there. At the same time he learned that his visa would not be extended. As a result, he planned to be back in Canada in January and attend the Spring Semester to study Bible at Rochester College with the view of returning to full-time work in New Guinea later.



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ONTARIO

Ajax: On November 15, sister Donna Terry left this world to be with her Lord. There were close to 300 people attending the funeral. The Great Lakes Christian College chorus sang on December 5. In Devon Bennett's absence, guest speakers were Dave Knutson on January 4 and Geoff Ellis on January 11. The congregation rejoiced as Mike Gaudreault was baptized into Christ on December 20.

Bramalea: Agustin Ocampo moved to Waterloo the first week of January. During 1997, eight were baptized, five families were with new babies, and eight individuals moved in. The sad part is that nine moved away. Daniel Whittington was home from Harding University and Allison Knutson and her friend, Naoko, were home from Rochester College for about a month. Craig Redwood was released from hospital after five weeks on January 13.

Beamsville: The congregation will sponsor Wanda Spiers as she plans to work in Ghana as a medical missionary this year. She will be associated with the medical mission program from Searcy, Arkansas. Ruth Zimmerman hopes to return to Papua New Guinea and work with established pre-schools as well as with women when her schooling is done. Donald Perry and Dianne Enderwick were married on December 27.

Brantford: The congregation assembled six hampers for members and visitors who are in need. The singing group, Young Voices, visited several nursing homes and individuals. Prayers are requested for one of the four new infants in the congregation, Joshua Crewe, who has been diagnosed as blind and likely has CP.

Collingwood: Wayford and Wilma Smith held their annual open house on December 14. Dorothy Dennis will hold an eight-week workshop entitled "Leadership and Personal Development" on Monday eve-

nings for ladies beginning on February 2.

Fenwick: Activities have included a depression, loneliness and stress seminar with Ron Pauls; a potluck; a lighting party at Ross and Lucille Gilbert's; fellowship evenings at Don and Lou Hipwells' (December 29) and Shirl Wilson's (December 31); distribution of goodies to the elderly; and collection of nonperishable food for Pelham Cares.

Felix and Barbara Turner became grandparents again with the arrival of Anna Kathlene Turner on December 1. Betty Burton was baptized on December 21.

The video series "Friendship Evangelism" is being used in a Sunday evening series on evangelism led by Felix Turner.

Grimsby: Ralph Perry will fill the pulpit until Jeff Cobb and family from Littleton, Colorado arrive to work with this congregation. Jeff's wife is Penny and children are Jessica, Jana and Andrew. The "Video on Bible Lands" has been viewed this winter.

Hamilton (West): Matthew Grey and Jonathan Rattan were baptized on January 4 and Matthew Tubman on January 18.

Ed Vanalstine and Wayne Page are the elders for this church. Two families were adopted and treated with food and gift hampers during the holiday season. Carols were sung at two retirement homes. Work continues with the Men's Mission, the Women's Shelter and the monthly food for the Neighbour-to-Neighbour program.

Newmarket: The generous amount of \$6,195 was given in response to a need to catch up to the budget. Several sang at the Arbor Living Center. Fred Lockman placed membership on December 21. The young people's group is active in visitation among the membership.

Owen Sound: The congregation entered a float at the Owen Sound parade on November 15. This provided some good public exposure for the church. Jack Exum was scheduled to present "Three Unusual Days" the weekend of January 23-25. Bud Gill was welcomed into the local church family on December 28 after rededicating his life to the Lord. Improvements to the facilities are being made this year.

Sarnia: Geoffrey Karima, a student at GLBC, was a guest speaker in November. We had a bring-a-friend day on December 7. We have started a visitation ministry.

Sault Ste. Marie (Pinehill): On November 30, Jean Whitfield celebrated her 80th birthday with many friends and family.

Selkirk: Delayed news: Kevin and Brianna Cleary were baptized and began their lives for Christ. Carron and Janet Clark and Joe, Jackie and little one are new families. The work here is growing.

St. Catharines (Ontario Street): Cathy Pickles was the guest speaker at the ladies' coffee hour on October 25. The ladies ministry is involved with providing food supplies on a monthly basis for "The Raft" which is a drop-in center for troubled teens.

"My wife, Debbie, and I arrived on January 4 from Martinsville, Indiana to begin work with this church. The congregation will host a potluck lunch and open house after the morning worship on February 12 to give everyone an opportunity to meet Debbie, myself and the congregation.

"The congregation will also host a Vacation Bible School, March 14-22 with a team of students from Oklahoma Christian University and the Mayfair congregation in Oklahoma City." --Steve Cordle

Stratford: A focus workshop and planning session was held November 8 and 15 to help the congregation better accomplish the task of the church and strengthen their relationships with one another. A "night out for the guys" was being implemented to provide them with information and encouragement to become better servants of Christ.

Sudbury: Judy Morphy was diagnosed with optic neuritis, and at the time of this writing, could only see shadows. Her vision may return over the next few weeks. Sudbury is on the web at <http://www.soonet.ca/coc/sudbury> or <http://www.soonet.ca/coc/sarticle>. If anyone knows of coming church events in your area, they can be advertised on the brotherhood page for all to have access to. You can contact Webmaster: Phil Bailey pbailey@soonet.ca.

Thunder Bay: The midweek small group studies will begin a study on "Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God". There were 20 guests at the "Friendship Sunday". A group called "Synoptik", six young men from Western Christian College, presented a program of encouragement and worship in song on Monday, November 20.

Tintern: A special collection for "Key to the Kingdom" totalled \$1,895. The grade 7/8 class hosted a special dinner for the 60+ members on December 13. There was a special collection of food for Community Care on December 7 to help needy families

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Carman: Don Whitfield, who works with the Leprosy Mission of Canada, showed slides and a video on November 12 about the work in India.

Congratulations to Kerri and Brad Colpitts on the arrival of their son, Robert Riley. Sheri Shannon and Vern Barker have announced their engagement. Mike Bolton was our guest speaker on December 21.

On Monday, December 15, 57 boxes of baked goods were delivered to those who were sick and shut in. A New Year's Eve party was held at the home of Hugh and Donna Gannon.

Dauphin: Walter and Elaine Hart have moved to Owen Sound, Ontario to work with the congregation there. A come-and-go birthday party was held for John McMillan on November 15. A Women's Aglow meeting was held on December 8. The Men's Class has been studying the book *Point Man* by Steve Farrar.

John Harvey writes, "Our congregation has to make many collective decisions this coming year. Dauphin has a variety of opportunities for sharing the gospel, teaching about God's love, and His Son's benevolence. We have a multi-cultural community. We can specialize or try a broad-based effort to reach out to others.

"We need to study several issues that are causing dissension in the church of Christ in North America. The need for solid scriptural backgrounds for members of our church is as acute as it has ever been. Each of us needs courage to acknowledge opportunities and teach others with our personal life and our personal testimony. The church needs to love and accept each other. The churches need to be faithful to the Word. When fragile hearts need love and tender teaching, we need to be prepared. Only immersion in God's love and care can prepare us for this opportunity to serve."

Winnipeg: Prayers have been requested by Jeff Harris on behalf of his sister, Ricki Freedman. She has Hodgkin's

Disease for the second time and the prognosis is not good.

A New Year's Eve party was held at the church building. It was good to be able to celebrate the arrival of a new year with our spiritual family.

On Sunday, January 4, Dr. Dave Bland was our guest speaker. Dr. Bland hails from Memphis, Tennessee and teaches preaching at Harding University Graduate School of Religion.

Edith Smith has recently given birth to a baby girl. Rachel Catherine Smith was born on December 30. Mom and child are doing well.

We rejoice at the addition of two new sisters to our congregation. On Monday, December 29, Sarah Gatey was baptized while visiting family in Brandon, and on Tuesday, January 6, Wendy Tucker put on her Lord in baptism.

SASKATCHEWAN

Saskatoon: As the Saskatoon congregation completed the first year in their new facility, the same zeal and enthusiasm that went into the renovation of our building has been applied to the planning of our fall and winter programs. The congregation has been blessed with a great amount of talent, and that talent has been dedicated to God's glory.

For some months now, singing has been a major focus for some of the women. Nancy Taylor has undertaken the task of meeting each Sunday a.m. with the children, spending a short time before service teaching them the art of praising God in songs and spiritual hymns. Bonnie McMillan, who is presently doing an internship in Speech Pathology at a local hospital, has undertaken to host a women's singing group each Wednesday evening following our midweek Bible study. It is indeed encouraging to know that this avenue of corporate worship is not in danger of being lost.

A young ladies' Bible study meets each week in the various homes of its members. Bob Parker has gathered about a dozen people committed to praying daily for specific prayer concerns for members of our congregation.

Our congregation is mourning the death of a dear brother in Christ who passed away recently in the US. A memorial service was held Sunday, November 29, at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan for Jim Williams.

—Harold Orr

Weyburn: Guest speakers have included Monte Hininger, Randy Fiske, and Tim Pippus. On November 12 a special

birthday celebration was held in honour of Gordon Goodwin and Roland Olson.

Paul Andreas was chosen as vice-president and rush director for Kappa Sigma Tau Social Service Club of Oklahoma Christian University. The club participates in and promotes community service, intramural sports, banquets and other activities.

The Secret Prayer Sisters had a revealing night on November 17. A Come-and-Go Tea was held in honour of Mrs. Borghild Klarholm's 90th birthday on December 13.

Congratulations to Garth and Cheryl Oberkirsh on the birth of their daughter, Laurel Lynn. She was born on December 4 and weighed in at 8 lbs. 14 oz.

Regina: Jason Hydamaacka was baptized into Christ on the last Sunday evening of October.

Don Whitfield of Toronto did a workshop, "Managing Today for Tomorrow--Financial Freedom" on November 16.

Mandy Toews moved to Regina in October 5.

Numerous members are building bridges of friendship with international students and immigrants. Twelve church families are using the Let's Start Talking materials to facilitate conversations.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA

Vancouver (Oakridge): Sunday sermons have been made up of a series on the Godhead.

A Ladies' Bible Class has been started.

Crosstown Church of Christ in Tulsa, Oklahoma is one of the three main supporters of the mission work at Oakridge. They are sending Steve Hasbrouck to Japan for two weeks in December to check on the work in the city of Sapporo.

Ming Paul Lee: Suganya Lee, fresh from the University of British Columbia, Nursing Department, will team up with Velma Forman in the medical mission field of Papua, New Guinea. Medical supplies and funds are needed: all kinds of basic medicines, light cotton baby/children's clothes, Christian literature, Bibles, soap, etc. Thank you for your love, prayers, gifts and encouragement. Ming Paul Lee, 2635 Island Hiway East, Nanoose Bay, BC V0R 2R0; Velma Forman and Suganya Lee, Box 1234, Lae, Papua, New Guinea, 411 or E-mail thuff@online.net.

ALBERTA

Calgary: A special contribution was held November 30 to buy replacement carpet for the building.

A search is being made for a youth and family minister.

The Sunday Ladies' Bible Class will be starting a new series using the book **Prop Up the Leaning Side** by Margaret Jensen.

"The Street Kids Ministry" is an important outreach program. Donations of winter outerwear, accessories and toiletries were wrapped and given out to those in need.

We rejoice in Rolyn Murphy and Mandy Bilson being baptized into the Lord's family.

The Dunamis group hosted a Senior Citizens' Supper. They are now planning a youth rally.

A Christmas musical, "Make His Praise Glorious", was held on December 18. The

youth groups, Genesis and Dunamis and others interested, were Christmas Caroling at Camp Horizon, Bragg Creek on December 23.

Edmonton (report submitted by David Ford): John Callaghan was baptized into Christ on December 2. His was the 23rd soul to be added to the kingdom in Edmonton in 1997. Please continue to pray for these young brothers and sisters in Christ.

Our monthly Bring-Your-Neighbour-Day was held on December 7. David Ford preached the sermon entitled "The Promise of the Resurrection". This was the final sermon in the series on the promises of God. Twenty-one visitors were in attendance to hear this message from God's word.

We have confirmed our speakers for the Alberta Spring Fellowship to be held in Edmonton over the April 10-12 long weekend. Michael Tackett from the televised gospel program, "Key to the Kingdom", and Max Craddock from the Strathmore Boulevard congregation in Toronto will be our speakers. The theme for the weekend will be "The Kingdom of God".

Bob and Loreen Burright, formerly of the United States, and Cliff and Cathy King, formerly of Terrace, BC, have moved to Edmonton and have placed membership here. We also bid farewell to the Kennedy family who were transferred to Ottawa.

A New Year's Eve fellowship was held on December 31. A large number of families turned out to enjoy the potluck, games and devotional.

Looking ahead into 1998, we will be having our annual ladies' retreat on the weekend of January 23-25 at Camp Van-Es outside Edmonton. The theme will be "Sisterly Love".

Monthly congregational devotionals will be held on the first Sunday evening of every month. We are looking forward to this time of praise and fellowship.

The theme for 1998 will be "Behold and

Become", taken from the book by the same name by Jerry Jones. We will be focusing on the idea of Christian growth.

MONTANA

Great Falls: The Bozeman Youth Rally was held for the middle and high school students. The series of lessons was on the theme "Together We Can". There were a variety of activities as well. It was a great time for all.

Michelle Covington was blessed this past summer to take part in a short-term missionary trip to Hungary. She studied regularly with three women and was able to help with a very rewarding Vacation Bible School for the local children. This work, along with a missionary conference, was very uplifting for the team.

The Koinonia Kin group began in October and has been very active. Lessons have been prepared by Scott Laird. As well, group members drew names and for two weeks encouraged that person.

Gordon and Betty Naylor and David Johnson go weekly to preach at Havre and Chinook. It is a true commitment to go the distance, but the warmth and fellowship there is awesome.

A congregational meeting was held on November 30 to assess goals and make new goals. The 1997 weekly budget was exceeded with generosity in the weekly giving and for the building purchase. There were 14 new babes in Christ, exceeding the goal of 13. There is much to praise the Lord for. The main shortfall was in average attendance; where the goal was 242 and attendance was at 200. This obstacle can be overcome with some combined effort of the congregation. We have great expectations for 1998.

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(Books may be ordered from the Gospel Herald)



(The review of any book in this column does not imply endorsement of all of its contents or its author's teachings or activities.)

Gay Rights and Wrongs, Michael Mazzalongo, ed., College Press, Joplin, MO (1995), \$12.95 (US). Reviewed by S.F. Timmerman.

At a time when various levels of government in Canada are debating whether or not to grant marital status to couples of the same sex, the book with the above title is of particular interest. The agenda of the Gay-rights movement is more than disgusting: it's even frightening.

Michael Mazzalongo has brought together in one volume a number of highly-qualified authors who discuss homosexuality and the Gay-rights movement from its various aspects: the history and politics of homosexual behaviour; causes of and the possibilities of changing one's aberrant sexual orientation; the matter of AIDS; how to answer Gay "theology"; and ways of ministering compassionately to homosexuals and to those suffering with AIDS.

An important feature of the book is found in the two appendices. In one is a complete list of books and materials dealing with Gay and sexual issues. In the other is given a "Ministry Network" of information in the United States, Canada and Europe. This information alone is worth the price of the book for any who are faced with these issues in their personal lives and relationships or in their ministry.

Revelation Through First-Century Glasses by W.B. West, Jr. Edited with Introduction by Bob Prichard, Gospel Advocate Company, Nashville, TN, 158 pages; \$9.99 (US).

How many sermons have you heard lately from the book of Revelation? Of course, on the airwaves you can hear all kinds of speculations supposedly based on this book. But have you ever done a satisfying study of this book? Here is a guide that will give you a great deal of help. It might even give preachers the needed help to tackle the book (even beyond the letters to the seven churches).

W.B. West, Jr. (Th.D.) was dean of the Harding University Graduate School of Bible and Religion in Memphis, Tennessee. He was a great scholar and a great teacher. He lamented the fact that although many have "loved, read and studied Revelation, it is discouraging that many thousands of people have neglected, abused and misused it". He believed that the best way to study Revelation is through "first century glasses". He meant that we must sit with the author of any New Testament book to learn what he had in mind and then to sit with those to whom he wrote and see what they understood the author to say. As the title states, we must see Revelation "Through First-Century Glasses". We highly recommend this book.

Key to the Kingdom Update

Since October 23, here at Strathmore, have been sending out introductory lessons to those who have requested them as a result of the Key to the Kingdom TV program on Vision TV. (It is aired in Toronto at 8:30 a.m. EST and in Vancouver at 8:30 a.m. PST. Check the TV listings for your area.)

There have been an average of 58 calls per week as follows: BC, 106; AB, 70; SK, 6; MB, 27; NWT, 2; ON, 520; PQ, 5; NB, 38; NS, 53; NF, 54; PI, 2. Courses have been sent to Ghana, Brazil and India as requested by visitors to Canada.

Canadian churches shared the \$1,065 weekly for the TV time for the last five months with brethren in Clovis, NM. They want us in Canada to begin to pay the full air time costs ASAP since they bear the costs of the US program. In addition, phone services and equipment rentals cost over \$500 per month, and the cost for the lesson materials, postage, etc. is about \$1210 per month.

Introductory lessons are mailed out the same day that the request is received and bear the return address of a congregation near the person in Ontario or of a "clearing congregation" in other provinces. It is anticipated that the local churches will become involved in the follow-up.

With \$13,000 on hand and \$300 per month committed, we are requesting individuals and congregations to please send your contribution to Strathmore Church of Christ (key fund), 346 Strathmore Boulevard, Toronto, ON M4C 1N3. For information, please write, phone (416) 461-7406; FAX (416) 424-1850 or e-mail: maxc@sympatico.ca.

Please pray for the program, for Michael Tackett as he presents the lessons each week and for the brethren at Clovis who continue to support and encourage the program. Advertise the program in your area so that Canada may get the maximum benefit from this effort.

--The Strathmore leadership

Western Christian College President's Conference



On November 9-11, Mr. John McMillan attended the annual President's Conference of Christian Colleges and Universities from Canada, United States and Europe which are associated with acappella churches of Christ. In this group there are 21 schools representing approximately 28,885 students. The conference was held at Ohio Valley College in Parkersburg, West Virginia. Next year's conference will be held at Lubbock Christian University in Lubbock, Texas.

President McMillan is pleased to announce that the 21 presidents have agreed to hold the 1999 conference at Western Christian College in Dauphin, Manitoba. This is a major step in the maturing status of Western's post-secondary college program. It will provide a broad exposure of Dauphin and Western Christian College to 20 other centres and "put us on the map".

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News East

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in the community and needy church families. New families to the congregation are John, Betty and Sean Book and Liana and Christopher Everett.

Toronto (Bayview Avenue): Guest speakers: Walter Cromwell spoke on November 16 and Max Craddock on November 23. A quarterly potluck lunch and congregational meeting were held on November 23. Twelve "Care Baskets" were prepared by the benevolence committee to be donated to Chester Public School.

Toronto (Strathmore): There were two baptisms in the Spanish work in December--Leticia Umanzor and Nancy I. Bravo. We welcome these two sisters to the Lord's body. On November 29 Kerry Johnson was married to Heather Williams. A large amount of food and clothing was gathered to be distributed by the "Out of the Cold" program in Toronto to help needy and homeless people.

Waterloo: A university class of ten students is conducted on Wednesday nights by Mike Toohey. Over 100 skaters participated at the annual family skate, and members from five congregations in the area participated. A dinner to honour the Ellises was held December 6. Gerhard and Irmitrud Thiel placed membership with the congregation in November.

QUEBEC

Montreal: Oriana Joly and a man by the name of Wilson were baptized in the month of October.

Several Bible studies are in progress.

Due to the lack of funds and their plans for Zimbabwe, the Amanateys will not be able to continue their work in Montreal. They will continue to serve the church and help the Ashante work by teaching and preaching. Leonard will further his education in preparation for a new work in Harare, Zimbabwe. They planned to visit the United States for two weeks in December.

Holy Quartet

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physical mother of Jesus, the New Testament is silent about her. There is certainly no reference to her as having any role mediating in redemption, grace or prayer. In 1 Timothy 2:5, Paul said, "For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Jesus Christ." Hebrews depicts Jesus alone as high priest, mediator

and sacrifice. This is why non-Catholics have always had difficulty with the Roman Catholic veneration of Mary.

This latest development, if proclaimed as official dogma, will be impossible for them to accept, even for denominations like the Orthodox and Anglican churches who are theologically and ecumenically closest to the Roman Catholics. Perhaps, even more significant in this issue are the rekindling of papal infallibility in declaring ex cathedra doctrines for the church and the implications of elevating Mary to a position almost within the traditional Catholic doctrine of the Trinity.

Unlike those who have based their faith and practice solely on the authority of the Bible, Roman Catholicism is based on three pillars: scripture interpreted by a living interpreter (i.e., the church), tradition as held by a living repository (i.e., the church) and the decisions and decrees of the popes and councils of the church. Those familiar with church history realize that much in the modern denominational world originated either from or in reaction to the Catholic church.

In more recent times, councils such as Vatican II have played a greater role than the pope in defining doctrine. An ex cathedra papal decree may change this. The possible implications of this new role for Mary can be seen by recognizing the sources of some of the support for this change, among them feminists and liberation theologians. Historically, she has even assimilated themes from some of the pagan goddesses, which today are reflected in the concept of "mother" or "goddess" of earth. Only time will ultimately reveal where all of this might lead.

Whether we like it or not, this new view of Mary would have a far-reaching effect. We need to be aware of changes in thinking and belief like this, especially when

these changes could have such a significant impact on the religious community at large and could influence the non-Christian world's perception of Christianity. We need to be prepared to present the Biblical view of Mary, the concept of Jesus Christ as mediator and the nature of Biblical authority. There is an important lesson for us on the danger of allowing sentimental and emotional attachments to override the clear, explicit teaching of Scripture. Once Biblical authority has been down played, only human wisdom, reason and emotion are left. The displacement of Jesus Christ by these new doctrines of Mary can only be seen as un-Biblical, yet they could capture the hearts, minds and souls of millions of people who would seem to put more faith in Mary than in Jesus, the Christ, Lord and Son of God.

Perhaps this is an especially appropriate time to remember Paul's words from 2 Corinthians 11:3, "But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ."

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JACQUES MARCHAL

Our beloved Belgian brother, Jacques Marchal, who has been living in Quebec for the past several years, went to be with the Lord on the weekend of January 11. He had been seriously ill for some time and had spent several months before his death either in the hospital or in a nursing home.

Jacques and Josette Marchal fled for their lives from the Belgian Congo when that country was given its independence in 1960. They moved to Toulouse, France, where they were converted. Jacques began to preach soon afterward and has served several congregations in France and Belgium.

On the tragic death of Richard Andrejewski in 1971, Jacques took over the responsibility of preaching on the weekly broadcast from Radio Luxembourg begun by brother Andrejewski in 1958. He has continued these broadcasts over several other French-speaking stations around the world until the present time. He had an excellent studio installed in his home in Kirkland, Quebec for making the tapes for these broadcasts.

As a result of contacts made through these radio sermons, Jacques and Josette have also carried on an extensive French correspondence program.

At the time of Jacques' death, Josette was visiting their daughter, Evelyne, in Boston. For months she has spent many hours each day at her husband's side and was greatly in need of some respite. Unfortunately, when Jacques unexpectedly passed away, she was unable to get back to Montreal immediately because of the recent ice storm in Quebec. The funeral was in Montreal on January 17.

Many prayers are solicited for Josette and their two daughters, Evelyne (Boston) and Clare (Texas) at this sad and critical time.

—S.F. Timmerman

CHRISTINA MAY KERR

1905-1997

Christina May Kerr passed away on December 1, 1997. She was born on January 10, 1905, the daughter of John and Julia Kerr who lived on Manitoulin Island. In 1942 she moved to Toronto where she worked at John Inglis Manufacturing and subsequently at General Electric. She attended worship at the Strathmore Boulevard congregation. Christina returned to Manitoulin Island in 1978. She was known

for her giving spirit. She was a generous supporter of Great Lakes Christian College and Strawberry Point Christian Camp. She is fondly remembered by many who received her hand-knitted mittens, socks and afghans. "Aunt Chris", as she was known to many, passed peacefully from this life during her sleep. For as much as she ministered to others, may God grant her life eternal with Him.

—Les Cramp

JACK GLADWELL

Brother Jack Gladwell, who grew up in the Sanford Avenue congregation in Hamilton and began his preaching career in Ontario, departed this life at the age of 77 on December 4, 1997. He had preached for many years in Ohio and for the last few years has been battling cancer. He lived in Marion, Ohio.

Although we do not have complete information, we do know that he leaves behind his wife, Mabel; sister Annie Bowring of Sundridge; a son, David, of Cadiz, Ohio; and daughters Leslie of Ohio and Janice Kerr of Pennsylvania.

—E.C.P.

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Arrangements have been made with an accounting firm in Grimsby (Durward, Jones & Barkwell) to manage the SEM's financial affairs and to issue current financial statements to contributors upon request.

I am personally indebted to Dr. Geoffrey H. Ellis, Max Craddock, S.F. Timmerman, and Dr. Eugene C. Perry for agreeing to serve on our Canadian Board of Trustees. Carol and I are most grateful for the many years of support and encouragement they have given to us in the *Slavic Evangelism Ministry* program.

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If you would like to learn more about bringing this seminar to your area, you can contact Kevin in Calgary at 403-247-4461.

MISSION NEWS

Zambia

The church in Malala, started in 1995 with attendance of 30 to 50, had over 103 present recently. Five ladies requested prayers.

Lister Meemba, Superintendent of Namwianga Mission, led a team to the "Africans Claiming Africans" meeting in Zimbabwe. His group composed a song that "became the anthem of the conference".

Lister reported on the Lord's work in Zambia, taught the youth and gave a keynote speech on Christian fellowship. "There were several restorations and baptisms. He has been invited back by several churches in Zimbabwe. The church in Zimbabwe celebrated its first hundred years."

Christian Radio Program

Charles Godlove of College Station, Pennsylvania, informs us that a radio program, *International Gospel Hour*, can be heard from 1170 on the AM dial on Sundays at 9:00-9:30 p.m. and from 970 on the AM dial at 8:15 a.m. This program reaches eighteen states and six Canadian provinces.

Deception of Double Negative

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sion for the forgiveness of sins to save penitent believers (Acts 2:38).

2) God has not said that we cannot add more nutritious food to the Lord's Table.

a. But He has specified unleavened bread and the fruit of the vine (Matthew 26:26-29).

3) God has not said that we cannot observe the Lord's supper on weekdays.

a. But again, by precedent, He sanctioned the first day of the week (Acts 20:7).

4) God has not said that we cannot employ societies to do mission work.

a. But He has said that "The manifold wisdom of God is to be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places by the church" (Ephesians 3:10).

5) God has not said that we cannot use mechanical instruments of music in N.T. worship.

a. But God, by His Spirit, has commanded us to sing (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16; James 5:13b).

Note: There was no command for instrumental music in the Tabernacle worship. . . and there is no record of it being used. God commanded the use of mechanical instruments to His praise in the Temple. "For the commandment was from the Lord through His prophets" (2 Chronicles 29:25), and it was so observed and followed.

Let it be repeated: God did not change His mind; only His command.

"Surely the Lord God does nothing unless He reveals His secret counsel to His servants the prophets" (Amos 3:7)! And does not this apply to the "faith which was once for all delivered to the saints"? Is it not God's prerogative to prescribe and proscribe and man's privilege to obey?

In summary, when the Lord specifies (names particularly) the way His will is to be done, no other way is acceptable because it lacks the power of faith. Without this (principle of exclusion), the restoration of the authority of the N.T. scriptures in faith and practice (which, when obeyed from the heart, results in the same church as that of the first century) is impossible. The terribly divided state of denominationalism bears this out. We dare not go beyond what is written (1 Corinthians 4:6)!

To forsake this principle will lead to a gradual acceptance of sectarian error, their full fellowship and the forsaking of the gos-

pel plan or salvation, even as those among us with open eyes are presently observing in action.

To conclude, let this be said: What "God has not said that we cannot do" being numberless and nameless is therefore also superfluous. The solemn truth is this: The Bible is NOT a book of what God has NOT said, but a revelation of what He HAS said to all who seek His pleasure in "purifying obedience" of faith (Romans 10:17; 14:23b; 1 Peter 1:22). Those who demand a negation from Scripture before action is forbidden are far more legalistic than all who "walk by faith and not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7).

Is there not an application here for all who are justified by "the law (*nomos*) of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:2) when we read "that the secret things (among them the things God has not said

that we cannot do) belong to the Lord our God but *the things revealed* belong to us and to our children forever that we may observe all the words of this law (the law--*ennomos*) of Christ (1 Corinthians 9:21; Deuteronomy 29:29)?

Truly, "His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. For *by these* He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that *by them* you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust" (2 Peter 1:3,4). These are among the many things that have been written. Let us walk in the "glorious light of the gospel of Christ"!

"Do not add to His words, lest He reprove you, and you prove a liar" (Proverbs 20:6). --St. Thomas, Ontario

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

NANAIMO: 1720 Meredith Rd., V9S 2M4; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:00; Grant Harman, ev. 758-9412 (off.); Les Beamish, sec. 758-6929.

NORTH BEND: North Bend Community Hall; Sun. 10; SS 1, Boston Bar, BC V0K 1C0; 867-9420.

PENTICTON: Pentecost Retirement Centre, 439 Winnipeg St.; Sun. 9, 10; Wed. 7:30; Box 24082, V2A 8L9.

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

PRINCE RUPERT: 977 Prince Rupert Blvd; Sun. 4, 3; Thurs. 7; Dick Brant, Bob Turner, evs.; (604) 624-4449 (res.), 624-5834 (off).

RICHMOND: Call Gary Marns, 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. Taylor, 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 Fr. 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. 10, 11; Box 2, R0M 1J0; Gilbert Jacobs, (204) 722-2148 or Lloyd Jacobs, (204) 722-2278, elders.

NEEPAWA: Arden Community Centre, 352 Arden, R0J 0B0; Sun. 10, 11.

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).

PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK

MONCTON: 365 Pine Glen Rd., Riverview (Moncton), E1B 4J8; Sun. 10, Wed. 7:30 p.m.; (506) 852-0919; Royal Maillet (506) 532-2956, Tim Johnson, ev., (506) 386-1682, elders.

SAINT JOHN: Meeting in the home of FRED NELSON, 3 Charleston Court, Quispamsis, E2E 4W9; Sunday meetings flexible; Phone (506) 847-2802 or Tom Goud, 847-2199

PROVINCE OF NEWFOUNDLAND

STEPHENVILLE: 13 Florida Loop, A2N 2W9; Sun & Wed 7:30 p.m.; Daren & Kim Simmons, (709) 643-2629

NEW YORK STATE

BUFFALO (Linwood): 481 Linwood Ave., 14209; Sun. 9:30, 10:45, 6; Training Class 5; Wed. 7; John Smiley, ev. (716) 882-5434.

NORTH BUFFALO: 350 Kenmore Ave., 14223; Sun. 10, 11, 6:30; Wed. 7:30; Drop P.O. Box 128, 14223; David Cornfield, ev.; (716) 835-6010.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

YELLOWKNIFE: 516 Range Lake Rd., X1A 3A7; Sun. 10; Wed. 7:30; 873-3875. Elders: David Lidbury, Barnard Straker; Steve McMillan, ev

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

HALIFAX: 48 Convoy Ave., B3N 2P8; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30; (903) 443-9628 (off.); Keith Brumley, ev. (902) 445-4194 (res); Wayne Taylor, sec., (902) 876-7402.

KENTVILLE: Middle Dyke & Moe Rd.; Sun. 11, 10, 6; Wed. 7; Box 26, B4N 3V9; (902) 678-8881 or 582-1227.

SHUBENACADIE: Mill Village Church, 2 miles w. of Shubenacadie; Sun. 10:15, 11; Wed. 7; R.R. 1, B0N 2H0; D Hallett (902) 758-2133; J Mackey, sec., (902) 758-2633; 758-3215 (off.).

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

AJAX (Serving Oshawa, Whitby, Pickering): 1 Cedar St.; Sun. 9:45, 11. 7; Wed. 7:00; Box 162, L1S 3C3; Ph. (905) 683-2477 or A. Langford, sec., (905) 683-6735; Devon Bennett, ev. (905) 686-2486.

BARRIE: 345 Grove 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. 7:30; 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) 453-3263 (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@cnwllgs.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 downtown@cnwllgs.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; (Old Library); 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 Azzopardo, 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; Lany 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): 1 1/4 mi. S. of Hwy. 540; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Mon. 7:30; Les Crump, 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 Rattai, 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 opportuni-

tes. Harold Byne, ev., 645-0575; FAX 645-6037

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

NEWMARKET: 230 Dava 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--bigdaver@vianet.on.ca; WebSite--http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/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 Linds 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 Cordle, ev.; (905) 934-3862 (res); 935-9581 (off.); contact David Carruthers (905) 227-8972.

ST. CATHARINES (Garden City): Ina Grafton Gage Home (Elm Room), 413 Linwell Rd.; Sun. 9, 10, 11, Wed. 7; c/o Roy Diestelkamp, ev. 123 1/4 Keefer Rd., Thorold ON L2V 4N1, ev. 227-8336

ST. THOMAS: 60 S. Edgeware Rd. N5P 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; Drew Chapados, ev., 542-6520.

SAULT STE. MARIE (Eastside): 99 Melville Rd., P6A 5I6; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; (705) 946-1930

SAULT STE. MARIE (Pinehill): 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: 1/2 km. N. of village; Sun. 11, 10; Wed. 7:30; Box 13, N0A 1P0.

SMITHVILLE: 246 Station St.; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Art Garner, Box 144, L0R 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. 10:15, 11:30; Wed. 7:00; (519) 273-5280; John Bush, 271-9416; Larry Hoover, 271-9545; Joseph Kippax, 744-3439; David Ross, 744-2872.

SUDBURY: 2663 Bancroft Dr. P3B 1T7; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:00; Peter Morphy, ev., (705) 560-3964 (off.); Paul Valli, sec. 674-2352.

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) 842-6533, 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 Frost, 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 Forsyth, ev., Beamsville, 563-7874; Rupert Comrie, 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) 969-0741; J. Short 965-1079.

VANDELEUR: E. off Hwy #10 (2 km S. of Markdale) along Artemesia Township sideroad 10 7 km; Sun. 10, 11; Ian Boyce, sec., R.R. #6, Markdale, N0C 1H0; (519) 986-2143.

WATERLOO: 62 Hickory St. W. (at Hazel), N2L 3J4; Sun. 9:30, 10:30; Wed. 7:30; Bob Sandiford, sec., (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; Al Meakes, ev., 2911 Forest Glade Dr., N8R 1L4; (519) 735-7436.

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. "Phoebe" women's class; last Sat. 6:00 youth meeting, Silvio Caddeo, ev., 387-6163 (off.), 337-9344 (res.), email: caddeo@total.net.

MONTREAL (English/French/Spanish/Chinese/Ghanian): 1650 De Masonneuve, 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; chrisb7777@videotron.ca.

PLESSISVILLE: Centre Communautaire, Audré 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; Jerrel Rowden, ev. (418) 658-0103 (res.), Jean Grenier, ev. 654-0526 (res.).

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.); Lonnie 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., 7 1/2 mi. W., 2 mi. S. of Wishart; 15 mi. NE of Punichy; 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 Thuc, 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 Krogsgaard, 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 Ferns, ev., (306) 842-6424 (off); 848-0645 (res).

WHITEWOOD: Legion Hall, 738 Lalonde 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 Meakes, sec. 783-6850.

Inclusion in this listing does not mean complete endorsement of all teaching and practices.

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

13, 14... Homecoming at GLBC, Waterloo, Ontario

17-21... WCC block class--Church Growth with Dr. Larry Deal

20-22... Youth Rally, Meaford, ON

MARCH

14-22... VBS St. Catharines with students from Oklahoma

APRIL

10-12... Alberta Spring Fellowship--Michael Tackett & Max Craddock

If you have events that you would like to have listed in this Calendar of Events, please contact Eugene Perry at [905] 563-7503.)

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Lectureship Schedule

SUNDAY

10:00 a.m. Introduction to Leviticus **David Lipe**
 11:00 a.m. Overview of Sacrificial System **Edwin Jones**
 2:30 p.m. Burnt Offerings **Bill Nicks**
 7:00 p.m. Singing **Mike Maddox**
 7:30 p.m. Youth: Fear Mother and Father **David Powell**

MONDAY

8:00 a.m. Priesthood Principles **Tom Holland**
 8:30 a.m. Meal Offering **Gary Summers**
 9:30 a.m. Peace Offering **Ben Flatt**
 Class: Atonement **James Rogers**
 10:30 a.m. Sin Offerings **David Vaughn**
 Ladies: Pure Religion **Jane Brown**
 11:20 a.m. Trespass Offerings **Terry Wheeler**
 2:00 p.m. The Consecration of Aaron and His Sons
 **Charles Brown**
 2:50 p.m. Clean and Unclean Animals **Buster Dobbs**
 Class: Types and Shadows **David Pharr**
 3:40 p.m. Purification of Women **Anthony Hixson**
 7:00 p.m. Singing **Mark Altes**
 7:30 p.m. Respect of person **Michael Gurganus**
 7:45 p.m. "Strange Fire" **Tom Holland**

TUESDAY

8:00 a.m. Priesthood Principles **Tom Holland**
 8:30 a.m. Leprosy **Mark Altes**
 9:30 a.m. Uncleaness **Richard Melson**
 Class: Atonement **James Rogers**

10:30 a.m. The Day of Atonement **Robert Taylor, Jr.**
 Ladies: Pure Homes **Irene Taylor**
 11:20 a.m. The Place and the Prohibition **William Woodson**
 2:00 p.m. Purity **Jim Laws**
 2:50 p.m. Regulations and Restrictions **Lonnie Smith**
 Class: Types and Shadows **David Pharr**
 3:40 p.m. Prevention and Protection **Bobby Duncan**
 7:00 p.m. Singing **Ken Forrest**
 7:30 p.m. Aaron: God's Appointed High Priest
 **Eddie Cornelius**
 7:45 p.m. Holy, Holy, Holy **Wendell Winkler**

WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m. Priesthood Principles **Tom Holland**
 8:40 a.m. The Set Feasts **Jerry Jenkins**
 9:30 a.m. Keeping Order **Kenneth Randolph**
 Class: Atonement **James Rogers**
 10:30 a.m. The Sabbath for the Land **Gene Stilwell**
 Ladies: Pure Lifestyles, "Holy"
 **Jane Washington**
 11:20 a.m. The Year of Jubilee **Charles Box**
 2:00 p.m. Reward of Obedience **E. Claude Gardner**
 2:50 p.m. Retribution for Disobedience **James Meadows**
 Class: Types and Shadows **David Pharr**
 3:40 p.m. Vows and tithes **Tim Nichols**
 7:00 p.m. Singing **Herb Byrd**
 7:30 p.m. Honor the Aged **Ben Justice**
 7:45 p.m. Jehovah Spoke **Clayton Winters**

SPECIAL EVENTS:

HONOR DINNER--CLIFFORD REAL, TUESDAY AT 12:15 P.M., TICKETS ON SALE AT LECTURES.

ALUMNI AND FRIENDS DINNER, TUESDAY AT 5:00 P.M.

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