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This 8 a.m. Sunrise devotional gathering on the shore of Georgian Bay, near the site of old Cape Rich Church, north of Meaford, was part of the 150th Anniversary celebrations on June 7, 1998. Dr. Claude Cox, a descendant of the first families there, delivered the sermon. (See story page 16)

Did Job's Wife Advocate Euthanasia?

by Katheryn Maddox Haddad

Assisted suicide is raising its head all over North America. It is the latest term for what we used to call mercy killing or euthanasia. Webster defines euthanasia as an "act or method of causing (someone else's) death painlessly so as to end suffering."

Job's Disease

When Job's wife said to her husband, "Curse God and die" (KJV), was she advocating euthanasia? First, we must note that whatever she may have meant she was uninspired and only expressed her own human emotions.

To examine this in depth, look at just how bad off Job really was. The effects of his boil disease are explained in much detail in the account of his life, suffering, and unexpected recovery.

"Satan...smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown. And he (Job) took him a potsherd to scrape himself withal; and he sat down among the ashes.... And when they (friends) lifted up their eyes afar off, and knew him not, they lifted up their voice and wept." (Job 2:7,8,12).

The term "boils" comes from a Hebrew word indicating a malignant, ulcerous inflammation. It has been generally concluded from the above verses that the disease Job probably had was elephantiasis, a strongly developed form of leprosy.

Although usually this disease only attacks one part of the body such as the arms, legs, or reproductive area, in the worst forms such as what Job bore, it covers the entire body!

Elephantiasis is leprosy in its most terrible form, deriving its name from the appearance of the body. The skin is covered with a knotty, cancerous bark like the hide of an elephant. As the disease destroys the flesh, it turns black. Job was so deformed by this disease, his friends did not recognize him.

Furthermore, the voice (harp/organ) of the victim of elephantiasis is also affected. It becomes low and melancholy. The voice becomes as unrecognizable as the body.

"When I lie down, I say, 'When shall I arise, and the night be gone?' And I am full of tossings to and fro unto the dawning of the day. My flesh is clothed with worms and clods of dust; my skin is broken, and become loathsome" (7:4,5).

The leprous ulcers are often greatly inflamed, and sometimes discharge a white fluid which burns and irritates and creates a very offensive odor. These ulcers also can attract maggots.

"My breath is corrupt, my days are extinct, the graves are ready for me" (17:1). "My breath is strange to my wife.... children.... my inward friends.... My bone cleaves to my skin and to my flesh, and I am escaped with the skin of my teeth" (19:17-20).

Job's bad breath is another indication that he had elephantiasis. His wife, brothers, sisters, and friends apparently found it so offensive, they would not get close to him. His foul breath is also a sign that death is near. Indeed, with this disease, the victim's whole frame is in a stage of progressive weakening, ending in a slow but sure death.

"My bones are pierced in me in the night season; and my sinews take no rest. By the great force of my disease is my garment changed: it binds me about as the collar of my coat.... My bowels boiled, and rested not; the days of affliction prevented me." (30:17,18).

Elephantiasis creates an intense heat, a burning and ulcerous swelling. These pains are normally greatest at night. They prevent sleep and create restlessness and terrible nightmares which Job also complained of. He even associated himself with animals which howl during the night. Job's bowels which boiled refer to the burning sensation he experienced as the ulcers went deeper and more agonizingly into his body.

"I went mourning without the sun: I stood up, and I cried in the congregation. I am a brother to dragons, and a companion to owls. My skin is black upon me, and my bones are burned with heat."

"My harp (vocal cords) also is turned in mourning, and my organ into the voice of them that weep" (30:27-31).

Job was not always alone. At one point he stood up and cried in an assembly of people, either relatives and friends or a city assembly which he may have interrupted. He literally begged for help in his agony, depression, and desperation. Who would help his life of misery go away?

What Job's Wife Really Said

Watching a loved one suffer can tear

anyone apart emotionally, whether it is observed over a few minutes or many years. Those who have watched a loved one suffer for a long duration spend a great deal of time trying to figure out how to end the suffering, whether it be taking our loved one to a different doctor or discontinuing medical treatment. Some of these patients beg to die as Job did on many occasions (see 6:8, etc.). Job was convinced that death was eminent for him anyway (13:15; 14:12,14).

Finally Job's wife could not hold back her feelings. How could she continue to watch her beloved husband suffer? The translation of one of Job's wife's words, however, has caused a great deal of anger by people ever since King James' scholars translated it CURSE: "Curse God, and die" (2:9) (KJV).

The word translated curse comes from a Hebrew word barak. This word was translated in the Bible 326 times as "bless" or "kneel down" and only 4 times as curse.

When translated as curse, it is used as a euphemism similar to the English phrase, "Bless (curse) him out." Barak basically indicates a kind of submission to a superior will.

So why did Job call her foolish for saying he should submit to the will of God and die when he had said similar things himself numerous times?

Job admitted he was willing to accept both bad and good from God. Job called more people than his wife foolish; he called his friends fools on many occasions and argued with them constantly. Still, in the midst of everything, Job continued to say that he wanted to just die and get it over with.

We can only speculate why Job was upset by his wife saying what he himself had said - I want to die. It may be perhaps that his wife said it fairly early in his illness but after he had had a particularly bad night. Or perhaps she said it during one of his more courageous moments, during a time when he was not quite so discouraged. Or perhaps she repeated what he himself had so often, but when he heard someone else say it, it sounded too real and possible.

One thing we do know. After Job's confrontation with God, Job asked God to forgive him (42:5,6). True, Job never sinned against God with his lips (2:10), but he apparently did with his attitude. Otherwise, Job would not have had anything to repent of as God commanded him to do. Job had known God intellectually before, but after his terrible experience, he

Furthermore, God told Job's three friends to repent for thinking they understood any more than Job did (Job 42:7-10). But never did God tell Job's wife to repent! You would think that, after naming the names of those who were to repent, God wouldn't accidentally leave Job's wife out if she needed to repent also.

So, what was Job's wife saying? We do know that when people are close to death, some can fight for life and remain alive for hours or days or even weeks beyond the predicted time of death. Perhaps Job's wife was saying, "Don't prolong your suffering by continuing to fight it." But for sure, she did not hold a pillow over his face to help him along, or put a weapon in his hand, or feed him poison.

Job did not kill himself nor ask anyone to do it for him. Job persevered in his suffering, despite his emotions tossing him to and fro. He never blamed God as Satan had wanted him to, and as Satan wants us to do today. Job became the example for all time of patience and steadfastness (James 5:11). He unexpectedly recovered, and so have many others who did not commit suicide as a way of escape. He stood up to what Satan wanted him to do.

The Controversy Today

United States:

Yet, in the eyes of much of society today, Job was suffering so terribly, he had every right to "die with dignity" and be helped to commit suicide. After all, Job knew that his death was eminent. He said so many times. He even talked about going to heaven afterwards.

This issue of euthanasia or mercy killing is being or will be discussed in every state in the U.S. I was living in Michigan during much of the time it was making national news on the euthanasia issue.

In Michigan, with the assistance of semi-retired pathologist Dr. Jack Kevorkian, some 25 people with such diseases as Alzheimer's, multiple sclerosis, and those creating chronic pain, have been killed by him sometimes using carbon monoxide. Once he placed a plastic bag over the person's head. In the latter case, it was learned at the last minute the patient panicked and begged the mask be taken off him. The doctor removed it once, but left it on after the second request and the man died.

Michigan courts originally said that since suicide is not a crime, even when a person is not terminally ill, assisted suicide

could not be a crime either. However, recently Michigan made it a crime to assist someone's suicide. Twenty-seven other states have outlawed active euthanasia (assisted by someone else). Some states have no rulings on it. Some states are putting it to a popular vote.

Dr. Kevorkian, also known as Dr. Death, said he would starve himself to death if ever jailed for assisting someone with suicide. He was jailed, but only went without food a few days. His inconsistency was glaring. The very man who declared death was a beautiful alternative to a bad life turned right around and used that same "beautiful death" as a threat.

The Medical Tribune held a survey among physicians recently and found 45 percent of doctors secretly support assisted suicide. Michigan's "Dr. Death" calls these physicians "arrogant, greedy, deceitful, hypocritical wimps" because they believe in it but do not openly practice it.

Canada:

In Canada, Robert Latimer was convicted for second-degree murder for ending his daughter's life in what he called a mercy killing. He claims he killed her because she was quadriplegic and had a severe case of cerebral palsy. What he and some news media didn't tell was that she went to school every day.

The "Windsor Star" reported that the Council of Canadians with Disabilities said Latimer's actions aroused much fear and anxiety among the severely disabled. A spokesman said, "We're hearing from folks who see the slippery slope a lot closer to them than they've ever seen it before in terms of actions taken to supposedly relieve people of suffering."

Netherlands:

Although assisted suicide is illegal in the Netherlands and is punishable by 12 years in prison, this law has not been

enforced in about 20 years. Dutch doctors estimate 2,300 die annually in this way, but critics place the number closer to 10,000 annually - in this one small country. How are the people reacting?

Dr. Pieter Admiraal has assisted in about 100 suicides because "you cannot imagine the longing for death." Yet he admits it depresses him because he believes it is actually murder. He uses a lethal injection, the same means used to execute criminals in America.

The Dutch Anti-Euthanasia Society says the practice promotes hopelessness. There is growing fear and distrust among the elderly and handicapped that they will be targeted for misplaced "mercy killing." One such disabled person said, "We feel our lives threatened.... Many people think we are useless.... Often we notice that we are being talked into desiring death.... We find it extremely dangerous and frightening."

Tens of thousands of frightened Dutch are now carrying "Life Declaration Cards" in their wallets. These cards say that, under no circumstance are they to be put to death with mercy killing or assisted suicide.

The Value of Life

If euthanasia is legalized, what is to keep families from subtly telling the chronically ill or disabled that they are being an inconvenience to them? What is to keep families from subtly suggesting to the chronically ill or disabled that, if they were dead, they would not be such an inconvenience to others?

Dr. Kevorkian of Michigan told the reporters a couple of years ago "What I'm doing may be theologically immoral and unethical, but medically it is absolutely moral." When asked what happens after death, he replied, "You rot."

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The Prince of Peace

Wayne Turner

Earlier this year, when the "Good Friday peace deal" was achieved in Northern Ireland, the prospect for peace in that country seemed positive. After years of violence and terrorism, Catholics and Protestants were finally taking concrete steps to end their conflict. On July 12, hopes for peace were diminished by a firebomb attack on a home in Ballymoney in which three young brothers, ages 7 to 10, were killed when fire gutted their home. The attack came as sectarian tensions were heightened by the impending Orangeman's marches throughout the country on July 13. The marches mark the anniversary of the defeat in 1690 of the Catholic king, James II by King William of Orange.

It is difficult to understand how anyone can commit an act of violence in the name of Christ. Jesus taught His disciples to turn the other cheek, to love their enemies and not to resist one who is evil. At the time of Christ's arrest, Peter used a sword to defend Jesus. Jesus warned that those who live by the sword would die by the sword. Violence only begets more violence. Christians are called to peace. The angels at the birth of Jesus heralded: "Peace on earth." Jesus came to bring peace. He is the "Prince of Peace."

It is true that Jesus said "Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword." (Matthew 10:34) However, nowhere does he authorize the use of force in His name. Since Jesus blessed peacemakers as sons of God and taught non-resistance, it can only be concluded that the sword Jesus spoke of was not to be used by His disciples. Rather, the sword would be used against them. In verses 35 and 36, Jesus shows that a disciple's enemies would come from his own family. The violence typified by the sword would be the result of rejection of and opposition to Christ. True disciples would give up everything, including their families, possessions and even their lives to follow Him.

If Jesus is grieved by any divisions among those claiming to be His followers, how much more is His grief when such divisions result in violence and death? In a world that desperately needs to know the peace of Christ, His name is being used to justify the destruction of lives and families and to perpetuate the division and violence that have marked human religious history for centuries. How tragic! How can people become so caught up in their issues that they allow themselves to become the very antithesis of what they profess?

At the risk of oversimplifying, the answer is simple. The

problem is sin, especially sins like anger, selfishness and pride. It is easier to create or stubbornly maintain longstanding divisions than to create reconciliation and forgiveness. Would it not have been more appropriate for Irish Protestants to have changed their day to remember William of Orange and to have invited their Catholic neighbours to celebrate with them their new-found, if somewhat tenuous, peace? Hopefully, the shock of this tragedy will touch the hearts of both sides and cooler heads will prevail and peace be maintained.

There is an important lesson here for North Americans who enjoy freedom from such religious violence. The world watches the sectarian violence in Northern Ireland and sees these events as part of Christianity. Similarly, the world sees the religious division on this continent, and reaches the same unfortunate conclusion. Jesus prayed that by the unity of His disciples the world would come to believe in Him. Such unity cannot be attained without a common submission to Christ and a commitment to unity and love. Paul expressed it quite simply, "Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." (Ephesians 4:3)

As we lift up Christ to the world, let us lay aside all sectarian or divisive attitudes, and let us show that Jesus is not the author of confusion, division or violence. He is the One who came to bring us peace in our hearts, peace with God and peace with one another.

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Parent Child Maintenance: *A Little Different Perspective*

This is not a parent/child article, this is an article that has the intent of causing adults to think about the relationship that they share with their parents and the relationship that they will share with their children once they are grown. Material on parent child relationships tend to focus almost exclusively on the relationship that a parent shares with their infant children through the teen years. It is almost as if the parents job actually ends. It changes, it does not end.

Farm work is usually very physical and less than glamorous. It was one of those less than glamorous days on the farm when Dad went to pick up my grandfather. Grandpa was there intent on helping with the cleaning out of the barn. Grandpa was not able to drive and shoveling out the corners of the barn was not an option.

So why was he there? He could not assist with the work, in fact my father's statement to me was to keep Grandpa busy. I do not think that grandpa even tried to pick up a pitchfork that day, but did he ever talk! I had never heard my grandfather go on and on before. Grandpa told me stories about my father that I am sure Dad would insist I keep secret! I learned of his life. I learned how excited he was when they bought their first tractor. I learned too many things to list

about my grandfather. The one I learned most about was my father. Each story I heard taught me something but the real understanding came in watching how my father treated his elderly dad.

My listening to Grandpa's stories resulted in me being a less than adequate worker that day. Often Dad would have to wait for us to get caught up or sometimes he would even have to climb down and help. There was no "Hurry up, hurry up! Your're lagging behind!" What there was though, were three generations of a family having a good time. I learned why Grandpa was

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there that day; he was there simply because he wanted to be and since he wanted to be there no one questioned whether or not it was good that he was there.

My parents looked after their mom and dad until God called them home. They went out of their way to make sure that the grandparents played an important role in all of our lives. My sister's wedding would not have been complete without a visit to my grandmother's bedside.

Here is the point plain and simple. You

teach your children how to deal with you in your later years by how you deal with your parents. Think about it for a second. Are your family reunions noted more by your complaining than by a celebration of getting together? On those trips to "grandma's house" do you teach your children what a labor it is or what a privilege it is? Your attitude toward your parents is probably the attitude that your children will take with you.

You need to:

1. Prioritize the role of grandparents.
2. Make time commitments to keep all generations involved with each other.
3. Understand that we spend a life time honoring our fathers and our mothers.

Recently my parents began some new construction and I wanted to be there to watch them dig up the ground that first day. I was to arrive around 1:00 a.m. Monday and drive home again after supper. It was a long day. Some do not understand why someone would spend two tanks of gas, rearrange their work schedule, drive four hours each way to watch a backhoe rip up some ground. What one has to understand is that I was there so as to be with Mom and Dad.

Did they need me there? No! I actually did very little work that day. I went simply to strengthen a relationship. To remind them and also to remind myself that this parent/child relationship is to last a lifetime. Something deigned to last has to be cherished and worked on. I watch my brother and sisters with their children and I note how well they treat all the parents involved and I know it's no miracle, it is simply what they learned.

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" may have its greatest truth in the relationship shared between parents and children.

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Love is Kind

In defining love and breaking it down into its recognizable traits, we saw last month that love is patient. Patience describes God, because God is love. When we grow in patience, we grow in love and become more like God. The same thing can be said of kindness. Kindness describes God, because God is love. When we are kind, we are loving. When we are kind, we become more like God.

It destroys me when I am unkind to others. It also destroys me when others are unkind to me. Unkindness wrecks lives. An unkind husband destroys his wife as he constantly criticizes her. An unkind wife destroys her husband as she constantly criticizes him. A couple gets tired of the steady diet of unsympathetic condemnation in their church and react to it, by either going elsewhere or not going at all. The teenager cries uncontrollably in her room, those she thought were her friends have been unkind, making her the butt of their jokes. Unkindness is destroying lives all around us.

Kindness is love in action. Kindness is practicing goodness. Kindness is tenderness and compassion. Kindness is sympathy and empathy. Kindness is considerateness. Kindness is a genuine compliment to a family member or coworker. Kindness is a note expressing appreciation. Kindness is a spirit of understanding when someone else makes a mistake.

Because God is love, God is kindness. "Love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is KIND to the ungrateful and wicked" (Luke 6:35). "Do you show contempt for the riches of his KINDNESS, tolerance and patience, not realizing that God's KINDNESS leads you toward repentance?" (Romans 2:4).

"Consider therefore the KINDNESS and sternness of God: Sternness to those who fell, but KINDNESS to you, providing that you continue in his KINDNESS. Otherwise you will be cut off" (Romans 11:22). "But when the KINDNESS and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy" (Titus 3:4).

There are at least four things about kindness that we can learn from the above passages. First, God saving us by sending His One and Only Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross in our place, is the greatest act of kindness that the world will ever see. Second, we did not, do not, and never will deserve or earn the kindness of God. Third, this act of kindness will motivate us to perform acts of kindness. If we are not performing acts of kindness, perhaps we do not yet fully appreciate the kindness of God. Fourth, because we did not earn or deserve the kindness of God, we cannot expect those who receive our kindness to earn or deserve it.

Kindness is not the result of doing what comes naturally. Following our human nature will seldom, if ever, lead to kindness. Following our human nature will often lead to selfishness, but not kindness. Following our feelings will seldom, if ever, lead to kindness. I read recently that the ultimate hypocrisy is not being true to your feelings. The point being made was that whatever one feels like doing they should go ahead and do, regardless of whether it is right or wrong or who gets hurt, all so that they can be true to themselves. Perhaps you too have heard the often reported cliché that says, "Feelings are neither right or wrong, they are just your own." However, if I feel like killing you, that is wrong. If I lust after a woman I have committed adultery in my heart and that is wrong. It is true that you cannot change feelings, by simply trying to feel different. I have found it difficult even

to educate my feelings differently; feelings usually win over knowledge. Many smokers have enough knowledge to know that their smoking is harming them, but their feelings win out and they keep smoking. What are we to do? Paul Faulkner, in his book "MAKING THINGS RIGHT WHEN THINGS GO WRONG" says, "IT IS EASIER TO ACT YOURSELF INTO A BETTER WAY OF FEELING THAN IT IS TO FEEL YOURSELF INTO A BETTER WAY OF ACTING."

We will never learn to be kind like God, by following human desires, doing what comes naturally, or following our feelings. To be kind like God is kind, we need to be transformed. God does that for us when He changes us through His Spirit dwelling in us, kindness is a fruit (or the result) of the Spirit dwelling in us. Kindness is a "supernatural" virtue, not a natural one. God will help me obey the obligation that "love is kind" places on me. God will change me, if I let him, into a kind person. I must want to change and I must of course try to change with everything that is in me, but the outcome is the result of God's work, so He gets the glory.

We must be careful that we do not reduce all virtue to kindness, overlooking matters like justice, commitment to principle, discipline and exhortation. We should not let kindness blind us to the fact that some things are just wrong. It is wrong for a man to indiscriminately divorce his wife and marry another woman whom he finds more attractive. In our kindness we may be inclined to shy away from confronting him. But real love will confront him with the truth. Kindness isn't a vague convictionless desire to make everything pleasant for everyone. Real love, real kindness will confront evil because confronting evil is the right thing, the kind thing and the loving thing.

Kindness is contagious. We catch it from God! Then, our acts of kindness will be duplicated and multiplied as others follow our example.

Kindness is love in action, it is practicing goodness. Kindness is tenderness and compassion, sympathy and empathy. Kindness is considerateness. Kindness is putting the needs of others ahead of our own. After all, isn't that what Jesus did on the cross?

Shall I Drink Alcohol Moderately?

by Tim Johnson

Canadians drink a surprising amount of alcohol. A recent newspaper article said the average citizen of our country buys 75-100 litres of it every year. That's about as much milk as my family buys per year for each of my four children! Perhaps because of the prevailing tolerance to social drinking, Christians sometimes feel they can drink too. This is a particular temptation to brothers and sisters in Christ who once drank alcohol heavily, but repented when they obeyed the gospel. While God has forgiven us from our sins, temptation is still something all of us must deal with. Before picking up a drink, consider carefully six principles God clearly gave us that govern all our freedoms. They are taught in 1 Corinthians 6:12, then repeated and expanded later in the book (10:23-24 and 31).

After honestly examining these principles, I'm sure you will conclude that outside of certain medicinal purposes, there is no place for drinking in the life of a Christian. Here they are:

1. IS DRINKING LAWFUL? (1 Cor. 6:12; 10:23)

Has God spoken against it? The Bible is clearly against drunkenness, but what about moderate drinking socially? Consider these passages: Proverbs 20:1; 23:29-35; Isaiah 5:11-22; 28:7-8; Galatians 5:21 and 1 Corinthians 6:9-10. These scriptures call social drinking unwise, hurtful, the cause of heartache, division, and a lack of self control. While God may not have given us a simple "thou shalt not drink alcohol," he certainly has counseled against it. This is especially true when the alcoholic products used today are stronger and more aimed to manipulate us than they were in Bible times (first century people often drank non-alcoholic wine much like grape juice, and the alcoholic type was often heavily diluted with water).

2. IS IT PROFITABLE? (1 Cor. 6:12; 10:23)

Is social drinking helpful, beneficial or useful? Some would say that "it relaxes me, makes me forget my troubles," etc. However, what harmful effects does drink-

ing cause a person when they are trying to relax and forget their troubles?

Scientists have been saying lately that one alcoholic drink a day lessens heart disease. However, other scientists at John Hopkins Medical Institution in Baltimore say no one should take up drinking because of the beneficial antioxidant contained in alcohol. There are too many other negative effects that come with it, such as cancer, liver damage, etc. Eating deeply-coloured fruits and vegetables (red or purple grapes, tomatoes, etc) can also lessen heart problems (See Health After 50, Oct. 1994).

So is drinking profitable? It seems the only people really making a profit from alcohol are the companies making money from selling it!

3. IS IT ENSLAVING? (1 Corinthians 6:12)

Will it get a grip on me so that I can't stop? Nobody likes to think this could happen to them, but neither did the 6 million alcoholics in North America!

The plain fact is that the chemicals in alcohol are there to get you hooked and make you think that you aren't. Its enslaving nature is the most dangerous thing about it! Why play with booze and act like it's a friend when it's trying its best to be your enemy?

The scriptures say, "stand firm against the schemes of the devil" (Ephesians 6:11). The enslaving nature of alcohol must be one of the devil's biggest schemes!

4. DOES IT EDIFY? (1 Corinthians 10:23)

Does moderate drinking build you up, strengthen and encourage you? Is it constructive? It might make you feel happier for a while, but it causes terrible destruction later on. We need to consider the whole picture, not just what might make you feel happy for the moment.

For years experts have been adding up alcohol's destructive effects. Consider:

a. Over 40,000 Canadians die each year because of drinking and drugs.

b. It costs Canada \$18.5 billion a year in

lost productivity, health care bills and insurance premiums.

c. Newspapers regularly report a high percentage of vandalism, violent crime, even murder - all because of social drinking.

A Dalhousie University study reported that in the Maritimes, just after midnight every night, 1 of every 10 drivers is legally impaired. What kind of damage does that cause? Can we really call social drinking edifying?

5. DOES IT HURT OR INFLUENCE OTHERS NEGATIVELY? (1 Corinthians 10:24,32-33)

Definitely yes! People are killed, others are hurt physically and emotionally, kids go without food and supplies - all because of social drinking! If you think drinking moderately can avoid such tragedy, ask yourself the following questions:

a. Who sees you drinking? Your kids? Your friends? The people next door?

b. What's to stop them from using your actions to justify their own temptation to drink?

c. What negative or destructive effects could happen to them as a result of their drinking - encouraged by your example?

d. Is it not true that when you drink you play a part in the bad decisions of others? You may feel you have liberty to drink, but your example might just eventually destroy another person.

6. DOES IT GLORIFY GOD? (1 Corinthians 10:31)

This scripture plainly says that what you eat or drink can praise God, or fail to praise Him. Other than alcohol, I can't think of any beverage that would fail to glorify Him. Can you? (Example: milk, fruit juice, pop). Just about every beverage you could drink has good, wholesome effects. Alcohol causes the opposite.

Take a bottle of booze in your hand and ask yourself what GOD requests you to ask: DOES THIS GLORIFY HIM? If you can't come up with a reasonable, honest, impartial "YES," then put it down. God's principles of regulating our freedom rules moderate drinking out.

Moncton, NB

Point by Perry:

"ADORNING THE DOCTRINE"



The phrase "adorning the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things" from the ASV Bible is descriptive of what results when Christians are submissive, well pleasing, faithful, etc.. The NIV reads, "that in every way they will make the teaching about God our Saviour attractive" (Titus 2:10).

It should not come as a surprise to anyone that the way Christians, whatever their lot in life, speak, act, relate to others, react to adversity and fulfill responsibility is expected to be noticed and to make Christianity attractive to those who see. The context includes instruction to older men and women and urges the training of younger women so "that no one will malign (blaspheme, ASV) the word of God" (v.5) and of younger men so that opposers "may be ashamed having nothing bad to say about us." (v.8).

The type of living described in the first ten verses of Titus chapter two is "in accord with sound doctrine" (v.1). It involves saying "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions" and living "self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age" and being "eager to do what is good" (v.12,14). Chapter three continues to stress that Christians should be "ready to do whatever is good" and "careful to devote themselves to doing what is good" (3:1,8).

The old adage that 'actions speak louder than words' is worthy of serious consideration. The teachings of Christ must be verbalized but whether or not they fall on attentive and receptive ears is related to the actions and attitudes of those thought to be His disciples.

We have, in recent months, been made aware of the Christians in Laos, who have been imprisoned because of participation in Bible studies and worship in a home. Ten of them remain in confinement. How do they fare? Not well from a physical and material viewpoint. In the first place the

charges against them are unfair. They are neither subversives nor criminals. They are crowded in their cells like sardines and do not have access to filtered water. They are separated from their families and unable to support their needs. Despite these and more reasons for bitterness, they do not complain but thank and praise God that brethren world wide are concerned and praying for them.

The fact that they have been singled out by the guards as having model behaviour and have been selected as wardens over 300 other prisoners reminds us of the Old Testament story of Joseph. A victim of injustice and mistreatment, he reacted positively, conducting himself in such a way as to win the respect and confidence of those over him. This resulted in his being promoted to positions of trust and responsibility in Potiphar's house, then in prison and then over the land of Egypt. Joseph was able to rise above his mistreatment rather than allowing it to effect his conduct.

Jesus teaches us to return good for evil, to overcome evil by good, to let our "light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven" (Mt.5:16). How is it that nationals who only recently became disciples of Christ have learned this lesson so well whereas so many "nominal disciples" living in a culture with years of access and exposure to Christian teaching seem to have learned it so poorly?

Christians are a "transformed" people, - transformed by "the renewing of your mind" (Rom.12:2): reflecting the Lord's glory, "being transformed into his likeness" (II Cor.3:18).

Let us consciously make the way of Christ attractive. (E.C.P.)

How to Help the Laotian Christians

Anyone who wishes to help those suffering because of the imprisonment since January 31 of Christians in Laos may send financial assistance to Lao Assistance Fund, WestArk Church of Christ, 900 Waldron, Fort Smith, AR, 72903.

Letters of appeal on their behalf can be sent to: Ambassador Khamle Sayachack, Embassy of the Lao P.D.R. 2222 S. Street, N.W., Washington, DC, 20008; Ph. (202) 332-6416; Fx. (202) 332-4923; e-mail <laoemb@erols.com> and/or His Excellency Mr. Khamthay Siphandone, President, Lao P.D.R., Vientiane, Lao P.D.R.; Fx. 856-21-214208 (phone first); His Excellency Mr. Sisavath Keobunphanh, Prime Minister, Vientiane, Lao P.D.R.; Fx. 856-21-21-36-50 (phone first to 856-21-21-37-22); and/or His Excellency Mr. Kham Ouane Boupha, Minister of Justice, Vientiane, Lao P.D.R.; Fx 856-21-414102.

Sample letters are available on request.

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MISSION NEWS

Belarus

Attempts to register the small congregation in Elizovo have had no positive response yet despite the fact that they were told that it would simply be a formality. The President of the country has identified himself as an "Orthodox Atheist" and the Orthodox church appears to have become the government's chosen religion, for political reasons. This church would like the state "to tighten control over the activities of other churches".

Meanwhile, the church in Elizovo has lost its positive image in the community, been forced to cancel its two Sunday School classes and temporarily suspend worship services until permission has been received. As a foreigner, Ed Jermakowicz has been warned not to be involved, help or influence the group and forbidden to have "any conversation of any sort on Christian topics".

Ed concludes, "The future of things like Sunday School and Minority Church Groups is in serious question".

Rick Pinczuk

A fax just received from Rick and Carol Pinczuk of Kyiv, Ukraine thanks us for including mission news in the GOSPEL HERALD.

They inform us that the first issue of "our long-awaited Christian Children's Quarterly ("The Pearl")" is off the press and "will be distributed to our churches here nationwide. Our Adult Quarterly ("The Source") is scheduled to be published next week."

He also makes mention of the difficulties being experienced by Ed Jermakowicz in Belarus and writes, "He need our prayers and financial support more now than ever before. We hope he can accompany some of the Elizovo brethren to our Camp".

FROM THE BULLETINS

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Overcoming Frustration

Roger Lansdell

It is said of one of the famous composers that he had a rebellious son who used to come in late at night after his father and mother had gone to bed. However before going to his own room, he would go to his father's piano and slowly, as well as loudly as possible, play a simple scale, all but the final note. Then he would retire to his room, leaving the scale uncompleted. Meanwhile the father, hearing the scale minus the final note, would toss and turn on his bed, his mind unable to relax because the scale was not complete. Finally, in frustration, he would stumble down the stairs and hit the previously unstruck note. Only then would his mind relax and his body surrender to sleep once again.

You know life's frustrations come in many shapes, forms and sizes. Frustration can well up within us because of people,

because of things or because of events and circumstances or schedules. However, without a doubt few of us ever go many days without sensing some form of frustration. Sometimes the frustration we experience is minor and passes almost as quickly as we felt it. But then some of life's frustrations seem to hang around like an unwanted guest and rob us of joy and any sense of happiness. The tension and stress are overwhelming, sometimes robbing us of rest.

And so I believe the question is, "How can we better handle frustration?" You see I don't believe we will ever be rid of frustrations. They are a reality of life in an imperfect world. But God never promised that this life would be heaven and the frustrations we experience should certainly remind us that it is not. But what can we do to be more in control over our frustrations?

Maybe some of the answer resides in becoming more appreciative of others, things and experiences in life. However the gratitude that I'm referring to is for those small, seemingly insignificant things that so often are overlooked. Because you see, in the midst of frustration we need to be reminded to be grateful for the common things.

There is a Chinese legend about a group of elderly, cultured gentlemen who met often to exchange wisdom and drink tea. Each host tried to find the finest and most costly varieties of tea, to create exotic blends that would arouse the admiration of his guests. When the most respected of the group entertained, he served his tea with unprecedented ceremony, measuring the leaves from a golden box. Those who had assembled praised this exquisite tea. The host smiled and said, "The tea you have found so delightful is the same tea our peasants drink."

Sometimes our strivings for the rarest and the most costly cause many frustrations but we should learn to appreciate and remind ourselves more of the common, the everyday experiences and blessings of life. And in so doing frustrations are easier to cope with when compared to our blessings.

*Pinehill Messenger,
Sault. Ste. Marie, Ontario*

Jealousy, Strife and Division

Drew Chapados

Now the works of the flesh are manifest which are these: fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousies, wraths, factions, divisions, parties, envyings, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of which I forewarn you, even as I did forewarn you, that they who practice such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God" (Galatians 5:19-21, ASV).

The Apostle in his letter to the Galatians was writing them about the need to walk by the Spirit. He told them that if they did, the flesh would no longer be satisfied (Ch. 5:16). Then he gave them a list of works that Christians would no longer practice. What's interesting about this list is that all the practices, the ones we readily acknowledge as evil: fornication, idolatry, sorcery etc., and those we may not be so harsh on all carry the same penalty: no inheritance in the Kingdom of God! So, in this article I want to concentrate on three of these works and our need to rid ourselves of their practice:

1. Jealousy! Some might say there are worse things than this, but according to Paul this practice will keep you from God's

kingdom. Jealousy should never be a part of the Christian's walk! Why? Because, coming to Jesus means emptying one's self (Matt. 16:24-26). There is no room for competition in the church. Jealousy of another only produces bad fruit. To be jealous of another's education, knowledge, popularity, ability etc., is not a work of one following the Saviour.

2. Strife! To contend for the faith is admirable (Jude :3), to be contentious is not (2 Tim. 2:24). When a Christian is looking for something to argue, counter or oppose, he/she is looking through the wrong set of lenses. There is no merit in just being in opposition to someone, as Paul said "follow after things which make for peace" (Romans 14:19). There is no need for Christians to feel the need to strive!

3. Division! One thing God loves is for His people to be one (Psalms 133; John 17:21). One thing He hates is those who cause division among brothers (Proverbs 6:19). Those who seek to put brethren against each other are guilty of such a work of the flesh. When one sees brothers who are at peace and then purposefully divides them, nothing profitable has been done for the kingdom. Not everyone has to be bothered by the same brother!

May each Christian seek the fruit of the Spirit and leave every work of the flesh and may the church of our Lord be truly identified by the love displayed (John 13:35).
-Sarnia, Ontario

FOR WOMEN BY WOMEN

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Home 4 Sale!

*(Editor's Note: Thoughts for this article were taken from **How to Keep Your Kids on Your Team** by Charles Stanley. I highly recommend this book to any mother (and father), especially those with young children. lch)*

Every time we drive to church or go to town, we pass a homemade sign, stuck in the ground on the side of the road, which reads "Home 4 Sale". An arrow points down a side road, indicating that there is a building for sale in that direction. Yes, I know that what they mean is that there is a house for sale down that road. But the wording on the sign could be misunderstood.

I am afraid that it is becoming far too common in this day and time for the exact wording on the sign to be true. The home is the people who make up the family that lives in the house. Are we, indeed, selling our homes?

As I think about my children's friends, I realize that a good number of them come from broken homes. These children have to divide their time between parents and grandparents, often in different cities. Some even have to spend time in different schools during the year.

Unfortunately, it is also becoming too common to find families in the church who have suffered breakups. I tried to estimate how many in our congregation are from broken homes, and I lost count. Have we, after all, sold our homes? It seems that we sell out far too easily these days. When things become difficult or unpleasant, it is becoming almost the norm to just bail out, thinking that things will be better if we change families--sell our "homes".

We must take a stand to try to change things so that when our children become adults, they will not be so easily swayed. As my three children get closer to the age when they might be considering dating seriously and even choosing a mate, I

become nervous when I think about the examples that have influenced them in this important area of life. I ask myself every day whether or not I have been the example that I should have been and taught them what they need to know to make the right decisions. Have I let them know how important faith in God is? I think it is important to hand down our faith to our children.

There are six ways in which we can hand down our faith. The first is *principle* instructing them in the ways of God. Our whole life should reflect God's place in our lives. Every move we make, every thought we have, every word we speak should indicate our belief in and dedication to Him. Moses told the Israelites,

Our whole life should reflect God's place in our lives.

"You shall teach them [God's words] diligently to your children" (Deuteronomy 6:7a). The following verses tell that we should basically talk about God's words at all times. What do we do when we are with our children? Are we teaching them these principles when we are watching TV with them? We should use every opportunity that arises to talk about God and our faith.

We also hand down our faith by *pattern*. It is well known that our actions speak louder than our words. When our children see us reading God's Word, communicating with God through prayer, serving others, and living our Christianity, they will know that what we tell them is really what we believe. When difficulties arise in our lives, do our children see us going to God for strength and comfort? When a need arises in the church family, do they see us giving as we should? When someone confesses wrong, do they see us embracing that person in a spirit of forgiveness?

The third way to hand down our faith is *persistence*. Never give up. Even

when it looks like things have hit bottom, stick with it. I am finding that raising teenagers is not an easy task. Many times, especially since my oldest has reached 18, I have felt like just throwing in the towel, thinking that it doesn't make any difference what I say or do. But I know that things would not get any better if I did that. We must keep doing good, no matter how hard it may be or how little effect we think it is having on our children. "Do not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart" (Galatians 6:18).

We can impact our children greatly by *participation* in their lives. It is easy to give the impression that we are listening to our children, but they know when we are really listening. We must look them in the eye when we talk with them to show that they have our full attention. We should ask them specific questions about things that are going on in their lives. If the lines of communication are open, they will feel comfortable coming to us when there is a need for our advice. If they have a problem, it will be easier for them to come to us for help. Plan activities together when the family bond is strengthened.

We must *praise* our children more. It is easier to criticize and point out faults than it is to praise our children. These negative responses carry a lot of weight in the way our children grow up. We need to make it a priority to praise each of our children as often as we can. A little praise goes a long way. They are a gift from God and should be treated as such.

Probably the most important way we can hand down our faith is through *prayer*. We need to stress to our children that prayers need to be a part of their daily lives. Paul instructs us in I Thessalonians 5:17 to "pray without ceasing". We need to let them know that we pray for them daily--let them hear us praying for them by name. Prayer should be an automatic response to both good and bad situations in our lives.

The only buyer of a "home" that is for sale is Satan. We certainly don't want him to be the owner. In order to ensure that that doesn't happen, we must strengthen our families having faith in God as a guiding force. Let's let the world know that our homes are NOT for sale!

NEWS

- EAST -



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ONTARIO

Ajax: The annual Sunday School picnic was June 13. They have put a new sign up on their church building.

Beamsville: The joint Sunday night service on June 7 had 235 present. Ruth Zimmerman was expected to arrive home from PNG on July 11. Wanda Spiers, who will be working in "medical mission work," was scheduled to leave for Ghana on July 16. Ed Broadus began a series of lessons on 1 Corinthians on July 19. The Max Dauner family, who is partially supported by the congregation in Beamsville visited on the first Sunday of July. They are working to establish a training school for Christians in France and were developing a new approach to their mission work.

Bramalea: Tanya Dobrobaba has moved to the area, at least for the summer. She is living with her parents who are recent immigrants from the Ukraine. Tanya was baptized in Montana and has been going to school in Powell, WY.

Thirty one students attended the 60 Plus program at Camp Omagh on July 6-9.

Warren and Jackie Gay with children, Erin, Laura and Scott will be moving back to St. Catharines on August 14. They will be sorely missed. Warren spoke for the congregation July 12 and has been teaching adult Bible classes and Jackie has been teaching a children's class for the last two quarters.

Brantford (1): The congregation had a congregational meeting on June 21 and their annual picnic July 5.

Brantford (2): Sue, Glenn and Ashley Crews were baptized into Christ during the June 21st service.

Collingwood: The brethren have been holding devotions at the local nursing homes. Walter Hart was to be their speaker on June 21 while Wayford Smith was at Meaford. The June monthly pot-luck picnic was held at Sunset Point. They had a special congregational meeting Sunday evening June 21. On July 5, the guest speaker was Daniel Zimmerman.

Guelph: Juan and Paula, who became

Christians while attending university in Guelph less than two years ago, attended Abilene Christian University this last year and were leaving July 1 for a six-week trip to Kenya. Dave and Lucille Azzoparde spent two weeks with Dave's family in Malta. Guest speakers have been Brian Boden, Marvin Johnson and Keith Thompson. Jonathan Amy was to spend the month of July in Honduras. He will be teaching the people about God and will take supplies and clothing to help the children of the village of Trujalo. Graham Amy has recovered enough to deliver a sermon on June 7.

Hamilton (West Hamilton): "We rejoice that two families have moved to Hamilton and become a part of the West Hamilton church family - Mike and Rochelle Gosselin from St. Catharines and Subhas and Eithna Ganguli, from Wisconsin. On July 1, fourteen travelled to Nashville to attend "Jubilee". We are now holding weekly Bible studies at the mens' residence in a room called "The Meeting Place." On July 13, two of our youth, Blake Dendecker and Nathan Page accompanied David Philip and Matt Gill for a one week mission work in Trinidad. Our July 12 attendance was 53." - E. VanAlstine

Newmarket: The congregation held a very successful youth leadership Sunday on June 7, where fifteen of the young men led the services. (Editor's note: looks like an excellent idea.)

Niagara Falls: Heidi Colyn and Brad Boland were married July 25th at the Tintern Church building.

Jack Exum will be presenting his "Three Unusual Days" Seminar August 9-12.

Owen Sound: "The Annual Owen Sound Ladies' Renewal is scheduled for Sept. 18-20. This year, besides the Friday and Saturday evenings and nights at the Boy Scout Camp outside of Owen Sound, activities and speakers for the day on Saturday will be at the Owen Sound church building. The theme this year is "Light the Fire" with Judy Morphy and Elaine Hart presenting lessons on "Fan the Flame" and "Kindle the Spark in Your Child's Heart." Activities at the camp begin with supper Friday evening at 5:00. Activities at the building on Saturday begin at 10 a.m. and conclude at 2:45 p.m. The Renewal concludes with morning worship and a congregational pot-luck with the Owen Sound church on Sunday. Registration this year, for those who go out to the camp is \$25. There is no charge for the Saturday sessions at the church building.

St. Catharines: The combination fellowship meeting was June 21 with Beamsville, Tintern and Grimsby. Joel Osborne along with team members Crimsen

Ruhnke, Ben Berry and Jon Straker are involved in the L.S.T. program in Sindai, Japan.

Stoney Creek: "We are pleased to announce that Darrell Buchanan has accepted our invitation to minister with the congregation. He will succeed our current minister, Harold Parker, who retires on August 31 after turning 65. Harold will remain a shepherd and will continue to worship at Stoney Creek.

"Darrell Buchanan is a most suitable replacement and we are pleased to have been able to attract a person of such outstanding quality" *M. Ensley*

Stratford: The congregation had a lunch bag meeting on June 28 to discuss the future direction of their Sunday School. The date for VBS was July 13-17. On June 21 they had a fellowship meal honouring their graduates and the same day a come and go tea to honour Joe and Doris Kippax on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Sault St. Marie (Pinchill): The brethren are supporting two new children through the Children Relief Fund. Two had graduated and they received two more. The brethren continue to take part at the soup kitchen on a monthly basis. The congregation's homecoming was on July 11 and 12.

Sudbury: Mary Anne Lamarche (on June 28) and Omer Gaugreau (on July 4 at Moonlight Beach) were baptized into Christ for the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Thunder Bay: The family camp was to be held at the Dorion Conference Centre August 28-30. The women were planning their third annual women's canoe trip this summer. Malcolm McMillan, who has been the preacher, has accepted a position as youth minister with the Shelburne Street Church of Christ in Victoria, B.C. beginning at the end of August. On June 28 the congregation had a pot-luck dinner to honour their teachers.

Tintern: Yvon Beaudoin, from Quebec City was the guest speaker on June 14. The congregation has taken on part of Yvon Beaudoin's support for his work with small congregations between Quebec City and Montreal. The congregation held a retreat at Camp Omagh July 10 and 11. VBS was held July 5-10.

Toronto [Bayview]: The congregational picnic was Sunday, July 19. On August 8, the congregation is holding an "Uncle Porky's Hayride" through the bush with a campfire picnic following.

Toronto [Strathmore]: Max Craddock conducted a seminar in Sudbury entitled "Home Improvement." Many people are involved with the ongoing "Key to the Kingdom" program. *continued on page 12*

NEWS

- PRAIRIES -



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MANITOBA

Carman: "On Monday, June 8th, the ladies had their annual 'prayer sister' evening. We were pleased to have 31 ladies present, 3 being visitors! Our theme for our devotional was 'encouraging one another.'"

The congregation held its VBS on June 29-July 3rd. This year's theme was: 'This Fruit's Not Plastic!'

Congratulations to Evelyn Anderson! She has a brand new bouncing baby great-grandson: Shawn Michael Stewart. Shawn weighed in at 7 lbs. 12 oz.

The Cutting family are celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the Cutting farm on July 11th."

Dauphin: On Saturday, June 27th a number of people gathered to paint at Western Christian College.

A special program is being planned for July 21-23 at WCC called Vision Canada '98, a follow-up to the Vision Canada Workshop held in Waterloo, Ontario in 1988. The theme is "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow."

Our annual V.B.S. will take place on August 2-7.

Manson: "On June 14th we celebrated the 60th wedding anniversary for Manly and Grace Jacobs."

We plan our regular Vacation Bible School the second week of August, the 9th to 14th.

Next year the church in Manson will be seventy years old. We plan to have a Homecoming that year. Ruth-Anne Jacobs will be the correspondent. Please direct any correspondence to her."

Gilbert Jacobs

Winnipeg: We rejoice with Monica Muller and Mark Cameron who were baptized on July 1st. Our annual church picnic is planned for July 25th.

SASKATCHEWAN

Regina: The west parking lot is under construction and contributions are being received towards the cost.

Mary McLean and her son Bruce were baptized on June 7.

The congregation has contributed \$601.00 to Manna International for its relief work.

The "Lets Start Talking" Team made up of Joel Gerrard, Tim Goodwin, Andrea Muirhead, Amy Nelson, Alicia, Ashley, Bernard and Kresten Krogsgaard was able to obtain funding and went to Zagreb, Croatia for the period May 30 to July 15.

Saskatoon: Bob Parker fell and broke his hip in early June.

Tim Mcmillan, sponsored by the Brushy, Tennessee church is working with the Saskatoon church for the summer.

Weyburn: On May 31st, Fran Gazely was baptized into Christ. On June 14th, Curtis Tyndall was baptized for the remission of his sins.

Congratulations to Stacy Bell who graduated from high school on June 26th. At Awards Night at Stoughton High, Brady Knibbs received an "A" pin for Academic Achievement and a bronze school letter for participation in extra-curricular activities. Congratulations!!

The 1998 VBS took place on July 5-9. The theme was "Jesus - The Master Storyteller".

There will be a Come & Go Tea in honour of J.C. Bailey's 95th birthday from 2-4 p.m. on Aug. 1st.

News East (continued from page 11)

Waterloo: Heidi and Karina Cruz were baptized and became our sisters in Christ on June 14.

Windsor: Guest speaker on May 17 was Allen Barber from Kalamazoo, Michigan and on May 24, Don Shull spoke. He was with a group of students from Freed-Hardeman University who spent the weekend with them on their way to the Stratford festival. June 10, the "Colors for Christ" group from Oklahoma Christian University performed their routine of parable acts for the congregation. Drew, Sara and Sydney Ellen Chapados began full-time work on June 14. Drew's work includes a Sunday morning adult Bible class, the Sunday sermons, developing a visitation and Sunday school program and working with the young married group and young people's activities. A get-together fellowship pot-luck was held that day. The annual picnic was held Saturday, June 20. An eight week Saturday a.m. Summer Serendipity Bible Study is being held at the home of Kathryn Haddad.

NEW YORK

North Buffalo: David Kohlbacher left for his mission trip to Australia on May 17. The brethren have an honour system library open. On June 14 the ladies picked new prayer sisters and on June 21 there was a third Sunday evening fellowship with ice-cream sundaes.

MICHIGAN

Ann Arbor: The new building is nearing completion. The fall meeting speaker, November 8-11, will be Patrick Meade of West Virginia. Ryan Hogan was baptized at youth camp.

Garden City: The Michigan Firm Foundation Lectureship (August 13-15) on the theme "Developing Christian Attitudes" will be at 1657 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, Michigan.

Evangelist Wanted

The Church of Christ
in Sarnia Ontario, Canada
is searching for an experienced
full time evangelist.
Good speaking ability is necessary.
Sarnia is a border city beautifully located on
Lake Huron with low housing costs
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NEWS

- FAR WEST -



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BRITISH COLUMBIA

Vancouver (Oakridge): To help us better understand the early church, there is a monthly in-depth study on the book of Acts. The last seminar began to focus on the purpose of the church. This seminar is just a smaller unit of what we will eventually be studying as an entire body. This year, as part of our work at Oakridge, we will begin an in-depth look at the church and its reason for existing. Every brother and sister must be involved in this work in order for the congregation to get a fresh approach to our work in the community.

ALBERTA

Calgary: Lynne Sandmeyer and Kenneth Wilde were married on June 6th and will be living in Guelph, Ontario soon.

Ethan Greenlow from Canoe, B.C. and Karen Moxam were married on June 13 and now make their home in Calgary.

Our 3rd annual picnic was held at North Glenmore Park this year. It was a beautiful

sunny day, perfect for fellowship and games.

Baptisms: Taylor Grandberg was added to God's family on May 31st. Keith Giesbrecht on June 20th and Peter Oakley on June 21st. Praise God for the commitments made by all of these people!

Junior Bible Camp is being planned for August 7th - 11th. The camp is for those children ages grade 1 - 6. Please call our church building for more information (272-2111).

Hope Pawlak

Edmonton: We had no baptisms in the month of June, but several people are at the point of making a decision for Christ, and we are studying with several others.

In our Wednesday evening Bible classes during June, we examined the topic of "holiness." To give some of the elder's and evangelist's wives an opportunity to teach, we held separate women's classes. During July and August we will continue our usual practice of having some of the young men teach classes--to give them first hand experience at preparing and presenting a lesson. Our evangelists-in-training, Rolland Bouchard and Cliff Turner will each teach two lessons. Other men who will teach are: Rob Burnstad, Marc Laplante, Bob Norris, and Bob Vallee.

The new song books that we purchased in May arrived at the end of May and were put into use in June. We are looking forward to learning some new songs.

The annual college/career/young married's retreat was held on June 19-21. This year the

teens were also invited to attend. Twenty-six people attended the weekend. The lessons (on the theme, "He is the Head, We are the Body"), the fellowship, and the activities were all excellent.

Due to political troubles in Lithuania (the government has started enforcing a new law restricting registration of "new" churches--under pressure from the Orthodox and Catholic churches, and problems with visas), the Waterview Church of Christ in Richardson, Texas was unable to make a commitment to hire Dave Friesen at this time. We know that Dave, Dianne, and family are disappointed at this turn of events, however, we rejoice that they will be staying in Edmonton. Dave will continue to work as an evangelist here, working with our small group Bible studies and with the Key to the Kingdom outreach.

Peter and Linda Ross have moved back to Edmonton from Kenora, Ontario. We welcome you back! Also, Marcel and Yumiko Chalupa have moved here from Vancouver. Welcome to Edmonton. (Yumiko was recently baptized by Steve Hasbrouck at the Oakridge congregation in Vancouver).

Congratulations to Milessa and Russell Elford on the arrival of their newest daughter Halle Nicole. Halle was born on June 21.

Congratulations also goes out to Russell Waugh, who graduated from high school in June. Russell will be working for Hostess for a while, and saving up to further his education in a year's time.

David Ford

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From Jerusalem to the Ends of the World and Back

Under the above heading brother Erol Dogan addresses, "all of our dear brethren across Canada." He points out that although most of us are familiar with the violence, terrorism and ongoing hatred and conflict between Jews and Arabs in the area, there is something else we should perceive. "However, we now have images of reconciliation between God and men, Jew and Arabs all in the name of Jesus of Nazareth. After a long absence of the 'Lord's body' from the land and city from where the church was born I would love to report to all that the work of the Lord Messiah has been restored and is thriving in Jerusalem and is having an impact in all areas of the land from Eilat in the south to the Arab villages in the Northern Galilee and Golan Heights."

Brother Dogan would like our readers to be informed about this good work. He hopes that Canadian churches of Christ will be interested in participating "in this work in a very important way".

In a brief history of the work Joseph Shulam refers to the evangelistic effort in the early days of the "Restoration Movement" when a brother Barkley was sent to Jerusalem. Shulam writes, "They reasoned that they should begin working from the same place that the early church started 'from Jerusalem to the outermost parts of the earth'."

"Barkley did not stay long in Jerusalem because there was trouble and controversy in America at that time. From the mid 19th century until 1960 . . . Although they had a small number of people who heard the Gospel and obeyed, including myself, they found it much easier to work among the Galilee Arabs. Therefore most of their efforts were concentrated in that area. A small group of Jewish believers was established in Jerusalem in the 1960's, but it soon fell apart. . . the leadership did not speak the language, - a different cultural background interwoven with the message of Jesus Christ, . . ."

"In 1972, the North Boulevard Congregation in Murfreesboro, Tennessee undertook oversight to return to Jerusalem to start a congregation. Joe Shulam and his wife Marcia entered into this new work with the idea of starting an indigenous Israeli congregation based on first century New Testament principles. It was their desire to be involved in a congregation in Jerusalem similar to, and based on the principles of, that described in the Book of

Acts. All wanted to have the right balance between the principles of faith and obedience to God's commandments as the first Jewish believers in Yeshua the Messiah did in the first century. The first century Jewish disciples of the Messiah lived as Jews and rejoiced at what God was doing among the Gentiles. They lived according to the Law of Moses and faith in Yeshua the Messiah.

In 1981, Joe Shulam, along with a number of other Jewish believers who had been working with him for several years, formed a non-profit organization recognized by the Government of Israel. They called the organization 'Netivyah,' which in Hebrew means 'the Way of the Lord.' It was necessary for them to take this step so they could receive and distribute funds. 'Netivyah' is dedicated to:

** The study and teaching of the Scriptures with an emphasis on the practices of the First Century Church and the history of Israel in connection with the New Testament,*

** The fostering of brotherly love and understanding between Christians and the Jewish people,*

** Providing counsel and aid for the needy; and to gathering a nucleus for the establishment of a community of believers.*

"During the ten years there were many Jewish and Arab people who came to faith and obeyed the gospel. Hundreds of Christians and non-Christians, who have wandered through our congregation have been helped in different ways. Many have had their lives changed and turned to Yeshua because they found 'the Way of the Lord'. . . We want you to know that the Lord's church is being re-established in the city of Jerusalem. This is an inevitable consequence of the Restoration Movement. We see a decline in the evangelistic zeal of the western churches. In a time when the political scene of the Middle East is opening up, it is so good to see the local people reaching out, though few, doing so much with so little for the Lord."

Brother Dogan continues, "We have been invited to go to Jerusalem in the Spring of 1999 to participate in an intensive 6 month Internship. . . To our amazement, the news about the work in Israel has been received with great interest and excitement. It is our hope to expand this work and to help publicize abroad the work that Joe and the congregation are doing in Israel amidst a sometimes hostile environment. Conversions are taking place along with persecutions coming from both the

Palestinian Authorities and the right wing Orthodox Jews. Yet the work of restoring and promoting New Testament Christianity continues!

"For further information about the Jerusalem work and how the Canadian congregations can get involved in supporting this work and help in the Internship you can contact us at the follow address.

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"To all our brethren we wish you Shalom in the name of Yeshua the Messiah."

A Nigerian Journey

I first met Roger Church of Nashville in the mid-1960s. While yet a young man, he was actively interested in world evangelism, with a special focus on Nigeria. He participated with others in the North American backup for such missionary luminaries in Nigeria as Howard Horton, Jimmie Johnson, Eugene Peden, Lucien Palmer, Elvis Huffard, Wendell Broom, Berny Bawcom, John Beckloff and others. Roger centered his attention on rallying support for a Bible training school in Nigeria through the African Christian Schools Foundation. Established in 1958 as the Nigerian Christian Foundation, the Nashville group supports the Nigerian Christian Bible College in Ukpom, Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria. This institution has its roots in the Bible training school established by the Lawrence Ave. Church of Christ in 1954. Roger became chairman of the board of ACSF in 1972; he continues to serve at that post.

Ralph Perry of Beamsville, well-known among Canadian Churches of Christ, moved with his family to Ukpom in 1971 and served the Bible college as teacher and then as principal through 1973. He returned to Nigeria in 1980 for the first of some 25 trips to Nigeria where he did extensive field work as a follow-up coordinator of World Bible School activities in Nigeria. His work in Nigeria has been described by his peers as "invaluable."

These are just two streams of influence in efforts to serve the kingdom of God in Nigeria. The work was begun in 1949 by the Nigerian, C. A. O. Essian, who was brought to faith through a Bible correspondence course, and continues until today largely as an indigenous enterprise. The Nigerian story is filled with encouragement for the church in other lands, including Canada. Nigeria had a population of just over 30 million in the mid-fifties.

Forty years later, its population has grown to just over 100 million. In the same forty year period, churches of Christ have grown from a handful to over 2,000 churches with over 200,000 members.

I had the opportunity to view firsthand the work of Nigerian Christian Bible College and gain an insight into the extent and value of the work of such brethren as named above and many others during a visit to NCBC, May 18-June 4. Invited to participate in three events at the college, I witnessed the graduation of NCBC students, shared a seminar for the Nigerian preachers, and conducted a short course for NCBC students enrolled in the university affiliated program (University of Calabar). As well, I was able to visit and to preach for two congregations of churches of Christ, a country church in Nkek Abak and a city church in Abak town.

The visit included the opportunity to be associated with Henry Huffard, son of Elvis Huffard and current president of ACSF, and with the American families serving the college, including Bob and Joan Dixon, Windell Howard, Dayton Keesee, Lowell and Robin White, and Ken and Deborah Klein. Also, I was privileged to meet Nigerian brethren often mentioned by Church and Perry, including Dr. Sunday P. Ekanem, provost of the college; Dr. Andrew Isiip, dean; Dr. Timothy J. Akpakpan, director of development; and Nelson Isonguyo, college teacher.

Eighty students were graduated from the college's two and three year ministerial courses and from the three year university

affiliated program (UAP), programs that enroll annually some 285 students. Convocation was a splendid affair with students, teachers and dignitaries robed in academic regalia, speeches from visiting officials from the University of Calabar, from Henry Huffard acting on behalf of Chancellor Lucien Palmer, and from leading students among the graduates. The Roger Church Chapel was filled and overflowing with proud parents and friends of the college and other students--many of whom were dressed in resplendent African styles. The two hour program was followed by picture taking and a reception. I was able to meet a number of the students, visitors, and preachers who were planning to attend the preachers' seminar the following week

Approximately 100 preachers attended the three day event. I taught on "The Churches of The New Testament," drawing attention to the NT's strong focus on specific congregations of the first century. Thirty-three churches are named in the Scriptures, and "the church" is identified in fifteen regions of the Mediterranean world. We concentrated on the life of each congregation and the specific commentary of God (e.g. commendation, command, correction, condemnation) directed to them. Herein, in total, it is believed, is contained the deposit of God's wisdom, normative for churches in all places and in every age. The lessons were well-received, the ideas presented were carefully considered, and the men responded sharply with questions and comments.

Timothy Akpakpan chaired the program. Lowell White alternated my classes with a video presentation of "Jesus" drawn from Luke.

The one-week short course for the UAP students was on the Synoptic Gospels. Nineteen students enrolled, including eight women. In their early twenties for the most part, the students were bright, poised, cheerful, and fully involved in the study. The Gospel Herald Foundation presented to each student a copy of Orville E. Daniel's *A Harmony of the Four Gospels* (1996). Utilizing the NIV text, the author links a continual story line through the four Gospels, highlighting the story with the use of bold-face print. This useful book was greatly appreciated by the students. Windell Howard co-taught the course and did the follow-up marking of assignments and exams.

I came away with a heightened regard for the faithful service of so many. Only eternity will tell fully the value of the contribution of the training program at Ukpom to the advance of the cause in Nigeria. I was refreshed by the keen interest evident on the part of the Nigerian preachers in evangelism. Most are working with home-based support only and are sacrificing and struggling with their people. Well can it be said of our brothers and sisters in Nigeria, "Out of the most severe trial[s], their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty..." they serve with great vision, effectiveness, and enthusiasm for the Gospel.

Geoffrey H. Ellis

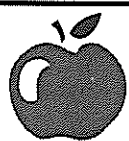
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150th Anniversary --- Meaford Church of Christ

Our day of celebration began as the buses rolled out of the parking lot at 7:30 Sunday morning, June 7th. For the 160 people aboard, this was going to be a trip back in time. We were off to visit the site and area of the Cape Rich Church of Christ which started to meet on its own in the 1850's and ceased to exist in 1942 when the area was taken over by the military and turned into a military base. Some aboard had lived in the area and attended church meetings there; others had heard their parents talk about how it was at the Cape and were anxious to experience some of their heritage; still others just wanted to see the historic area that was wrapped in a bit of mystery, if you believed the Indian legends told by the old-timers of the area. I don't believe any were disappointed. We stopped at the site of the old church building, now a grove of trees. Older members pointed out where they had lived and a few familiar landmarks were identified by those present. On past the old cemeteries and old stone gates we arrived at the shore of Georgian Bay where we gathered for a period of singing, prayer and a lesson from Dr. Claude Cox, a descendant of the early church pioneers. He tied the past to the present in a wonderfully encouraging message in this remote setting. A loon paddled by and a flock of geese gave a flying salute as we contemplated the grandeur of God's creation.

A visit to the actual Cape, the viewing of some old grist mill ruins and a lovely little waterfall preceded our stop at Mountain Lake. This large lake is spring fed, included in Indian legends and a beautiful sight as the sun shone down on it that Sunday morning; a perfect way to end our tour of the area. Our buses filed their way through the modern military base on the way back to the Meaford Community Center; such a contrast to the times that we had just visited and mused about!

About 400 people gathered at the Center for our 10:30 morning service. The Mayor of Meaford presented the church with a plaque honouring our anniversary, followed by a donation of a house from the Graham Walker estate. We are most grateful for this generous gift from a long

time church family.

As we sang and prayed, it was evident that God's Spirit was present and active. The area congregations from Collingwood, Heathcote, Vandeleur, and Owen Sound supported us with their presence and many brothers and sisters in the

from Tennessee gave us an inspiring and encouraging message on remaining faithful followers of Christ, ever seeking how we might serve, being in tune with the scriptures today, and reaching out to those who need Jesus in their lives.

After lunch together, we were joined by the acceppella group "Free Indeed" as they encouraged us in song. As an ending to the festivities, we "raised the roof" with a song feast of older favourites for a period of time. We then had to say goodbye to old friends with the songs still ringing in our hearts as we begin the next 150 years with God's help and guidance.

For our anniversary, we have produced a history book of the period from 1848 to 1998 and it is on sale for \$10.00. It includes members names and baptismal dates from the old records, pertinent details from recent bulletins, pictures and other interesting information

about the Meaford church.

We also had a video made of the day and although it is not yet finished, it will be available shortly at cost for those who are interested.

If you are interested in either, please call and leave your order at this number: 1-519-538-1750.

Ron Knight



Members of the congregation and special guests chat before the 150th Anniversary got underway at the Meaford and St. Vincent Community Center. In the picture, FRONT ROW: Bill Schwarz (preacher at Meaford); Roy Williams (elder); Mrs. Campbell Beaton; Dr. Claude Cox (morning speaker at Cape Rich); Doug Grant (mayor of Meaford). BACK ROW: Maurice Pickard (elder); Campbell Beaton (executor of the Walker estate); Jim Woodroof (guest speaker from Tennessee); Ron Knight (elder).

faith with connections to the Meaford church joined us for the celebration.

We were expecially honoured to have these past preachers with us for the day: Wayford Smith, Max Craddock, Louis Paul, and Clyde Lansdell, men who, with their families, have laboured long and hard for the Lord here at Meaford.

Our morning speaker, Jim Woodroof

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OBITUARIES

ELSIE L. COMFORT

Comfort, Elsie Letia passed peacefully from this life on Tuesday, June 9, 1998 at the Welland county General Hospital in Welland, Ontario. Born December 19, 1904 in Gainsborough, Ontario, she was 84 at the time of her death. She was a long standing member of the Fenwick Church of Christ.

Elsie was the beloved wife of the late Alton W. Comfort, who passed away in 1964. She was the dear mother of Sylvia Hansler (and her husband Orval) of Welland, Eva Grigg (and Ivan) of Exeter, Doris Sweitzer of Grand Bend, Alice Leadley (and husband Edward or "Ted") of Welland, Marilyn Pickering of Shipka, Helen Prisciak (and Mike) of Smithville, Elsie Brady (and husband Garson) of Welland, and Roy Comfort (and his wife Marilyn) of Welland.

Elsie is fondly remembered by her brother Allan McPherson (and Isabel) of St. Ann's.

She will be missed by her 21 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren.

Elsie was preceded in death by her daughter Donna and sons-in-law Stewart Sweitzer, Milton Sweitzer, Jack Pickering, and Cecil Anger, grandson Jason Anger, four sisters and one brother.

Elsie comfort, known to all in the Fenwick church as "Aunt Elsie," was a wonderful, hard-working mother of nine children whom she raised alone after 1964 through some very difficult times. A wonderful example to all who knew her. This writer was honored to know Elsie for about nine months. She was bedfast for most of that period and prayed often for the Lord to take her home to be with him. Her prayers were finally answered.

Funeral services were conducted by this writer on June 12 at the Dixon Funeral Chapel in Fonthill, Ontario. Elsie had requested two hymns: "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be" and "The Old Rugged Cross." These were sung by a group of ladies from the Fenwick congregation: Lou Hipwell, Lucille Gilbert, Sheryl Wilson, and her daughter Jen Wilson. They did a beautiful job. Following the service, interment took place at the Lane Cemetery.

Felix H. Turner
Fenwick, Ontario

SYLVIA LAWRENCE

The Bengough, Saskatchewan congregation lost its oldest member on June 25, 1998.

Sylvia was born on September 20, 1900, in Little Saulk, Minnesota. She was the seventh child of a family of eight boys and six girls. Sylvia was the last survivor of her family.

Sylvia's father and older brothers came to the Harptree district in 1909 to stake out homesteads in the "Last Best West". Sylvia's mother along with Sylvia and the other children, came to the homestead in 1911. They came by train, to Weyburn, Saskatchewan and, by democrat, some 90 miles southwest.

Sylvia married Ahijah Lawrence on Feb. 14, 1919, in Assiniboia, Saskatchewan. She was predeceased by her husband and three children. There are seven surviving children, 26 grand-children, 58 great-grand-children and 4 great - great grandchildren, 3 sisters-in-law and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held at the Church of Christ auditorium at Weburn. Internment took place in the family plot at the Harptree Community Cemetery, which is located a short distance from the farm to which she came as a young bride, 79 years ago.

Sylvia was baptized into Christ on November 5, 1920 by pioneer preacher, H.A. Rogers and faithfully and cheerfully, despite tribulations, sorrow and prolonged adversity, held firm to her faith until she was called Home.

Her children did, indeed, "rise up and call her blessed." There were some 120 family members in attendance at the memorial service.

It was an honor for me to officiate at this service. The Weyburn congregation was most helpful in the preparation for the service and the serving of refreshments which followed, providing a time of fellowship. Russell Ferris assisted with the service in Weyburn.

Following the interment, a supper was held at the old school at Harptree.

Sylvia Lawrence left her family a rich heritage and a legacy of peace.

Persons of devout faith find peace and spiritual joy, even in adversity. Our departed sister proved to all who knew her that trial and grief cannot suppress the rejoicing to be found in Christ. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee". Isaiah 26

Roy H. Bailey

DOROTHY LUCILLE ASHBY

On June 13, 1998, Dorothy Ashby, age 85 years, passed away at the Bengough Health Centre, Bengough, Saskatchewan. Dorothy was predeceased by her parents and by her first two husbands, Russell Ames and Clinton Newbold, both of Nebraska, U.S.A.

Through mutual friends, Dorothy became acquainted with George Ashby of Bengough, Saskatchewan, Canada and they were married on June 23, 1984, at Rupert, Idaho. They moved to Bengough, where they made their home.

Survivors include her husband, George H. Ashby of Bengough, her two sons, Keith (Harriet) Anmes of Casper, Wyoming and Kenneth (Elma) Ames of Albion, Idaho; four grandchildren: Kent and Gayle Ames of Casper, Wyoming, Cecelia (Melvin) Gutierrez of Albion, Idaho and Brian (Janet) Ames, of Burley, Idaho; three great-grand-children: Jason (Patricia) Ames, Jennifer Gutierrez and Brian Ames.

Also surviving are two step-daughters, Shirley (Dennis) Mack of Calgary, Alberta and Lynette (Roy) McClure of St. Albert, Alberta, one step-son, David (Debra) Ashby of Bengough; seven step-grandchildren: Cory, Kelly and Marnie Jo Mack of Calgary, Alberta, Nigel and Kayla (McClure) of St. Albert, Alberta, Shane and Jenna Ashby of Bengough Sasdatchewan.

Also surviving are one sister, Marjorie Russell of Summer, Nebraska and one brother, Cecil (Esther) Wingert of Kearney, Nebraska, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Service was held on June 16, 1998 at the Bengough Community Centre. Mr. Roy Bailey officiated. Interment took place at Albion Cemetery, Albion, Idaho at a later date.

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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, cv., 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.

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, cv. (204) 257-7926 (res); Jeff Harris, cv. 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, cv., (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, cv. (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, cv.; (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, cv.

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

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

KENTVILLE: Middle Dyke & Mee 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, cv. (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, cv. (705) 737-2272.

BEAMSVILLE: 4900 John St., L0R 1B6; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 6; Wed. 7:30; Don Smith, cv. (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, cv. (905) 455-3263 (res.); 792-2297 (off).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GUELPH: The Evergreen Senior Center, 683 Woolwich St.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30 (phone for location); c/o 428 Cole Rd., N1G 3J8; David Azzoparde, 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, cv. (905) 318-0102.

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

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

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

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

ICE LAKE (Manitoulin Island): 1/4 mi. S. of Hwy. 540; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Mon. 7:30; Les Cramp, cv. (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 Ratai, cv., 548-2245.

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

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

LONDON: 1750 Huron St., N5V 3A2; (519) 455-6730; Sun. 9:30, 11; Call for mid-week opportunities. Harold Byne, cv., 645-0575; FAX 645-6037.

MEAFORD: 113 Nelson St.W. N4L 1G3; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Wed. 7:30; Bill Scharz, cv., (519) 538-1750

(off); e-mail: meafordcofc@bmts.com.

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

NIAGARA FALLS: 3901 Dorchester Rd. N., L2J 3A8, (905) 356-3412 (turn E. on Thorold Stone Rd. from Q.E. and left on Dorchester Rd.); Sun. 10:30-12, 5:30 (last Sunday of month 10:30, 1); Wed. 7:00; Henry Boland, (905) 356-0107 and Darrin Douglas (905) 371-1581, evs.

NORTH BAY: 73 Gertrude St. E.; Sun. 11:15, 10:30; 6:30 in homes (call for information); Wed. 7; Box 745, PIB 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/Hearthland/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 Mencer, 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 Lindan 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. 123½ 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; Contact Vern Hibbard, (519) 383-6700; E-mail:sarcofc@ebtech.net

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

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

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

SMITHVILLE: 246 Station St.; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; 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. 7:30; (519) 273-5280; John Brush, 271- 9416; Larry Hoover, 271-9545; Joseph Kippax, 744-3439; David Ross, 744-2872; George Mansfield, ev. 272-1714; e-mail: gmansfld@quadro.net.

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

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

THESSALON: 8 Albert St. off Hwy. 17; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; Eric White, RR 2, P0R 1L0 (705) 842-6533; 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 maxe@sympatico.ca; FAX (416) 424-1850; Santiago Molina (Spanish) 416) 751-6879, ev.

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

/ANDELEUR: E. off Hwy #10 (2 km S. of Markdale) along Artemesia Township sideroad 10 7 km; Sun. 0, 11; Ian Boyce, sec., R.R. #6, Markdale, N0C 1H0; (519) 986-2143.

VATERLOO: 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.).

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

WINDSOR (West Side): 2255 Totten St., N9B 1X6 (E. of Huron Church Rd.); 254-6262 or 945-4851; Sun. 9:45, 11, 5:30; Wed. 7:30; Drew Chapados, ev., 1179 Harrison Ave., N9C 3J4; (519) 253-3932 e-mail: cdrew@wincom.net

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MONTREAL (French): 2500 Charland, H1Z 1C5; Sun. 10:15, 11:00; Wed. 7:00 (Fr. class); 1st Sat. 5:30 p.m. #PhocbeY women's class; 1st 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 Missionneuve, 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, André Côté, CP21, G6L 2Y6; Sun. 11, 10; Yvon Beaudoin, (418) 653- 3493.

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

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

BENGOUGH: E. side Hwy. 34; Sun. 10:30, 11:15; Norman Kemp, Box 134, S0C 0K0; (306) 268-4522.

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

GRAVELBOURG: 300-2nd Ave. E.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30; Box 507, S0H 1X0; 648-3435; Larry Elford, ev. 648- 3106.

HORSE CREEK: Sun. 10:30 (May-Nov.); 11 (Dec.-Apr.); 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., 7½ 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 Krosggaard, 352-5621.

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

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

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

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

WHITEWOOD: Legion Hall, 738 Lafonda 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

AUGUST

1-3.....SINGSPIRATION 98 at Camp Omagh
3-8.....Family Camp 98 at Camp Omagh
7-8.....20/20 Vision on Evangelism - Tintern, ON
7-9.....Teen Weekend at Clearview Christian Camp
9-12.....Jack Exum - Niagara Falls
9-14.....All boys Week at Clearview Christian Camp
14-18....Alberta Bible Camp - Pine Lake
16-23....Teen Week at Omagh
24-28....VBS at Newmarket
28-30....Young Adults Retreat at Clearview Christian Camp

SEPTEMBER

18-19... Mens's Retreat at Camp Omagh
18-20....The Ladies Renewal, Owen Sound

(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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Vision

A Soul Winning Workshop

*Join us next week as we
share and experience
an amazing time of
refocus and renewal.*

- ☐ Prayer & Praise
- ☐ Inspirational Lessons
- ☐ Practical Workshops
- ☐ Teen Rally '98
All Day Saturday
- ☐ Prayer Wall
- ☐ Vision for Victory
- ☐ Renewed Zeal
- ☐ Sweet Fellowship
- ☐ Sharpened Focus
- ☐ Child Care Available
- ☐ Accommodations
at GLCC Residence
- ☐ Vocal Concerts on
Friday and Saturday
- ☐ Audio Tapes
- ☐ Workshop Binder

*a seminar to sharpen our focus,
magnify God's power,
and catch a vision of
winning lost souls*

August 7 - 8, '98

seminar location:

Tintern Church of Christ
Tintern, Ontario, Canada

Friday, August 7

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| 1:30 - 1:45 | Praise and Prayer |
| 1:45 - 2:45 | Key Lesson: Nat Cooper <i>"No One Ever Cared For Me Like Jesus"</i> |
| 3:00 - 4:00 | Workshops: Dr. Geoff Ellis <i>"Insight and Outlook:
The Growing Church in Canada"</i>
Darrin Douglas <i>"As The Spirit Leads"</i>
Jim Holston <i>"Let Your Light Shine"</i> |
| 4:15 - 5:15 | Key Lesson: Mark Frost <i>"Planning and Praying"</i> |
| 5:15 - 7:00 | Dinner at the building |
| 7:00 - 7:30 | Praise and Prayer |
| 7:30 - 8:30 | Key Lesson: Jack Exum <i>"Pick Up the Towel"</i> |
| 9:00 - 9:45 | Vocal Concert - Living Water |

Saturday, August 8

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| 9:00 - 9:15 | Praise and Prayer |
| 9:15 - 10:15 | Workshops: Dr. J.J. Turner <i>"Who Will God For Us?"</i>
Max Craddock <i>"Standing In The Gap"</i>
Nat Cooper <i>"Wanted: Leaders With Character" (1)</i> |
| 10:30 - 11:30 | Workshops: Jack Exum <i>"Raising God's Kids"</i>
Mark Frost <i>"Equipping to Minister"</i>
Earl Greene <i>"3rd Race: The Church As A Culture"</i>
Teens - Don Smith <i>"Y God 4 Gen X"</i> |
| 11:45 - 12:45 | Key Lesson: Jerry Tallman <i>"Burning in My Bones"</i> |
| 12:45 - 2:00 | Lunch at the building |
| 2:00 - 2:15 | Praise and Prayer |
| 2:15 - 3:15 | Workshops: Dr. J.J. Turner <i>"Restoring the Fallen"</i>
Jerry Tallman <i>"Evangelism 1-2-1"</i>
Teens - Jack Exum <i>"GOS (Good Old Sex)"</i> |
| 3:30 - 3:45 | Praise and Prayer |
| 3:45 - 4:45 | Workshops: Nat Cooper <i>"Wanted: Leaders With Character" (2)</i>
Jeff Bowers <i>"Soul Winning in Action"</i>
Teens: Jeff Cobb <i>"Lord, Love and Life"</i> |
| 5:00 - 5:45 | Vocal Concert - IOU Vocal Band |
| 5:45 - 7:00 | Supper at the building |
| 7:00 - 7:30 | Praise and Prayer |
| 7:30 - 8:30 | Key Lesson: Dr. J.J. Turner <i>"A Treasure in Earthen Vessels"</i> |
| 8:30 - | Travel to, Visit and Devotional at Niagara Falls |

Sunday, August 9

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| 10:00 - | Speakers at local congregations |
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