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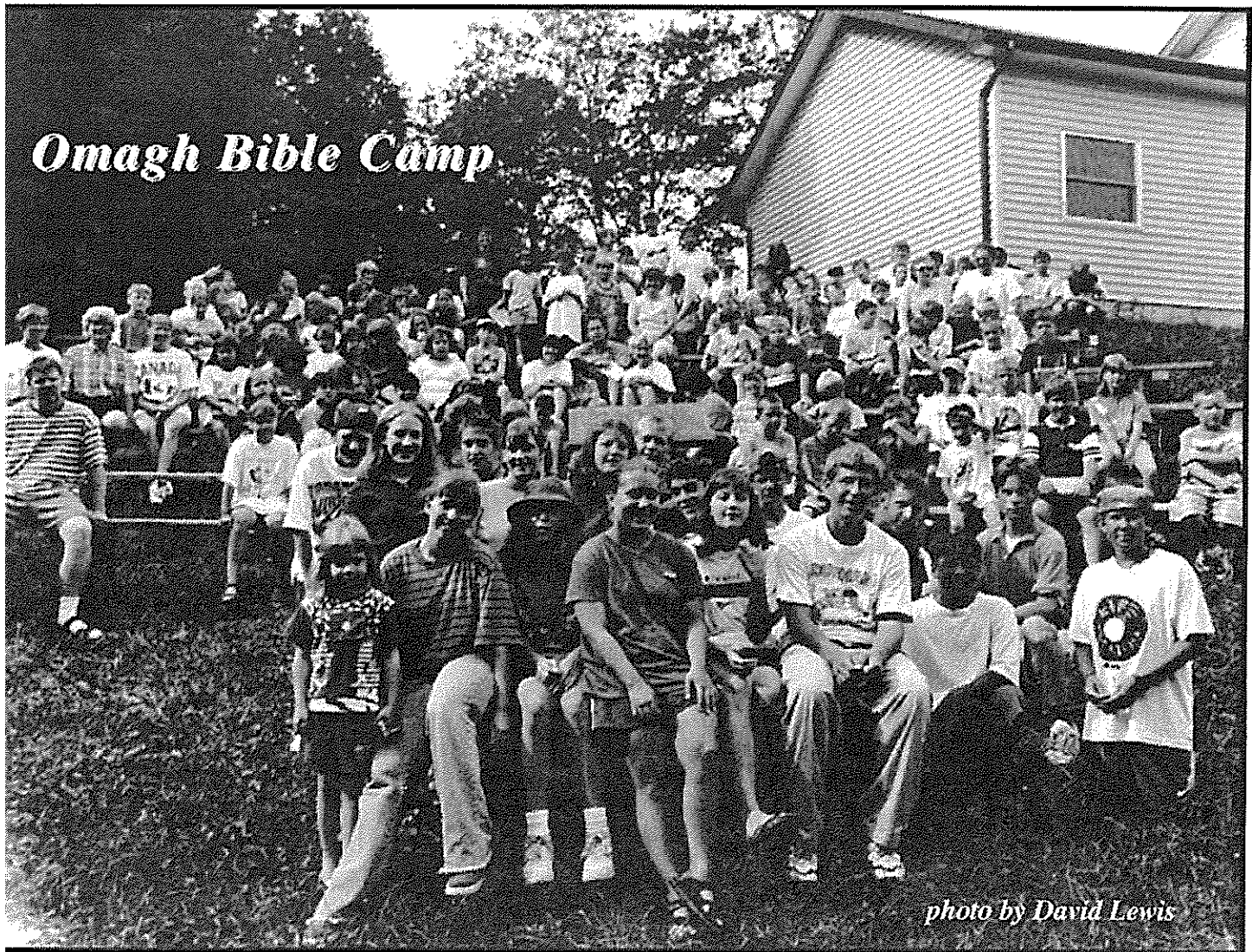


photo by David Lewis

Pictured are the campers, counsellors and staff during George Mansfield's session, July 19-25, with 8 to 10 year olds. There were 92 campers that week. Another fine camping season has been completed at Camp Omagh.

"Does Heaven Exist?"

Hugo McCord

A carefully researched article in TIME (March 24, 1997), "Does Heaven Exist?", is introduced this way:

It used to be that the hereafter was virtually palpable ("clear to the mind; obvious; evident; plain"), but American religion now seems almost allergic to imagining it. Is paradise lost?

The importance of asking if heaven exists is well set forth in TIME's quotation from Professor Peter Kreeft of Boston College:

Next to the idea of God, the idea of heaven is the greatest idea that has ever entered into the heart of man, woman, or child.

I. The Existence Of God

"The idea of God" is preliminary to, and the foundation for, "the idea of heaven." Is the existence of God real?

An atheist and a Christian, spending the night together in a tent on the Sahara Desert, disagreed. The atheist said that human knowledge only comes through our five senses, and since his Christian friend admitted that he had never seen, heard, felt, tasted, or smelled God, he would have to say he could not affirm the existence of God.

The next morning the atheist looked out their tent door, and said to his friend, "A camel passed by here last night." The Christian asked him, "Did you see the camel? Hear, feel, taste, or smell the camel?" "No," said the atheist, "but only a camel leaves tracks like these in the sand." "Indeed so," said the Christian, "and only God leaves such tracks in our universe that we have to say that a Creator has been here."

The heavens tell of God's glory, and the expanse proclaims the works of his hands. Every day pours forth information, and every night breathes out knowledge. There is no speech and there are no words; their voice is not heard. Yet their sound goes forth in all the earth, and their words to the end of the world (Psalm 19:1-4).

Joseph Addison (1672-1719) said that the stars speak:

*In reason's ear they all rejoice,
And utter forth a glorious voice,
Forever singing as they shine,*

"The hand that made us is divine."

The ancients wrote, "EX nihil, nihil facit," "Out of nothing, nothing comes." But if something has come, as our universe, then something, or somebody, has always been in existence.

No house is self-built: "Every house is built by someone, and he who built all things is God" (Hebrews 3:4).

Joyce Kilmer thought that "all things" include a tree:

I think I shall never see

A poem as lovely as a tree;

*A tree that looks at God all day,
And lifts her leafy arms to pray.*

A tree that may in summer wear

A nest of robins in her hair;

Upon whose bosom snow has lain

Which lives intimately with the rain.

A tree whose hungry mouth is pressed

*Against the earth's sweet flowing
breast.*

Poems are made by fools like me,

But only God can make a tree.

*The heavens tell of God's glory,
and the expanse proclaims the
works of his hands.*

II. No Heaven, God is Senseless

God's book has taught people how to cultivate worthwhile fruit: "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness, self-control" (Galatians 5:22-23). Many people have set themselves to produce that nine-fold fruitage, and have succeeded.

The radical change made by reborn sinners as they become fruit-bearing Christians is set forth vividly by Joni Tada in the TIME article: "compare a hairy peach pit to the tree it becomes, loaded with fragrant blossoms and sweet fruit." The aroma spread by dedicated Christians makes other people seek their company.

But, after God has taught sinners how to grow good fruit, inevitably and eventually they all die. If there is no heaven, those people will stay dead, which makes their Creator look silly. Why did he make people, teach them how to produce excellent fruit, and then let them die forever? General Motors executives have more

sense than God, for they do not hire engineers and skillful workers and produce a beautiful and powerful Cadillac, and then drive it into Detroit river and let it sink.

III. No Heaven, God is Immoral

In God's teaching people the greatness of love, he had Jesus to say that "No one has a greater love than this: that one lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13). In World War II such was exhibited when a live grenade was thrown by the Germans into a trench of American soldiers. Before it exploded, one soldier lay upon the grenade, and when it exploded he was instantly killed, but he had saved the lives of the soldiers on each side of him. If there is no heaven, that brave and unselfish soldier will receive the same reward as the murderous Hitler, both dying forever. God is without morals who treats people that way.

IV. No Heaven, God is Cruel

God has "set eternity in the hearts of men" (Ecclesiastes 3:11), and because of it no normal person wants to die forever, but craves a happy, endless existence, "eternal life" (Titus 1:2). If God has not provided a place for such a joyous future, he was mean to instill "eternity in" their "hearts." An earthly parent is cruel if he puts the expectancy of gifts under a tree on December 25 for his children, and fails to be their Santa Claus.

V. Hell Exists Also

The God of love, who is neither senseless nor immoral nor cruel, and who is wiser than all of us, knows that a place of "everlasting fire" (Matthew 25:41) is right for some people. Though we do not understand why hell is as real as heaven, we have seen so many evidences of God's goodness we dare not to second-guess God and criticize him.

He brought us into existence when he did not have to do so, and has displayed a love for sinners (Romans 3:23) that extends to "the whole world" (John 3:16; 1 John 2:2). He, himself being "love" (1 John 4:8, 16), which we are not, he will make not one mistake on judgment day. Every one that he sends to hell will grieve his heart: "I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live" (Ezekiel 33:11). "O man, who art thou that repliest against God?" (Romans 9:20).

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What about those who haven't heard?

Steve Cordle

As Christians we have been given a commission by the Lord to share the gospel with the world. Many of us have attempted to share our faith with people and convert them to the truth. As we go about teaching others and discussing the gospel, many questions come up for discussion. A common question that is asked among religious circles is, "will God condemn one who has not heard the gospel plan of Jesus Christ?" That is a fair question, especially since Christianity is so exclusive (cf. John 14:6). Jesus made clear in many places in the Bible that He is the ONLY way to Heaven and there is no other way to be saved.

This question is debated, even among Christians, when in fact the answer is found in Scripture. I have had Christian people tell me that there will be people in heaven who have not been immersed to have their sins forgiven and some even go so far as to affirm that there will be people in heaven who have never heard of Jesus. On one level these positions are correct. Infants and those adults who do not have the mental capacity to understand the gospel will not be punished. But what about the adult who lives in the deep dark jungle and has never seen a Bible and never heard the gospel proclaimed to him? Will he be saved? As with any religious question, we must look to the Bible for an answer. As with anything, there is only one truth. God is not the author of confusion, but of peace. He does not have contradicting truths or false statements in His word.

In II Thessalonians 1:7-11 Paul states: "... since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed."

The letters to the Thessalonians were written to dispel misunderstandings and erroneous teachings concerning the second coming of Christ. Then, like today, there

were many people who insisted that Christ had already returned or who were trying to set dates as to when Christ would return in the future. Kelcy (Thessalonians, p.127) states, "Paul also writes to prevent the Thessalonians from being deceived and shaken by teaching which alleges that the day of the Lord has already arrived". Evidently some false teachers among the

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you"

Thessalonians were causing disturbance.

Paul could see that there were problems and wrote to bring the situation in Thessalonica under control. Thus, it was important for him to emphasize the fact that there would be a coming of the Lord. Notice Paul says that Jesus will take "vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ." When taken at face value, this statement looks very cruel. How can a supposed loving and compassionate God eternally punish people who have never even heard of Him or His Son?

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus told His followers:

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!" (Matthew 7:7-11, NKJV).

This passage has many applications, for the current discussion. We will link the teaching to what Paul said in II Thessalonians 1:7-11.

When Jesus spoke to his audience in Matthew chapter seven, He answered the problem concerning the eternal destiny of those who have not heard of Him. Quite simply, anyone who is seeking God will

find Him. How will a person seeking God find the Lord? The answer will vary from situation-to-situation. We know that man should know of God's existence simply by looking at the creation (cf. Romans 1:18-32). The creation, however, is not enough to teach one how to become a Christian. That takes more effort on the part of one wanting to know God.

In Scripture, we see at least one example of a person who was seeking God and found Him. In Acts 8:26-40 Philip was told by an angel of the Lord to leave his very successful ministry in Samaria and go down the desert road toward Gaza. As Philip went on his journey, he encountered a man who was seeking the truth concerning Jesus. Beginning in verse 30 we read:

"So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' And he said, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him. The place in the Scripture which he read was this: 'He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and as a lamb before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth. In His humiliation His justice was taken away, and who will declare His generation? For His life is taken from the earth.' So the eunuch answered Philip and said, 'I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?' Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him" (Acts 8:30-35).

The eunuch was reading the Scriptures, trying to make sense out of what Isaiah said concerning the Messiah. The angel of the Lord directed Philip to go to the man and once there, Philip knew what he had to do: teach this seeker. Philip took his cue and presented the plan of salvation to the eunuch as they traveled. Look what eventually happened:

"Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, 'See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?' Then Philip said, 'If you believe with all your heart, you may.' And he answered and said, 'I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.' So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and he baptized him. Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that

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Double Vision for Canada

Wayne Turner

This past summer, our Canadian fellowship has been blessed with two special seminars. In July, Vision Canada '98 was hosted by Western Christian College in Dauphin, Manitoba. In August, 20/20 Vision was conducted in Tintern, Ontario. Though different in their approach, both programmes addressed the critical need for Churches of Christ in Canada to become more focused and involved with evangelism and growth.

The Dauphin workshop was intended as a follow-up to Vision '88 held in Waterloo, Ontario. Sessions on the first day looked at what had happened across Canada since the previous event. The news was not very good. In his report on British Columbia, Jim Hawkins noted that over the past ten years, membership in the province has declined by slightly over 9%. Four congregations have ceased to meet altogether, three have had splits and the Langley and Vancouver (Eastside) congregations have merged into the Surrey congregation. This appears to be typical of what is happening across much of Canada. Generally, there does not seem to be a consistent pattern of growth. For some, this news was discouraging and disappointing.

There are a few bright spots. Across the country, there are congregations in all regions which are growing. For example, the five major cities on the prairies (Calgary, Edmonton, Regina, Saskatoon and Winnipeg) have experienced slight to moderate growth. We would not want, in any way, to diminish the efforts that have been made. Statistics are not always what they seem! (Please see the article 'Another Look at the Figures' on page 5) At the same time, there is a desperate need for the simple message of the Gospel of Christ to be heard across Canada.

Both seminars sought to educate, train and motivate Canadian Christians for evangelism. As at countless other sessions, from college lectureships to local workshops, those attending heard little they had not previously heard or known. Perhaps they were able to pick up some new idea, method or approach. The reality is we already have more methods and programs than we are using. We have all attended countless sessions that stirred us up to be more effective. Yet, the net effect appears to have been marginal. What can be done?

The theme for the seminar in Tintern suggested a good place to begin: "a seminar to sharpen our focus, magnify God's power, and catch a vision of winning lost souls." Effective growth can only occur when we focus on God and what He has done. Until we have really "seen" Jesus, we can only go through the motions. Without a distinct sense of what Jesus has done in our own lives,

we will not be able to share Him with others, nor are we likely to see the need.

Many excellent things were said in both seminars, but perhaps the most significant came from Blair Roberts. Blair retold a story that many of us know. When Blair and Susan were doing mission work in Belgium, they suffered a tragic loss. Blair was working in the garden digging potatoes. He had left the lid off the cistern. Their little boy was found floating in the water and died sometime later. What a terrible thing to happen! Can we even begin to imagine the feeling of guilt and grief that something like this causes. Losing a child is difficult enough, but feeling responsible for his death would be overwhelming. With deep emotion, Blair described his feelings. Then, he looked up and said, "But thank God, the burden has been lifted." What a wonderful thought!

John Newton wrote the much loved words "I once was lost, but now I'm found; Was blind, but now I see." In Jesus, our burden of sin has been lifted! We have been set free from everything that separated us from God and stained our lives. The motivation and vision for evangelism and growth come from this. Our passion and vision for the lost come from realizing the burden that Jesus Christ has lifted from us and knowing that He wants to lift it from others too. May we have a greater sense of that burden, that we might have a greater concern for those around us.

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When we see an old boy/girl friend with someone else, it hurts. When we have worked harder on a project than all others, only to see those who have worked the least get all the recognition, we are discouraged. When our parents appear to spend more time, money and attention on our siblings than they do on us we get depressed. When other young people at church receive more recognition and attention than we do, it hurts. The feelings we have described are at least in part jealousy.

Saying that jealousy is wrong, or that we shouldn't feel that way, will probably not change the way we feel. However, choosing to react positively to these negative feelings may prove helpful in managing our behavior and eventually changing the way we feel.

First, let's understand what jealousy is and what is so bad about it. James says that jealousy and selfish ambition are earthly, unspiritual and of the devil. The result of jealousy and selfish ambition is disorder and every evil practice (James 3:14-16). James goes on to say (James 4:1-3) that jealousy is at the heart of all the fights and quarrels that we experience. What we want, we don't get, we become jealous of those who have what we want. James says that we don't have what we want because we don't ask God for it. When we do ask God, we do not receive what we ask for, because we ask with the wrong motives, we want to use what we get for our own pleasure.

If our pleasure is our goal we doom ourselves to jealousy. We will never be satisfied with the amount of pleasure we are presently experiencing and will be jealous of those who appear to have more pleasure than we do. Surely there is a higher principle to live by than our pleasure.

The larger context of our study on love in I Corinthians 13 is a letter to a church that was experiencing more problems than enough. There were fights, quarrels and divisions and at the heart of these problems was jealousy. They were jealous of those that were leading because they

wanted the attention and recognition that they imagined came with leadership. They were jealous of those who had spiritual gifts that appeared to receive more recognition and attention from others. Paul challenges them to grow in spirit and to learn to get along. He tells them that every gift and every person fulfills an essential role in the body of Christ. Everyone is needed! He encourages them to keep on serving.

When Jesus' disciples were quarreling over who was the greatest among them, something which they did regularly, Jesus told them that greatness in the Kingdom will be measured far differently than in the world. Greatness in the Kingdom will be given to those who have humbly served (Matthew 20:25-28). Jesus did not come with the purpose of us serving Him, but to serve us and to give Himself as a sacrifice for our sins. Jesus personifies selflessness.

Jealousy is a product of selfishness. it is putting ourselves ahead of all others. In selfishness, we may not want an old boy/girl friend, but we do not want anyone else to have them either. We expect them to remain single and dateless for all time, eating their hearts out for us. In selfishness, we expect to be recognized above everyone else and receive all the attention.

Conquering jealousy will require that we defeat selfishness. The first step is to recognize that selfishness is a sin. Do not justify selfishness with, "I'm just looking out for myself," or, "I'm just protecting my rights," or, "I'm just being true to who I am," or, "I'm just ensuring that my needs are met." There are a million excuses for thinking of yourself. There is just one reason for sacrificing ourselves for others; it is what Jesus did and it is what Jesus expects of us. **WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?** You can be sure that Jesus would do the selfless thing!

There is no easy or magic formula for defeating selfishness. However, the example of Jesus is instructive, encouraging and inspiring. Read the gospels regularly, paying special attention to Jesus self-sacrificing example and teaching.

Now for the hard part. **JUST DO IT!**

Be selfless! Put others' wants and needs ahead of your own. Serve rather than be served, whether you feel like it or not. I know of nothing that will help you conquer selfishness like serving. So, get involved in more and more volunteer work. You may not feel like it at first, but soon you will know first hand that it is better to give than to receive.

Avoid, like the plague, serving with selfish motives: serving because it makes you feel good, serving for the recognition, or serving to earn your place in heaven. Serve because Jesus did and He has asked us to serve. Serve because you want to be less selfish and jealousy will be a past memory.

In the last two installments we said that patience and kindness are attributes of God, because God is love. By that same logic, we might expect to say God is not jealous, because love is not jealous. Yet the Bible tells us that God is a jealous God. God's jealousy is different than man's. God wants us to be devoted to Him and no one else, not because of selfishness, but because it is the best thing for us. God's jealousy is not evil, but the source of all good. God's jealousy brings us closer to Him, our jealousy leads us away from Him. God's jealousy has our minds set on Him, our jealousy has our minds set on us. When we set our minds on ourselves, we set ourselves on the wide road that leads to destruction. When we set our minds on God we set ourselves on the narrow road that leads to salvation.

Jealousy has us focused on ourselves. Selfless serving has us focused on God and others. Where is your focus?

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Another Look at the Figures

Wayne Turner

Whoever said "figures seldom lie, but liars often figure" must have been related to the person who observed that "statistics can be used to support almost anything, but most especially they support statisticians." In many discussions, numbers get thrown around quite freely. In the context in which they are presented, they appear to be reasonable and accurate. However, this may not always be the case. Recently, I presented a report at Vision Canada '98 on what has happened to the congregations in the prairie provinces since Vision Canada '88. In the process of collecting the information, some very interesting facts became evident.

We are deeply indebted to the work that Geoffrey Ellis and others have been doing to regularly survey the congregations in Canada and report on the Canadian brotherhood in the Gospel Herald. The five and ten year reports give us snapshots of what has been happening across the country. The popularity of video cameras shows us that snapshots sometimes are not enough. We also want to see the action. In the same way, sometimes we need to look at the information from congregational surveys in a different way to see what has really been happening.

The Survey

To collect information for the presentation, surveys were sent to congregations throughout the prairies. In addition to providing statistical information, the surveys asked for a description of the congregational programme and some analysis of the data. I felt that it was important to be able to understand what the data represented. The raw survey data revealed good news and bad news. The good news is that congregations in the five larger prairie cities (Calgary, Edmonton, Regina, Saskatoon and Winnipeg) are growing. This is important since just under 9.58% of the population of Canada, and 57.57% of the population of the three prairie provinces, live in these cities. To be effective reaching Canada, we must be effectively reaching out to her cities. Growing congregations in the prairie cities is, at least, encouraging. The bad news is that we are

a small, statistically insignificant body, and that our slight to modest gains in some places are often offset by comparable losses among the rural congregations. A few congregations have stopped meeting, and some others are so small they appear to be in danger of closing.

Local Character

Each congregation in Canada is unique. The local community, congregational background and composition help define the character of the congregation meeting there. Based on my own personal experience and observation, I felt that it would be interesting to inquire about four particular characteristics which appear to play some role in a congregation's effectiveness at outreach. 1. What percentage of members came from a background within the Churches of Christ? 2. What percentage of the congregation grew up or spent most of their lives in the same congregation? 3. What percentage of the congregation was related to others in the same congregation? 4. What percentage of the congregation were visible minorities?

The results for these questions were much as expected. Most of the congregations identified that 60% or more of their members came from a background in the Church. Half of the congregations answered that 60% or more of their members had grown up in that congregation. All but three stated that 50% or more of their members were related to someone else in the congregation. From these three questions, a significant picture seems to emerge. Without realizing it, most congregations would appear very closed and unreachable to the average outsider. In fact, given that most of the members have grown up in the church, if not even in that same congregation, and are likely related to others in the congregation, a visitor cannot help but feel like an outsider. How could they really expect to be able to fully integrate into the life and fellowship of the church?

An even clearer line would tend to keep visible minorities away. Over 11% of Canada's population are immigrants from "visible minorities." Another 3% of the population are aboriginals (North American, Metis or Inuit). For the pur-

poses of the survey, aboriginals were included with the visible minorities, which together comprise 14% of Canada. All but one of the prairie congregations identified that only 5% or less of its membership were members of one of these visible minorities. 12% of the members of the Winnipeg congregation are from visible minorities. When considering these statistics, we should keep in mind that the visible minorities have tended to form enclaves in the largest urban centres, especially Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver. As a result, smaller communities on the prairies are unlikely to have very many people from this category. However, there is one exception, the aboriginal peoples. 45.4% of Canada's aboriginal population live on the prairies.

In short, the average prairie congregation is made up of people who grew up in the Church, have been part of the same congregation most of their lives, have relatives in the same congregation and are white. Given this profile, should it be surprising that many congregations are having difficulty attracting new members and growing? Lyle Schaller, in his book *Assimilating New Members* (Abingdon, 1978), points out that churches unconsciously exclude people, and asks "Whom do you exclude? There are persons who might not feel welcome or comfortable or at ease in your congregation." As an example, he gives a lengthy but not exhaustive list that includes visible minorities, non-English speakers, those who are physically and mentally challenged, people who are shy, those who are poor, agoraphobics, childless couples, widows, singles, etc.

On the survey, the congregations were asked which special needs or interests they were trying to address. Four congregations identified people with disabilities. Four are working with seniors. Only one said they were reaching out to "Generation-Xers." Similarly, only one is focusing on ethnic and visible minorities. Nine are involved in benevolent activity. Seven have been offering special workshops for the community on subjects including the existence of God, marriage and family, addictions, stress, aging, etc.

Digging Deeper

On the surface, the congregational character described above suggests that there may be some very evident and inherent

difficulties that have kept most prairie congregations from growing. The periodic survey results published in the Gospel Herald seem to support this. Take a congregation like Moose Jaw, SK for example. In 1966, the survey indicated that they had 90 members. By 1981, this dropped to 65. Ten years later, this rose to 72. In 1996, it had again dropped, even lower, to 60. In 1998, this had grown to 66. It would be easy to make many assumptions about a lack of evangelism and effort there. Nothing could be farther from the truth. In the survey, congregations were asked to specifically identify what had happened during the ten years since Vision Canada '88. According to the survey, the congregation in Moose Jaw had gained 72 members during this time. 42% of these were members who moved into the community. 19% of the increase were members' children who were baptized, and 39% of their increase came through new conversions. For a congregation of about 60, a gain of 72 members during a ten year period is noteworthy and commendable! If only the whole brotherhood could grow at such a rate!

However, these gains must be balanced against the losses that occurred during this same time, which also totaled 72. There were 41 who moved away from Moose Jaw, 12 fell away, 15 died and 4 started meeting in a home. Since both the gains and losses were the same, net growth was zero. The picture given by the periodic surveys is misleading. The casual reader might assume the congregation is inactive, since there is little change in the membership totals. But, as we have seen, there has really been a great deal of change. During this period, there were over 130 different members of the church that were part of that congregation.

These figures illustrate the very dynamic nature of church membership. While there are some very deeply entrenched members in some congregations, there are also a large number of Christians who are moving from place to place. Unfortunately, not all of those who are moving are staying on the prairies, or for that matter even in Canada. Some congregations experience very high numbers of transfers, in and out. For example, the church in Winnipeg gained 49 by transfer between 1987 and 1998, but also lost 45 who moved away. One of the realities of

life on the prairies is that many people would like to move to other places. Some seek better employment opportunities, others a less severe climate. Whatever the reason for moving, due to the high mobility level of Canadians, churches on the prairies should expect membership to fluctuate.

A second factor that effects many of the prairie congregations is the aging of the membership, especially in some of the smaller, rural congregations. One congregation noted that over 60% of its members were over the age of 65. Such a high percentage of older members also indicates a higher potential for losses by death. 26 members in Winnipeg passed away during the ten year period. A decadal death rate of 10-25% will significantly limit a congregation's ability to grow.

A third factor that has affected the church in many places is the problem of division and splitting. Even when divisions heal, as in Winnipeg, there are still lingering effects. Reuel Lemmons, long-time editor of the Firm Foundation once observed that it takes at least one whole generation to die off before a congregation can overcome a split.

Positives

Like congregations everywhere, the prairie congregations are facing some challenges - moving members, lack of people, leadership turnovers, depressed local economies, etc. On the other hand, almost all were positive and optimistic. It was especially encouraging to see that several noted there was a growing involvement of their members and a greater desire and vision to reach out to the community. Others identified a growing spirit of unity and love within the congregation. Some congregations have grown in the face of some serious difficulties.

The congregation in Edmonton has

grown from 102 members in 1981 to 254 in 1998. During this time, they have also dealt with a major problem. Their congregational character is vastly different from the typical prairie congregation. Only 27% of their members come from a background in the churches of Christ. This explains why only 5% of the congregations have grown up in or been members of that congregation for most of their lives, and why only 20% have relatives in the congregation. Edmonton ranks second on the prairies with 5% of its members being visible minorities. As a congregation, they are really seeking to fulfil the statement on the masthead of their bulletin, "Our purpose is to make Christ known and to equip his people for works of service."

Conclusions

Overall, we must admit that the growth statistics for the prairies, while encouraging, are not great. It would be wonderful to be able to acknowledge congregations that had grown to 500 and even 1,000. Three prairie congregations have over 200 members. Only three others have over 100. However, as has been previously noted, the number of members does not necessarily identify the effort or effectiveness of the outreach that has been occurring. While we must admit that more could be done, we should also recognize that a lot of work has been done. Over the last ten years, many souls living on the prairies have been reached with the gospel of Christ and added to His body. Our purpose is to bring people to Christ. As congregations and Christians on the prairies carry out the Great Commission, they are also sending people off to other parts of Canada, the United States and even the rest of the world. Lord willing, as these Christians are scattered everywhere, they will go everywhere preaching the word.

-Winnipeg, MB

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"POWERFUL PREPOSITIONS"



Prepositions are tiny words, (in English they often have only two letters), that are very important. They are powerful in giving meaning to communications. The wrong preposition sends a wrong message, often the very opposite to the one intended. Some Greek prepositions have different meanings which are generally easily determined by the context in which they are used.

An example is the preposition *eis* found in Acts chapter two verse thirty eight and variously translated: (ASV) "unto"; (NIV, KJV, NKJV, NAS) "for"; (NRSV, CEV, GW, TEV, Phillips) "so that"; (EAE) baptized "and your sins will be forgiven"; (The Message) baptized "so that your sins are forgiven". Because of the extreme and unreasonable position taken by many that Jesus did all that needs to be done in reference to our salvation, lengthy debates have disputed the meaning of this preposition in this text. Once such a position has been staked out, it becomes necessary for those who would defend it to search for other than the most obvious meaning of the preposition in this verse.

The terms 'extreme' and 'unreasonable' are used above because even those who hold so tenaciously to this position are compelled to acknowledge that believing,

repenting and confessing as well as being faithful are things that must be done on man's part. It is clear that these are done by us as individuals and not by the Lord for us.

Once one has determined to espouse and defend the "faith only" position, it becomes necessary to not only search out alternative meanings for *eis* in Acts 2:38 but also to "explain away" the most obvious meanings of a number of other passages.

For example, since an unbeliever is not likely to submit to baptism, why require the inspired writer to add 'and is not baptized' to Mark 16:16 in order to accept the plain teaching of the verse that being saved depends equally on believing and being baptized.

Again, why do some insist that Paul's frequent use of the word "works" meaning "works of the law", i.e. works that are thought to merit God's blessing, includes anything and everything that man might do. Ephesians 2:8,9 clearly tells us that there is nothing, (no work) that man can do whereby he can earn salvation or claim that God is therefore obligated to save him. Some seem to find it necessary to insert the word "only" in verse nine after the phrase "not by works" in order to support their understanding of this verse and of John 3:16.

Paul, who had already confessed Jesus as Lord and fasted for three days (indicative of repentance) was instructed by God's selected messenger to "be baptized, and wash your sins away, calling on his name". Why, we ask, have the CEV translators chosen to translate this verse, "and be bap-

tized, and wash away your sins by praying to the Lord"? The insertion of the preposition "by" in this translation appears to be a daring "adding to" the text in order to interpret it.

Romans chapter six addresses Christians as those who, in baptism, had had the "old self" crucified with him so that "the body of sin might be done away with". Later verses (17,18) show that wholehearted obedience to the form of teaching resulted in being set free from sin. Baptism, being in the form of a burial and resurrection, is obviously still in the mind of the inspired writer. Why do some feel that they must spiritualize these verses? It is in being baptized into Christ that we cloth ourselves in Him (Gal.3:27).

In First Peter chapter three verses 20 and 21 we are told that those in the ark were "saved through water" and that this "symbolizes baptism that now saves you also". Again, some try to explain that these verses could not mean what they say??

Back to the context of Acts 2:38. What does this little preposition mean here, - "for" or "because of"? Verse 40 urges the hearers to "save yourselves" and verse 41 tells us that "those who accepted his message were baptized". Then 3000 were apparently added after baptism. In verse 47 we are told that the Lord kept on adding those being saved. Is it possible to read into this that they were being saved without baptism? Not, we think, without wresting the scriptures. See II Peter 3:16.

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Mission Report Russia

Wesley Jones and others from the World Christian Broadcasting Board were able to arrange meetings with officials of the Russian Orthodox Church and with a lawyer of the Institute of Law and Religion in Moscow on July 23rd and 24th. This is an encouraging circumstance since the ROC was responsible for the passing of the restrictive "religion law" last October. The interview went surprisingly well.

The ROC people were impressed by the fact that Christians are supplying humanitarian aid and assured help in the matter of "road blocks and confiscations." Evidence was supplied to convince them that the church is not a cult and they even agreed to receive samples of our literature and consider distribution. Prayers are requested that this progress may continue.

The Institute lawyer revealed that they have "filed a suit in constitutional court challenging the (religious) law on fifteen points of the constitution." This will likely be a slow process and prayers are again in order.

Rick Pinczuk

"Earlier this year, our Slavic Evangelism Ministry received 5,000 Russian Bibles and 10,000 Russian New Testaments, translated for the first time in the modern Russian language, from a well-known Bible publisher in Minsk, Belarus. About half of this shipment has already been distributed.

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FROM THE BULLETINS

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How do you count?

Max Craddock

Some people seem to go through life counting their troubles rather than their blessings and the good things they have to enjoy. Into every life a little rain must fall, and into some more than others...however, for most of those people who are working toward making a good life for themselves and those around them, the good days outnumber the bad.

We need to attune our hearts and eyes to see the good and enjoyable things in life and spend our days thinking about and thanking God for these blessings.

Consider the words of Psalm 71:14 - 18:

"But I will hope continually, and will praise thee yet more and more. My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all the day, for their number is

past my knowledge. With the mighty deeds of the Lord God I will come, I will praise your righteousness, yours alone. O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, till I proclaim your might to all the generations to come. Your power and your righteousness, O God, reach the high heavens." At all stages of our life we need to praise God for His great and wonderful deeds toward us.

The Psalm goes on to say, "My lips will shout for joy when I sing praises to thee; my soul also, which you have rescued. And my tongue will talk of your righteous help all the day long, for they have been put to shame and disgrace who sought to do me hurt." (Psalm 71:23,24).

From youth through old age there are many reasons for thankfulness. This must

surely be true in a country like Canada in 1998. We find that in most cases it is not so much what happens to a person but rather how he or she reacts to it that determines a person's degree of thankfulness.

Of course, even better than the material blessings is the freedom to worship God without fear here in Canada. We have the joy of being in Christ - if we will obey his word and walk in the way he has called his family to walk. With this walk comes the joy of knowing that our sins have been, and are being, forgiven by our loving Father because of His Son's sacrifice for us. Also, with this comes the joy of being able to pray to God and know that He hears and cares. We have the peace that comes from knowing that death is not to be feared since it is the "passage" of the soul to be with God and our Savior Jesus Christ. We have the privilege of being a part of the family of God here on earth and receiving encouragement and strength from brothers and sisters who share with us in the faith "once for all delivered to the saints". We need to count these blessings daily.

Take charge of your thoughts and give thanks for the blessings you enjoy from God each day. Some count their troubles rather than their blessings.

-Strathmore Blvd., Toronto, ON

The Lust For Rust and Dust

Peter Morphy

The world in which we live is very materialistic in its attitude toward life. Many believe that the more one owns the more important they are. If we only had more purchasing power, we could find that illusive happiness everyone seems to be talking about. Our consumer attitude and commercialism driven society makes many people long for more things, sometimes intensely desiring more. At times it is nothing short of an uncontrolled passionate lust for more.

We have been told through clever media campaigns and taught by the examples of those around us that we must somehow keep up with the neighbours. The appearance of our house, the clothes our family wears, the car which we drive, the recreation in which we indulge must be chosen with everyone else in mind. It seems that human nature is to always want more and more. Most never seem to be satisfied with all the things that they

already have.

When our focus is on the material things of life, we tend to worry and fret. Some worry about how they can get what they don't have. Others worry about how they can keep what they already own. Still others worry about how they can pay their creditors for what they have already purchased. We must realize that the things of this world, were not created to bring internal peace, joy or satisfaction. The things of this world are passing away (1Corinthians 7:31). Everything in this world will turn to rust or dust. Things were not designed to last forever.

Jesus taught us to have a completely different perspective toward life. Instead of looking down, we are to look up. Instead of looking to self we are to look to Him. Instead of storing earth's treasure temporarily in this world, we are to store up eternal treasure in heaven. Jesus gives this warning, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not

break in and steal." (Matthew 6:19-20).

The joy, excitement and satisfaction of earth's treasure doesn't last long. It is only a temporary thrill. Paul knew this reality and changed his focus. "So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." (2 Corinthians 4:18).

We no longer need to worry about the necessities of life. Jesus addressed the problem of worry two thousand years ago. "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes?" (Matthew 6:25). God takes care of the birds and the flowers. We are so much more important than these in His eyes. Therefore, we know that God will supply us with everything we need.

Where is our focus? On what do we spend our time, energy, resources, money and thoughts? On things that will turn to dust and rust? Or on those things that will make an eternal difference and that will last forever?

-Sudbury, ON

FOR WOMEN BY WOMEN

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The Process of dying

Elizabeth Lock

Death is a natural process and a reality of life. It occurs in all families sooner or later. It is a universal phenomenon. It leaves us devastated, torn, upset, sad, angry, and often confused. Death is a joy robber, leaving loved ones with moments and memories.

The burning question is what makes death so difficult for us? One reason is that, since it is not predictable we may be involved in a long waiting period. The process can be very stressful as we watch helplessly. False hope leaves us depressed and angry. Feelings of abandonment and a sense of loss are not uncommon.

The Process

Life is peaceful, serene, and uneventful until one day a lump is detected on a breast, surgery follows quickly and then chemotherapy. The prognosis is good so life gets almost back to normal. We truly believe the cancer is arrested only to hear that there are spots on the lung; so more painful, exhausting chemotherapy. Again, there is assurance that all is well. But cancer is unpredictable, often incurable and extremely invasive.

We watch helplessly as she pales, becomes emaciated and confused. How cruel to see a lovely body quickly wasted while we stand by helplessly. Beautiful hair is replaced with baldness and has to be covered with an unnatural wig. She has few taste buds and no desire to eat. Her husband watches over her day and night until she is admitted to the hospital for minor surgery on her lung to bring her comfort. She continues to weaken, her mind is confused. They give her morphine to kill the pain and she responds very little now. We watch and wait and pray feverishly for a miracle. We seek for answers but find none. We are already

grieving over the devastation caused by cancer. What can we do? What do we say? Why is this happening to our loved one? We know there is hope for tomorrow but what about today's pain? Four precious grandchildren, three lovely children, husband, brothers, a sister and myriads of in-laws and friends are in shock.

Last Hours

All the family are nearby with only two at a time with their loved one. They stroke her softly, kiss her gently, tell her they love her and wait for a response. None comes because she is on morphine to kill the pain and make the final hours more liveable. While all of us are standing by watching her heavy breathing, with no fanfare, in one gentle short breath, her life is snuffed out. A final gasp and all the family show utter disbelief and statements such as, "I can't live without her", and "I want to go with her" are heard. She has gone to meet her Maker but the loved ones left behind have to accept the reality of death and the devastation of the loss.

Final Tribute

The peaceful, gracious, happy lady died the same way she lived. She was hospitable, generous, kind hearted, accepting of others and loving. It was said that everybody loved her. She had no enemies and was not known to be in conflict with others. She was a true Christian and a light to many people.

The suffering is ended, the pain is no more and the humiliation she felt from her wasted body is a thing of the past. We remember the happy times of sharing, playing, creating, worshiping and much more. Our house is adorned with gifts made with her beautiful hands. I think I see her when I am in a mall. I think I hear her voice, but most of all I think of what is no more. Cherished memories and

homemade treasures help keep her memory alive.

The Journey of Grief

While the grief process often starts prior to death in lengthy terminal cases, it certainly is not complete. The family has myriads of tasks to perform and this keeps minds occupied. However, loneliness sets in. Feelings of abandonment, rejection, anger, depression, and confusion follow. They must be dealt with as they arise. A trusted friend may be helpful. Grief counselling or attending a grief group may help. Muddling through the emotions seems to be normal. Swinging from anger to depression and back may happen.

God's word and His precious promises are most valuable and comforting. The Psalms dealing with David's grief can be helpful. At times God may seem distant and cruel but, as time passes, life begins to take on a new perspective and new meaning. One is truly strengthened through the grief. Mourning will eventually turn to laughter. Just as the psalmist was able to praise God profusely, the grief stricken will be able to do the same. See Psalm 86 and 88.

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the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing" (Acts 8:36-39).

Because Philip obeyed what he was told, someone seeking the Lord found Jesus Christ. How many people today are like the eunuch whom Philip encountered? There is no way to know an exact answer to that question, but there are many people all around us, who want to learn of the Lord. We simply must be prepared to teach people who want to learn. If we will ask the Lord for people to teach, we will find them just as much as one seeking the Lord will find if he is truly seeking.

God leaves it up to us to seek Him and once we find Him, it is our decision what to do with the knowledge of God and His plan of salvation. God did His part to save us by sending His only Son, while we were still sinners (Romans 5:8), to seek the lost (Luke 19:10). God now expects His people to carry on and teach the people who have not heard the gospel. As we go, we will encounter people seeking truth and we must do as Philip did and "opened our mouths, and preached Jesus to them."

-St. Catharines, ON



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ONTARIO

Ajax: The congregation just completed watching the Marriage Enrichment video series.

Beamsville: Amy Whittington was baptized on July 12 and on Sunday afternoon, July 19, Brook Perry was baptized by her grandfather. She had been serving at Camp Omagh the week previous as a counsellor. On Thursday evening, July 30, Andrea Clint was baptized. The congregation is making preparations to produce a supplementary song book.

Bramalea: Jonathan Straker gave a report of his work in Sendai, Japan on August 2. From an e-mail received after arriving home we learned that several of the students who had met to see them off at 10 a.m. had stayed discussing their new interest in Christianity and the Bible until 4 p.m. Their decision was to have the local preacher, a Japanese brother trained in the U.S., to meet with them on a weekly basis for further Bible study. Jon had a list of 27 Japanese people who are the most interested contacts of the four York students who were teaching the "Let's Start Talking" from the book of Luke in Japan. He asked us to pray for them.

Students off to college are Allison Knutson, back to Rochester College; Daniel Whittington, back to Harding Christian University; Jon Straker, to York Christian College; Mark Knutson and Kurt Whittington to GLCC.

Our Fall meeting will be held September 24-27, with Jerry Tallman from Rochester Hills, Michigan.

Brantford: Seventy two attended the annual picnic. A corn roast at Mohawk Park is in the plans.

The afternoon group reports that eleven of their number attended this year's Jubilee in Nashville where they met at least 22 other Christians from southern Ontario. This group had a shower for Debbie Pauls who was visiting from Nashville with her fiancé, Don De Schutter. On July 17, about 70 attended a big bonfire with food, fellowship and singing. On August 9, Pamela Potts followed her Lord in baptism. Jim Gamble baptized her in a swimming pool while a large

group surrounded them.

Fenwick: "Several things have happened over the last couple of months. We were saddened by the passing of Elsie Comfort on June 9. She was 93. The Moores hosted a congregational meeting and picnic on June 14. Dandelion Acres was again the location of our Canada Day picnic. Sixty-three attended. The Fenwick teens prepared a meal and treated their parents on July 18. Several from Fenwick sang at Ball's Falls on August 9. A congregational retreat was held at a local park on August 21 and 22. Other activities are planned for the future. A Youth Rally is scheduled for September 26 and 27. A Gospel meeting is planned for October 18-21 with Peter Morphy. The topic is "Commitment."

Grimsby: Placing membership were Don and Sylvia Snure, Janine Walker and Gerald Ostrosser. Jeff Cobbs began working with the congregation July 1 and Jeff almost immediately went to Strawberry Point for July 5-10. They are now back at work in Grimsby. Scott and Tereasa Mansfield were back from Sunset in Lubbock and helped with the VBS in Stratford.

Hamilton (West Hamilton): "Stephen Koo obeyed the gospel in baptism on July 26. On August 9 the congregation and visitors enjoyed an Annual Picnic at Christie Conservation Area." - E. VanAlstine

Meaford: Georgian Bay fellowship will be held September 6, with Bob Davison from Washington, Pennsylvania.

Pauline Maher was baptized on July 5th. Lois Murray has been welcomed as a member.

Matthew Pickard preached at Ice Lake and "did a really great job"

Newmarket: Keith and Marie Thompson taught at Camp Omagh for their 49th consecutive year. Bonnie Lee Cox has been working as a nurse in Northwestern Ontario and was very close to the forest fires. The 1998 Vacation Bible School theme was "Great Bible Wonders" August 24-28.

Niagara Falls: Sandy Cooper's sister Debbie has "returned to the fold". Heidi Boland has been welcomed and Jack Exum presented interesting and stirring messages, August 9-12 - his "Three Unusual Days" program.

North Bay: Steven Bailey is needing financial help. He has congestive heart failure and uncontrolled blood pressure and a number of financial needs that have resulted because of his health problems.

Owen Sound: "We had a fine Vacation Bible School July 20-24. Participation was high from the congregation, with members freely giving of their time to teach and help with the many supporting roles. Children from at least 28 community families attended

and many community parents were present for the Family Night on Thursday and the closing cook-out at noon on Friday. We are grateful to Mark Perry for his competent work as director. Mike McCabe was with us August 2, teaching the teen class and preaching on Sunday morning. Mike's progress in presenting the Word is evident, and we are thankful for the opportunities Mike has had at home in Sarnia this summer to gain teaching and preaching experience and also to continue to work on his boiler maker apprenticeship.-- Walter Hart.

St. Catharines: Mindy Crone and Jesse Morimoto were baptized into Christ on June 30.

Joel Osborne wrote that he left for Sendai, Japan, June 16 from his visit with his parents, Barclay and Sharon Osborne in Okinawa. Joel asked for prayers for his co-workers and Mr. Mawatari and the church in Sendai.

St. Thomas: A group of 25 from congregations in Tennessee and Mississippi conducted our VBS in July. The average evening attendance was 66.

Paul LaCourse of London was restored to the Lord and has placed membership here. The Key to the Kingdom TV broadcast continue to rouse interest in the area with four responses last week.

Stratford: Allen and Lynda Good, with children, Gavin and Laura placed membership with the congregation. Scott Mansfield was guest speaker on July 12, when they switched their service to start at 9:45, with the Lord's supper to follow and Bible class afterwards.

Sudbury: The brethren have a French service on Sunday afternoon for Mary-anne Lamarche, Dan Lamarche's mother, who only understand French. Thirteen speakers were lined up for the 20/20 Vision workshop which was held at Tintern with very good crowds. Denise Fortin was born again of water and spirit on Tuesday morning, July 28.

Tintern: The congregation had their second annual retreat at Camp Omagh with over 70 in attendance, July 10-12. The Wednesday evening classes for the summer session began for students up to and including grade 8 in a Vacation Bible School format. Byron Dickie was baptized by his dad at Strawberry Point. \$250.00 was raised towards a computer for Yvon Beaudoin, for his work of ministry in Quebec.

An opportunity to give towards relief for the tidal wave victims in PNG resulted in over \$2,000.00 being collected.

Toronto [Strathmore]: The annual church picnic was July 25. Happy birthday to

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Manitoba

Carman: "As usual, the VBS team from WCC did a wonderful job in preparation for this year's classes. We had about 50 students this year. I believe we would have had even more if our VBS had not been quite so close to when classes let out from public school."

The Cutting family celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the Cutting Farm on July 11th.

Don Jefkins recently underwent a double by-pass operation and is doing much better now. Art Toews has been treated for cancer, and the doctors are hopeful that he will have a long life in spite of his illness.

Dauphin: The Vision Canada Workshop was held on July 21-23 with speakers from across Canada presenting messages on the theme, "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow".

The annual VBS is scheduled for Aug. 3-7.

Winnipeg: On a recent visit from Grecia, Costa Rica, Martha Gonzales was baptized after studying with our Spanish Bible Study Group. Martha is the third person to be baptized this year from our Spanish Bible Study.

On July 25th, we held our annual church picnic at the home of Glen and Kim Knutson. Approximately 40 people took part in sack races, dodge ball, a peanut toss and various fun activities.

Saskatchewan

Moose Jaw: It seems to have been quite some time since we have last written--the time seems to go by faster & faster with each passing month. Now that summer is here, quite a few of our own number are away on family holidays, having a break from their day-to-day activities. We are blessed in having visitors with us almost every Sunday over the summer, from various parts of Canada and the U.S.A. . If you are passing through Moose Jaw at any time during the year, please feel free to join us for our worship service--we'd love to have you.

Our Youth/Adult Prayer Pal program was a huge success this past fall/winter/spring. In this program, a young person is paired with an adult, for the express purpose of the adult praying for that young person. Our youth face so many temptations in their day-to-day lives and we know that prayer can help. This program was greatly appreciated by the parents of our young people.

Our ladies meet every other Tuesday morning for a Ladies Bible Study from September through to the end of April. These classes were enjoyed by all and well attended by both our own ladies and by visitors brought

from our community. The ladies wrapped up their time together with a luncheon at Bonanza Restaurant on the last Tuesday in April.

The last Sunday of the month continues to be our "Monthly Fellowship Time", when we share a pot-luck lunch & time of visiting at noon. If any are travelling through on the last Sunday of the month, please stop & worship with us and plan to enjoy lunch together.

Our hearts were deeply saddened on March 3, 1998 when the Moose Jaw congregation lost a special sister and friend in Margaret (Mills) Wenaas. Margaret had suffered for the past several years with her disease. Even to the very end, when asked how she was doing, Margaret would reply "I'm doing okay." She wasn't ready to leave her dear family, but she was ready to rest, be out of pain, and to be with her Heavenly Father. Margaret's quiet way of teaching & encouraging will be greatly missed by all that knew her. "Each departed loved one is a magnet that attracts us to the next world."

We collect food items for donation to the Moose Jaw & District Food Bank on a regular basis, and the congregation here is most generous in this cause. For the fall/winter/spring months, we collect medical supplies for Velma Forman & her clinic in Papua New Guinea. These are supplies, which she either cannot get over there, or cannot afford to purchase if she does find them. We sent off three big boxes this year, and know that the supplies will be put to immediate and good use by Velma and her patients.

We rejoiced on March 15th when Robert Khonje was baptized into the Lord. Robert is a young man who is attending SIAST here in Moose Jaw and is from Swift Current. Robert is eager to learn and a blessing to our congregation.

We are involved in preparing muffins once a month for the Hunger in Moose Jaw program. These muffins are used in bag lunches taken to various schools in the city and given out to children who have come to school having had no breakfast. If we can make the day of one child go better, we have succeeded in this program.

On April 19th, we enjoyed a congregational breakfast together prior to our 10:00 Bible classes. The breakfast was cooked & served by some of our men and we appreciate their ability and thoughtfulness.

Eleven of our group were involved in delivering Meals-On-Wheels for one week in April. We know that the people who receive these meals appreciated them taking time out to do this task.

Don & Margaret (Windover) Hedin were blessed with a new little daughter on April 24th. Danielle is a new granddaughter for Gail Windover and a new great-granddaughter for Myrtle Gale. A baby shower was held on May 3rd for little Danielle.

April 24th was a time of fun & fellowship for our "Over 50 Group". They shared a pot-luck supper together, followed by a crokinole tournament, with Clarence Bien being the winner.

We continue to be involved in holding

services at the various care homes in town. These services are enjoyed by the seniors who live in the care homes, and we are blessed in having so many of our group who are willing to help with these services.

A special collection for Clearview Christian Camp was taken on May 10th, and a total of \$440.00 was given for day to day running of the Camp. We have been blessed in having Harold & Margaret Floyd (Disley); Kathy Oberg (Lumsden) and Denis, Marlene, Danielle & Marcel Belliveau (Disley) requesting to be part of the Moose Jaw congregation. We know that each of you will be an asset to our congregation.

Every other month members of our congregation host an afternoon tea for the residents of Pioneers Village. These times of visiting and lunch are greatly enjoyed by these seniors. We are fortunate in having people in our congregation give of themselves & their time for others.

Once again this year we were involved in the Day of Prayer & Fasting, sponsored by Manna International, Redwood City, California. A total of \$1,307.74 was given by members of this congregation. These funds are used to spread the word in some of the poorest countries of the world.

Regina: Congratulations to Bernard and Ella Ziemer on the celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, June 27. We wish them God's blessing. The City-run program, "Fun Spot" is being operated out of our building for the Glen Elm community. This is a drop-in recreational program for kids aged 4-12.

(Editor's Note: The following is an excerpt from a letter written by Bernard Krogsgaard while in Zagreb, Croatia with the LST team.)

"Our LST project is almost over, tomorrow being our final reading day. "Time has passed so quickly," has been the comment spoken frequently by the team this week. We are all in the middle of an emotional roller-coaster ride, since our departing flight is only 93 hours hence. The team members are looking forward to being home, while at the same time hating to say goodbye to their Croatian reading friends. (Another exciting factor of this year's project was being in a country whose soccer team reached the semi-finals in World Cup 98. This morning the city of Zagreb was very solemn because of France's 2-1 victory. This was quite a contrast to last evening's frenzy of celebration!!!)

Our team has done a good work. Every location has its unique characteristics and circumstances, and the team, in accepting the privilege to work in Zagreb, has faced the special challenges well. But now each worker must deal with a torn heart, as good-byes are expressed to new friends, and as petitions are poured out before the throne of Heaven - that Ivana, Boris, Natasha... will allow the gospel seeds to germinate until Christ's victory of salvation becomes their possession. Please, would you too pray for the salvation of our readers?"

Our Autumn Challenge (Teen Rally) is scheduled for September 18-20.

NEWS

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British Columbia

Vancouver (Oakridge): With the summer vacation there have been many of the congregation traveling to other areas and many visitors attending services. Summer activities include a congregational picnic at Cultus Lake. The Acts seminar continues on a monthly basis.

In the adult bible class, we are learning to draw a mind-map of a passage of scripture. What is a mind map? It is a different way to organize the main ideas in a chapter, a book or about anything we are studying or thinking about. You can draw a mind map for a recipe for chocolate cake! Because we are used to seeing images rather than lines in neat order, our minds can grasp the meanings more quickly with a mind map.

Ming Paul Lee: B.C. Day at Sperston Road Camp- featured Lynn Anderson as the "Key Speaker."

Alberta

Edmonton: We rejoice again in another soul being added to the Lord's church. Joanne Bakanuk was immersed for the remission of sins and to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit on the 23rd of July, 1998. This brings the number of souls added to the Lord's church in Edmonton to 13 this year.

We are starting to gear up for our small group bible studies which will start in the fall. Our focus with these groups is to evangelize the city of Edmonton, and we are going to concentrate on this aspect more this year. We will, also, be focusing on two other areas of outreach; one being family and close friends, and the other following up with the interest from the Key to the Kingdom program, both in Edmonton and surrounding areas. We are looking forward to a rich harvest of souls yearning to know Christ.

The Alberta Rockies Wilderness Camp at Pincher Creek is designed for families wanting to get away and be enriched spiritually at the same time. It took place this year from July 17 - 25. It was a great success, with approximately 25 people from Edmonton attending. This is also where Joanne was convicted and immersed. It was encouraging for all who attended, and the invitation goes out to everyone for next year.

It is summer time again, which means vacations, camping and many other things are taking place. We have had many of our

members traveling this summer. This includes one of our evangelists, David Ford and his family, who are struggling to live in the intense heat in Oklahoma and Texas. They are visiting with their supporting congregation down in Oklahoma. Also, because of the time of year, we rejoice in having many of our brothers who are traveling from other congregations stop to worship and praise our Lord with us. We have had many visitors this summer with some coming from as far as Australia, Germany and Netherlands. It is really encouraging for all of us.

Vision Canada '98 was held in Dauphin, Manitoba this past month. One of our elders, Herb Anderson, was asked to speak at this lectureship and graciously accepted. His topic was on "Gender Roles in the church." The seminar was enlightening for all who attended and for those who gave lessons.

Good news from Lithuania. Though they were having troubles getting work visas, our brothers in Christ, Chris Nichol and Kevin Carson, continued to pray and to preach the word. Their perseverance for the Lord's work was rewarded several weeks ago. The church in Klaipeda received it's official stamp of approval as a recognized church in that country. "PRAISE THE LORD." We all rejoice in the fact that they can now work over there without these threats.

Dave Freison

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Books to be reviewed in this column should be sent to
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(Books may be ordered from the Gospel Herald)



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Showtime! Worship In The Age Of Showbusiness. By Dan Chambers, 21st Century Christian, 1997, 230 pages, paperback, \$9.99 (U.S.)

All of us would like to see increased attendance at our worship services. We would like to have the so-called "Baby Boomers" and teenagers. How do we go about it? Some say "We should make our services less formal . . . Others. . . "We must use plays, special singing groups, etc. to appeal to more people." Some congregations have tried these things and have had limited success. Others see them as "departures from the faith" and say "We never did it that way before."

This is the best book we have seen on this vital topic. The author preaches for

the Lebanon Road Congregation in Nashville, Tennessee. He has done graduate work at several schools. Chambers sees many problems in the use of entertainment to attract people to services. He alerts us to dangers involved in designing our services to appeal to the masses. Many other writers, both pro and con are cited.

In dealing with these issues he presents an excellent discussion of the Biblically prescribed acts of worship. He disagrees in some areas with people like Rubel Shelly, Lynn Anderson and Calvin Warpula. He finds more agreement with writers like LaGard Simth and John MacArthur.

Apart from any of the current controversies this book is most helpful in causing us to reconsider what we really should be doing when we gather together. Let's hope it not only keeps us from going astray in our worship but also helps us to really "worship in Spirit and in Truth"

The Leadership Wisdom of Jesus.
 By Charles C. Manz, C.S. Lewis & Co., Glenford, N.Y., publicists, Published by Berrett-Koehler Publishers, San Francisco, CA, 178 pages, \$28.95 Cdn.

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We could fill this page with the many endorsements this author has received from leading authorities in the business world.

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Florence Gelly, who celebrated her 95 birthday on July 22. Guest speaker on July 5 was Dwayne Williams from Great Lakes Christian College.

Waterloo: Bill Schwarz has accepted with his family the offer to work as full-time evangelist for the congregation. The annual men's retreat at Camp Omagh is Sept. 18, 19. The theme: "The Lord's Men." Dr. Bob Rigdon, of Sylva, N.C. will be the guest speaker. GLBC Bible classes will begin again on September 8.

Welland: "Welland and St. Catharines had a great Awards Picnic in June for the completion of their Kids For Christ programs. Plans for next year's Kids for Christ is well on the way. The theme for next year is "Jesus, Joy Forever," teaching children that if they have Jesus in their lives they will have joy forever. The first Sunday in July we enjoyed the privilege of hearing Russell McNalty from McLeansboro, IL. speak to

us. Sherry McNalty also did a special Bible Hour for the children. An ice cream fellowship was enjoyed by all. On August 1, the congregation enjoyed a summer picnic in Chipawa Park." - B. Bruggen

Windsor (West Side): "We rejoice with the angels in heaven at the baptism of our young sister, Mary MacKenzie. She committed herself to Christ at the conclusion of Drew Chapados' lesson Sunday morning, July 19 and was baptized into Christ by her father, Paul MacKenzie." 'Key to the Kingdom' on TV has had a good response in Windsor. Plans are for Michael Tackett to visit in early 1999. "A number of our young people participated in a weekend canoe outing with young people from the North East congregation in Eastpointe (East Detroit). -- Bob Liles

Nova Scotia

Mill Village: "Land has been cleared to some extent and waiting for burning . . .

target date of September to have accomplished everything. Plans are still on to move the old building and add an entrance portion which would contain washrooms and office".

Recent gifts for the project amounting to \$7660.00 have been received from individuals, the Halifax, Newmarket and Tintern churches and the Jessie Sinclair memorials.

David Hallett had gall bladder surgery on May 14 and found himself prematurely back in the pulpit on the 17th.

Michigan

Ann Arbor: Jack and Judy Osinki and Larry and Gina Howe (they have 3 children) placed membership in recent weeks.

This congregation, where Al Meakes serves, began worshipping in its new building at 2500 S. Main St. on July 19th.

Marquette: A group of 21 young people from Lapeer arrived on July 31 to canvas and help teach in the VBS, August 3-7.

Missionaries Adventure

(Editor's Note: Roy Merritt had another article, similar to the one we published a few months ago, in preparation when the following mishap occurred and he lost it. Instead, he sent us a lengthy account of their ordeal and suggested that we edit it and publish it "using the reference from Philippians where Paul promises believers will always have whatever they need as the theme." He adds. "Our hearts are healing. It is great to be a part of the Body of Christ."

They will need about \$30,000 US dollars to get a new replacement vehicle and recoup losses. Theft insurance cannot be obtained there. ECP)

Many years ago, Roy and Georgia Merritt were born to missionary parents in Zambia (then Northern Rhodesia). When Georgia, now living in the U.S., decided to revisit the scenes of her childhood, Roy, Kathi, Sterling and Jennifer journeyed from Kalomo in Zambia to Harare in neighbouring Zimbabwe to meet her and her children and take them on a ten-day camping trip.

Enroute to the Rest Haven Retreat near Harare, where they planned to spend the night before meeting the plane, their adventure began. We quote, "A car zoomed past us, blocked the road and three gunmen got out. They pointed their pistols at me, Kathi and Sterling. Jennifer was with us too. They forced us from the car, patted me down for money and chucked Kathi's purse back in the car. After they made me unhitch our small luggage trailer, they raced away with our Isuzu vanette. We were left without money. Our clothing

and food was gone. Passports. Everything! We were happy that we had almost reached our destination - Rest Haven Retreat.

"I am sure the robbers picked us up in town and followed us until we came to a quiet spot where the road was narrow. The whole ordeal may have lasted a minute...I think our mistake was only that our pickup happens to be the most popular model and the most popular colour in Zimbabwe.

"Fellow visitors at Rest Haven gave us food, money and clothing. The management of Rest Haven told us our stay with them would be without charge and also gave us a gift of money and clothes.

"Rest Haven provided the transport out to the airport. I wondered if we would be able to make the trip we had planned—it was going to be a real nuisance to collect new passports and deal with the police. As it turned out, people found many of our documents-registration books, driver's license, three of our passports, and turned them in. We still have heard nothing about the car, and we do not really expect the ill-equipped Zimbabwe police to find it. Poor Jennifer—she lost her passport for good. It was brand new. We had just gotten it after an eight-month battle with the Zambian Passport office, because we wanted Jennifer to go to school in Bulawayo next year. Pray that we will be able to convince the Passport office to give her a replacement in time for her to make it.

"Where is the angel? I wondered to myself. Every time I have been in major trouble, an angel strolls up and lends a hand. Nobody yet. Where is the angel?

Now we have money but no car. Hertz won't give me a car without a credit card. I cannot let a bunch of goons ruin Georgia's dream holiday.

"The plane was due fifteen minutes after we parked at the airport...As we walked in, a voice. Hey Roy Merritt!"

"My angel!"

"Two in fact. My cousin John Reese and his wife Beth...were here to do seminars for World Bible School, and just dropped folks off for an earlier flight..." 'We have two cars here' John and Beth had said. 'Use one of them today. You have lots of running around to police and embassies. Tomorrow we'll rent you a minivan to take you back to Victoria Falls.'

"As it worked out, we could take Georgia on her trip to see Zimbabwe ruins, Bulawayo, Hwange and game park and Victoria Falls. She had blown her savings and cashed in a life insurance policy to make the trip, and I am glad she was not disappointed. She and her three girls will stay with us here at Namwianga until July 7.

"Yes, the financial loss hurts, but it will take longer to recover from the emotional blow. If they had quietly stolen the same things from our yard at night, we would have been angry and frustrated—but there is something about having your wife and children threatened by guns.. a gun on your four-year-old son??? It will take me a long time to overcome the hatred and bitterness I feel over the violation of my family's safety.

"God kept you safe from the hands of savages, just as he protected Daniel in the lions den' one friend said."

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Great Lakes Bible College plans to launch its distance learning program this fall utilizing the internet. Five courses will be offered to begin with. A major objective of the Bible college since 1996 has been eventually to offer all the courses in its curriculum for study through distance learning. It is believed that across Canada there are many who desire university-level Bible and Bible-related studies but are not able to make the arrangements traditionally required of college education--relocation, disruption of earning power, relinquishing of local ministries in the church, up to four years of costs related to lodging, etc.

A revolution is currently taking place in education because of the advantages made possible through the facilities of internet for information transfer. The common procedures of education by correspondence have been considerably advanced through

this technology. Schools without walls are now a practicality where learning is delivered to the student rather than the student moving to the teaching source. The conventional classroom setting with face-to-face interaction between teacher and student, of course, cannot be fully reproduced through cyberspace. Yet redesigning the teaching program can compensate to some extent for this loss. And certainly, distance learning students must characteristically be self-reliant, independent, self-starters.

Courses to be offered include: (1) Introduction to Biblical Studies, (2) New Testament Survey and Introduction, (3) Apologetics, (4) Church of Christ, and (5) Leadership and Congregational Growth. Those interested in these offerings and the distant learning arrangement should contact GLBC by directing inquiries by e-mail to the principal, ghellis@golden.net.

Third year courses will be added in the regular program to first and second year classes when GLBC begins its Waterloo classes on September 8. The course, Introduction to Psychology and Counselling, will be co-taught by Dr. Robert Rigdon, Sylva, NC and Walter Hart, Owen Sound, ON. Dr. Rigdon will teach the first section in a short-course schedule, September 21-25 (9:00-12:00 daily); Walter Hart will conduct the second section in seven Saturday classes, Oct. 3, 17, 31, Nov. 14, 21, Dec. 5, 12. Adjunct teacher, Robert Moore of Cambridge, will teach two terms of Church History on Tuesday evenings. In addition, regular classes to be taught by Walter Straker, David Knutson and Geoffrey Ellis during the Fall Term include: Joshua-Esther, Romans-Galatians, Synoptic Gospels, Hebrews, Great Bible Doctrines I, Apologetics, Contemporary Religion in Canada.

Applications are still being received. Contact Great Lakes Bible College, 62 Hickory St. W., Waterloo, ON N2L 3J4; phone 519-885-6330; 519-885-3702; fax 519-885-3702.

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OBITUARIES

"TRIBUTE to WHOM TRIBUTE is DUE" Brother & Sister Morris Hoover

In the spring of 1947, I moved to Selkirk to work with the congregation there. The work at Selkirk had been hampered by contentious issues with the instrument question leading the parade. A young couple stands out in our recollections, Brother and Sister Morris Hoover. That fall, I married Blanche Crawford, a girl I had converted during my tour of duty with the Ice Lake congregation. We were close friends of the Hoovers during our stay in Selkirk, a friendship that lasted for more than fifty years. Shortly, we moved on to other locations, with the Hoovers moving to Gainesville, Florida in a year or so. They remained there until they moved up to a higher realm.

Although not wealthy by any standards, the Hoovers contributed to our financial needs over and over again. It would be impossible to put an exact figure on the amount.

During the month of March of this year, Brother Hoover, after considerable illness, found rest from his physical frailties, and on the last day of June, Sister Hoover was laid to rest beside him.

Life goes on, but it will not be the same. Thank God for wonderful people like the Hoovers.

Bethel W. Bailey

Sandy Brown

Sandy Brown (54) of the Halifax congregation, but formerly of Mill Village, "was called on May 31. She was suffering from a rare disorder."

D. Hallett Newsletter

Jessie Sinclair

Jessie Sinclair (88) formerly Jessie Wallace "left us on June 8th. Her kindness and caring always shone through. Jessie touched the lives of many, as shown at the funeral and by memorial gifts."

D. Hallett Newsletter

Craig High

Craig High (22), son of Kent and Judy, brother to Kristi of Sundridge, died in a tragic car accident on the weekend of July 26. He was engaged to be married this summer.

Myrtle Bailey (1965 - 1997)

"The First Memorial Service" was held in memory of sister Bailey at the Central Church of Christ, Prakash Nager, Narzsaraopet, India. The program names 29 brethren who participated. After praising the pioneering work of J.C. Bailey in the sub-continent of India, the invitation states "behind Brother J.C. Bailey was

Sister Myrtle, who followed day and night with him and helped a lot. Their passion for the perishing souls, has been rewarded richly by the blessed Lord in the form of believers from paganism and idol worship turning to the only living saviour, Christ."

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

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

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ABBOTSFORD (Central Valley): Michael Collins Studio (behind B.C. Tourist offices on McCallum Rd.); Sun. 11:15, 10; midweek class 7:30 in homes; #4-3292 Elmwood Drive, V2S 6B2, Norm Weir, ev. (604) 850-8670 (off); 859-5973 (res). If no answer 852-5052.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

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

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

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

MANSON: Bldg. in Manson Village; Sun. 10, 11; Box 2, R0M 1J0; Gilbert Jacobs, (204) 722-2148 or Lloyd Jacobs, (204) 722-2278, elders.

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

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

PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK

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

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

PROVINCE OF NEWFOUNDLAND

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

NEW YORK STATE

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

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

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

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

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

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

KENTVILLE: Middle Dyke & 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, ev. (905) 686-2486.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CORNWALL: 1702 Dover Rd., K6J 1W1; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Allen Bojarski, ev. Phone (613) 933-1825, e-mail: allenk@cnwl.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 downton@cnwl.igs.net; Ann Hotchkiss, sec. (613) 932-5053; bldg. (613) 933-4999; for bus pick up (613) 932-8819.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ICE LAKE (Manitoulin Island): 1/4 mi. S. of Hwy. 540; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Mon. 7:30; Les Cramp, ev. (705) 282-0974; Peter Tailman, 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 Rattini, ev., 548-2245.

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

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

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

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

(off); e-mail: meafordcofe@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 Briannia Ave., Bradford, L3Z 1A4; Ph/Fax (905) 778-0366 (res), 895-6502 (off)

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

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

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

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

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

PETERBOROUGH: The Lions Center (corner of Hunter St. & Burnham); Lord's Supper/Classes, 10-11, Preaching 11-12; 323 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 Cordie, ev.; (905) 934-3862 (res); 935-9581 (off.); contact David Carruthers (905) 227-8972.

ST. CATHARINES (Garden City): Ina Grafon Gage Home (Elm Room), 413 Linwell Rd.; Sun. 9, 10, 11; Wed. 7; c/o Roy Diestelkamp, ev. 123½ Keeler 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 (Pinehill): 132 Cunningham Rd., P6B 1N4; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Roger Lansdell, w. 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; ohn 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.

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

STRATFORD: 478 Brunswick St., N5A 3N6; Sun. 11:15, 9:45; Wed. 7:30; George Mansfield, ev. (519) 73-5280 (off); 272-1714 (res); e-mail: gmansfld@quadro.net; David Ross, 744-2872; laivid.ross@owenscoring.com John Brush, 625-1054; Larry Hoover, 271-9545; Joseph Kippax, 744-3439;

UDBURY: 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..

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

HESSALON: 8 Albert St. off Hwy. 17; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; Eric White, RR 2, POR 1L0 (705) 842-533; Murray Smith, ev., 842-2741.

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

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

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

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

ORONTO (Bayview Ave.): 1708 Bayview Ave., M4G 3C4 (1 block S. of Eglinton); Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 1:15; Michael Hilborn, 63 Campbell Ave., M6P 3T9; Ph (416) 534-3033; Darrell Buchanan, ev. (416) 489-405 (off.).

ORONTO (Harding Ave.): 47 Harding Ave., M6M 3A3; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 8; Dick Forsyth, ev., eamsville, 563-7874; Rupert Comrie, sec., 656-9309.

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

ORONTO (Strathmore Blvd.): 346 Strathmore Blvd. M4C 1N3 (across from Corwell subway station); un. 9:45, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Marvin Johnson (416) 752-0325, Stephen Gill (416) 265-2496, elders; Max raddock (416) 461- 7406, e-mail maxc@sympatico.ca; FAX (416) 424-1850; Santiago Molina (Spanish) 16) 751-6879, ev.

RENTON-BELLEVILLE: Clarion Inn, 211 Pinnacle St., Belleville; Sun. 9:45; 10:45; p.m. in homes; ues. p.m. in homes; P.O. Box 22049, Trenton Center, Trenton, ON K8V 6S3; M. McDonnell (613) 969-741; J. Short 965- 1079.

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

ATERLOO: 62 Hickory St. W. (at Hazel), N2L 3J4; Sun. 9:30, 10:30; Wed. 7:30; Bob Sandiford, sec., 19) 886- 4162 (res.); Geoff Ellis, ev., 885-6330 (off.); 885-3702 (res.).

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

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

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MONTREAL (French): 2500 Charland, H1Z 1C5; Sun. 10:15, 11:00; Wed. 7:00 (Fr. class); 1st Sat. 5:30 p.m. 2Phoebe women's class; last Sat. 6:00 youth meeting; Silvio Caddeo, ev., 387-6163 (off.); 337-9344 (res.); email: caddeo@total.net.

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

MONTREAL (Verdun): 503-5th Avenue, Verdun, QC H4G 2Z2; (514) 765-8919; (Fr.) Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Roger Saumur, ev. (514) 635-5105; rsaum@total.net; (English) Sun. 10, 9; Wed. 7:30; Chris Blackwell, ev. (514) 639-6432; chrisb7777@videotron.ca.

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

QUEBEC CITY: 2980 Veretuil, 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.

ESTEVA: 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 Punnichy; 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 Krosgaard, 352-5621.

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

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

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

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

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

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

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

12.....Georgian Bay Fellowship with Bob Davison

18-19... Mens's Retreat at Camp Omagh

18-20....The Ladies Renewal, Owen Sound

21-25...GLBC Short Course "Introduction to Psychology & Counselling 1, Robert Rogdon, at Waterloo

25-27....Youth Lecturship (Mentorship Conference) at Strathmore in Toronto with Mahare Bissondath of Trinidad

26-27....Youth Rally at Fenwick, ON

OCTOBER

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

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YOUTH LECTURESHP

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Evangelist of the Church of Christ of San Juan, Trinidad, West Indies

Friday, September 25

7:00 pm – 7:15 pm	Singing
7:15 pm – 9:00 pm	Lecture

Saturday, September 26

10:30 am – 11:00 am	Singing
11:00 am – 12:30 pm	Lecture
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Lunch Break
2:15 pm – 2:45 pm	Singing Group
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Lecture

Sunday, September 27

9:45 am – 10:00 am	Singing
10:00 am – 10:45 am	Bible Study
11:00 am – 12:30 pm	Worship
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Lecture

