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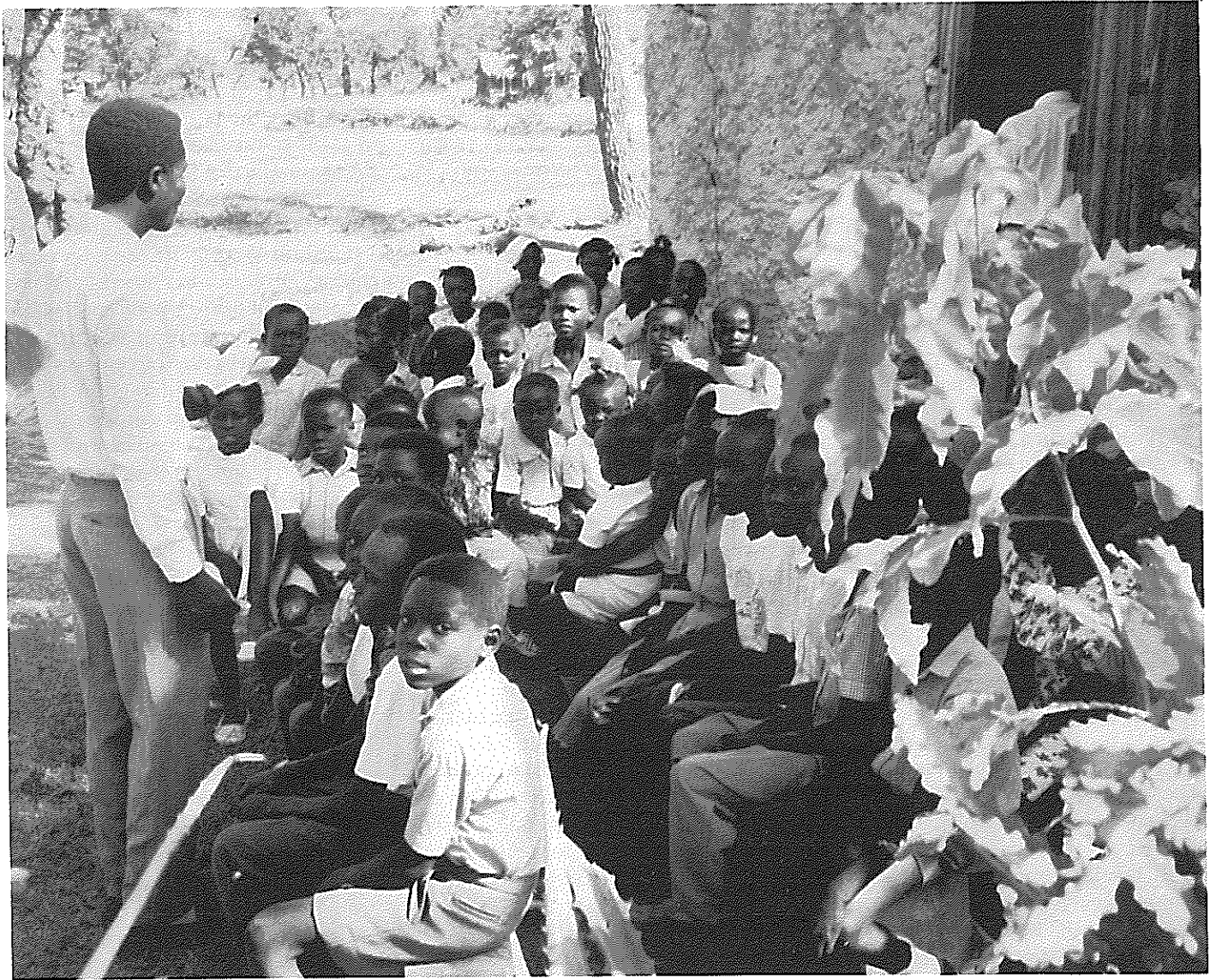
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Poking Fun at the Church is a sure-fire way for a laugh

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Making fun of churches of Christ is a sure-fire way to get a laugh and establish rapport with certain audiences in our brotherhood.

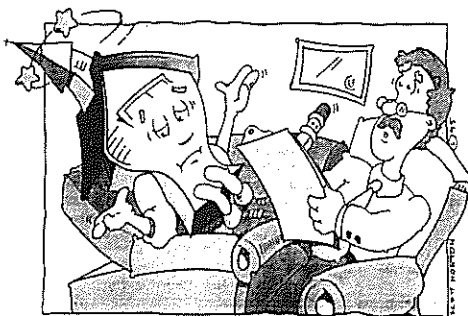
Someone recently attended a conference of ministers for churches of Christ who gathered to share information about their particular ministry specialty. Speaker after brotherhood speaker put down our fellowship and reported shortcomings to the appreciative audience. As usually happens in these settings, the overall impression was, "What a bunch of oafs we are!" Finally, a guest speaker from the Methodist church and a well-known author, addressed the group and said, "Let me tell you something good about you folks: you have a wonderful Restoration heritage, your people still love the Bible, know what it says, and are evangelistic."

What is it, then, that motivates some of our speakers to heap abuse on the very group of people that taught them the truth, nurtured their faith, encouraged them to enter the ministry, built the universities where they did their preparation, and even now supplies them with good salaries and working funds that permit them to attend conferences in exotic and romantic settings?

No one, perhaps, knows the real answer to the above question. While laying no claim to infallibility, let me mention two possible explanations. First, we have a history of poking fun at the church. In the 1950s and 1960s, various Christian humorists criss-crossed the nation urging the church to be more than it was and to do more than it was doing. Three primary themes, dripping in humor and laden with guilt, were present in their exhortations: (1) look at the great things some of the denominations are doing; (2) look at the progress a few of our churches have

made; and (3) look at what lazy losers most of us are because we do not have astounding results to report.

A three-day workshop featuring that agenda almost brought me to tears when I was a 24-year-old minister. After the workshop was over, I was on the brink of depression as I drove the speaker to his next appointment. I shared with him my frustrations because I had been unable to produce the kinds of results he had held up as normative for churches of Christ.



He dismissed my concerns and comforted me by saying, "I realize that I exaggerated. Just do the best you can and don't worry." That was good advice for me, but I have wondered what kind of damage was done to those who never had the opportunity to hear him say that his speech was an exaggeration. Speakers today who lampoon the church may think they are helping, but their approach has a long and disturbing history in our brotherhood.

Second, I believe we have a number of religious leaders in our fellowship today who are embarrassed to be members of the church of Christ. They are not embarrassed to occupy pulpits in our beautiful buildings, or to speak on prestigious lectureships of universities built by our people, or to receive the strong financial support provided by our congregations. They are embarrassed by those things that make us a distinctive body of believers.

There is no question about it, we are a minority group. We are an out-group, not an in-group. Quite a number of

doctrines push us from the inner circle. We believe, for example, that the Bible teaches baptism for the remission of sins. This doctrine alone separates us from virtually every other non-Catholic church in America. Roman Catholics believe that people must be baptized to be saved, but it is a rare Protestant group that will accept this truth. Quite naturally, then, some people in our fellowship are questioning this biblical doctrine. Why? Because holding this "embarrassing" doctrine makes us different from most people around us.

We believe, for example, that the Bible teaches only a *cappella* music should be used in our worship assemblies. This makes churches of Christ different from almost every other religious group in America. Not surprisingly, then, there is a move on the part of some of our preachers to downplay the significance of this biblical doctrine. How frustrating and embarrassing to be different from "the nations around us."

Gordon W. Allport, long-time psychology professor at Harvard and now deceased, published a book entitled *The Nature of Prejudice* in which he examines the behavior of out-groups in society. He defines an in-group "as any cluster of people who can use the term 'we' with the same significance."

He also points out that, besides having an in-group, a person has a reference group. When a person's in-group is also his or her reference group, as usually happens, there is little dissonance. When, however, a person wants to identify with a reference group that is different from his in-group, Allgood says, "He may feel so intensely about the matter that he repudiates his own in-group. He develops a condition that Kurt Lewin has called 'self-hate' (i.e., hatred for his own in-group)."

I fear that this is what is happening to some key spokesmen in our fellowship. Churches of Christ are their in-group; i.e., their heritage, their worship community, their source of spiritual identity, and financial support. They look to the larger evangelical community, however, as their reference group. They long for acceptance and approval from the evangelicals who, generally

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What is the Church?

Don Killough

We often hear people ask, "Where is God? He seems so distant." With all the suffering in our world and with evil so common, many have come to the conclusion that God either doesn't exist or doesn't care. God seems far off and out of touch in the lives of many. These people hunger for answers to their struggle but have been unable to find God. This is true in Manitoba just as it was true in Athens when Paul said, "The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; neither is He served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since He Himself gives to all life and breath and all things; and He made from one, every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined {their} appointed times, and the boundaries of their habitation, that they should seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; for in Him we live and move and exist, as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we also are His offspring'" (Acts 17:24-28).

It was for this very reason that God caused Jesus to live on earth: "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14). God closed the gap between Himself and mankind by sending Jesus in the flesh. This revealed God to man and convinced man of God's interest in and concern for man's welfare. Jesus did this by becoming human and in that form shared man's struggles. "Since then the children share in flesh and blood, He himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil" (Hebrews 2:14).

Jesus came on our level to experience life at our level. He became flesh and blood, human, so that He could overcome human frailties. "For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympa-

thize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in all things as {we are, yet} without sin" (Hebrews 4:15). Jesus came to demonstrate His understanding of our condition. He came to bring God close to man and to show man a God who cares.

But Jesus has died, been raised and has ascended to the Father. How does God demonstrate His nearness to man today? Jesus lived so as to show us the Father. Once He ascended, did God disappear into the distance? Having once proven His understanding of our condition by sending Jesus, did God once more depart into the distance? The solution to these struggles are found in the answer to the question, "What is the church?" Paul will answer this from Colossians 1:24-2:5).

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The Church is the Body of Christ

The church of Christ was to be the extension of Jesus into the world from the moment He purchased it with His blood to this very moment and for every moment from now until He comes to take it home. Members of the body today are to have the same relationship as the apostle Paul had when he said of himself, "Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I do my share on behalf of His body (which is the church) in filling up that which is lacking in Christ's afflictions" (Colossians 1:24). In suffering as Jesus had suffered, Paul continued the experiences of Jesus, reflecting His life in the world as he lived each day.

The life Paul was living, as he walked and talked each day, was his ministry, or his service, and it was a fulfillment of God's plans for him just as it is for every Christian. When speaking of his own life, Paul said it was of himself, "To whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery

among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Colossians 1:27). Paul was preaching according to God's plan, a plan that reached fulfillment with "Christ in you." The task of ministry and of the church is to be filled with Christ and to reflect that presence.

Finally, Paul says that all his work was done through the power of Jesus, which worked powerfully in him. "And for this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me" (Colossians 1:29). His work was accomplished through the presence of Jesus within him. Not only did Paul reflect Jesus in his suffering but in his ministry. He presented Jesus in his struggles and in his successes. The apostles' world saw Jesus in all that Paul did, and in seeing Jesus, they saw God. In Paul and in his ministry God came near to man again.

What is the church? It is to be the embodiment of Jesus in today's world. We are to continue His work, His ministry, even experience His suffering if needed. The world may seem distant from God today, but as the church lives as Jesus lived, the world will see God as clearly in the church as it did in Jesus. The church is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all" (Ephesians 1:23). The church is to be the fullness of Jesus in our world today. This is one of the ways a seemingly distant God is brought closer to a lost world.

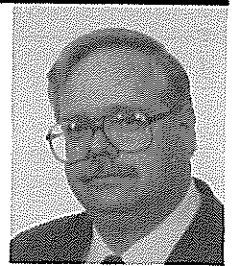
The Source of Truth

Paul states that his task was to "fulfill the word of God." "Of {this church} I was made a minister according to the stewardship from God bestowed on me for your benefit, that I might fully carry out the {preaching of} the word of God" (Colossians 1:25). "And we proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, that we may present every man complete in Christ" (Colossians 1:28). No person can ever be complete in Christ unless Christ is proclaimed to that person, that person is taught with all wisdom, the wisdom that comes from above. This was the goal of Paul's preaching. He knew there were dangers all around because of false teach-

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Spirituality and Scripture

Wayne Turner



Over the past few years, we have heard a lot about hermeneutics. There has been widespread discussion of what has been called our "old" hermeneutic as well as a call, by some, for a "new" one. Those unaware of the significance of this discussion may assume that it is simply a matter of slightly different views on how we should see and understand the scriptures, whether "constitution" for or "love letter" to the church. However, the discussion is much more serious. Many of the changes that have occurred and will occur in some parts of the brotherhood stem from this discussion.

Put simply, hermeneutics is how we understand the scriptures and apply them to our lives today. It is obviously a very practical and important discussion, especially within a fellowship that has pursued the goal of restoring New Testament Christianity. How can we know how the early Christians, and church, functioned, as well as what they taught, without going to the scriptures to see the record?

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What many do not understand about the call for a "new" hermeneutic is that it is often based on an entirely different set of assumptions about the Bible that essentially serve to "deconstruct" the scriptures, question the ability to know anything with certainty, oppose any attempts at harmonization of different parts of the Bible (most notably the gospels themselves), deny the full inspiration of scripture (or the ability of God to reveal His will in a unified and coherent revelation) and set the reader as judge over the scriptures so that no passage has any "intrinsic value except in the mind of the reader." What this does, in effect, is reduce the role of scripture to serving as only an historical "source-book"--simply the "jumping off point" for the church.

The irony of this new approach to scripture is that while its proponents profess to be seeking a fuller, more spiritual life as Christians, they are, in fact, approaching scripture with a methodology rooted in secular critical approaches. Modern literary circles, denominated by identical discussions about deconstruction and reader response criticism, are questioning the great classics of

literature and their role and value in education. Those who naively echo the call for a new hermeneutic should understand its source and the consequences to which it will ultimately lead--a secularization of the scriptures.

It is helpful to recall the assumptions on which our approach to scripture has been historically based. Why has there been the great concern with discerning the exact meaning and application of scripture?

At the heart of this approach has been the conviction that God, by the Holy Spirit, has revealed His will to humanity through written propositional truths in what we call scripture. The Bible is both the historical record of that revelation as well as its content. While having been written by some 40 different people over a period of about 1600 years, because of its common source, it is a unified record of God's history and His truth. As a result, where modern literary approaches to scripture would require trained, critical specialists to interpret it (how does this differ from the traditional role of clergy?), our approach has maintained that the average person, with some diligence, using the tools of language, logic, common sense and faith, could know and understand the scriptures for themselves.

At issue is the question of whether scripture, even with its silences, will still be allowed to speak with the authority of the voice of God, or if it will be reconstructed to speak only with the disparate voices of men. True spirituality should lead us to a fuller appreciation of scripture as God's word and a greater understanding of its truth.

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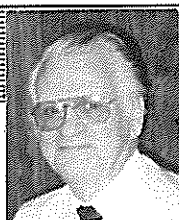
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Estate Stewardship

A recent series of events in our family has made me realize again the need for Christians to be good stewards. A distant relative died leaving absolutely no instructions regarding her estate or even regarding her funeral. She had no close relatives so that confusion reigned supreme until someone was able to sort through her effects and make some sort of sense of things. This is an extreme case, but it reminds me that we need to make preparations while we are alive and well to spare the family a lot of grief and to make sure our wishes are carried out as far as our estate is concerned.

There may be several reasons why people neglect such planning. When we are young, we think we are immortal, and when we grow older, we simply put off the inevitable. It is interesting that some people who are so careful about managing their affairs while they live are so careless when it comes to estate planning.

All of the teaching that we have in Scripture regarding stewardship applies throughout our lives and should dictate the disposal of our estate. Some people have the attitude that what is left behind after they die will be looked after by someone else, and they don't care. Christians must not have such an attitude.

Make a Will!

While working with Western Christian College, I had opportunity to talk with several people about wills and estate planning. Many people admitted not having a will and stated that they intended to make one "some day." I suppose for most of us there is no sense of urgency in this regard. Given the uncertainty of life, however, every adult should realize that making a will is important. Another comment I heard many times was, "I really don't have

much to worry about or to leave to anyone." It is surprising to most people just how many assets they have. Even young single people have possessions that are important to them. "Then, whose shall these things be?" is an important question. As we grow older, we realize that the possessions we have accumulated will someday be left to someone else. In order to assure that they will go to the person or persons we desire, we must have a properly made out will. Most of us want our families to share in the good things God has blessed us with whether it be money or other types of assets. The state or the legal system might well take a large slice out of our estate if we do not make adequate preparation. Some of us have generously supported the church or Christian schools during our lifetime and would like them to share in our estate. They will not if we do not make proper arrangements in our wills. Having a will means designating an executor for our estate. It is a good idea to talk this over with the intended executor beforehand to make sure that he/she knows our wishes in general. A good executor can take much of the strain from our families and make the distribution of the estate much simpler. A will needs to be upgraded frequently to reflect changes in assets as well as changes that the testator desires to make. A will can be a simple handwritten document that is witnessed by a person not involved in the will, or it can be a legal document prepared by a lawyer. The latter is recommended, although some people hesitate to pay the legal fees involved. Will forms can be purchased at a stationery store. When properly filled out, they are perfectly legal. So, there is no excuse for not having an updated, current will. Most people have worked hard

and long to provide for themselves and their families. Surely it is thoughtless and indicates poor stewardship not to plan for the distribution of assets after death.

Other considerations

Nothing puts greater strain on the family than does the death of a loved one. A husband dies suddenly leaving a wife and several children without benefit of his guidance and expertise. Or vice versa. Elderly parents die, leaving family to take care of the details of the funeral and the estate. There is a need for people to talk about the possibility of a death in the family and to make whatever plans are possible in preparation for such an event. Christians above all should be able to talk about death in a realistic, purposeful way.

No one wants to put undue strain on the family or other loved ones. Many people dread the time when they may become incapable of managing for themselves. When death comes, the one who dies obviously is removed from all of the problems associated with the death of a loved one. It is only right that we make plans before we die so that we will not leave a heavier burden. Making sure someone knows where important papers are, especially the will, is a must. Making sure husband or wife or one of the children knows about financial affairs is important. Even discussing funeral wishes ahead of time makes it easier for the family when the time comes. It may make us uncomfortable to speak of death and dying, but we know it is inevitable, and speaking about it before it is imminent will remove much of the trauma at the time of death.

The Christian Perspective

It is so much easier to consider death when those concerned are Christians. As Christians, we have a hope that goes beyond the grave, and consequently we sorrow not as those who have no hope (1 Thessalonians 4:11). Even so, Christians go through the grieving process at the loss of a family member or friend. That process can be made easier with some pre-planning. Speaking of the heavenly hope often in the home is a

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The Lord's Supper

A very important part of our weekly worship service is the partaking of the Lord's Supper. As a child playing church, it was usual to use a "cracker" and "juice" to play like the grown-ups. After singing and having some strong, loud preaching, it was time to eat. An understanding of the meaning of taking that little piece of cracker and of drinking that little glass of juice was missing, but knowing it was "usual" and that it was something kids did not get to do made it important when "playing church."

If you are a Christian, then hopefully you have come to the point of knowing the meaning and understanding the importance of this weekly act. At the supper, the child of God comes face to face with the cost and meaning of "being bought with a price" (1 Corinthians 6:20). This should always be a very significant time in worship. However, sometimes the fact that it is done weekly may reduce it to the commonplace if it is done without careful thought and meditation. The mind of those partaking may be on something completely removed from the supper itself.

To help make the subject of this article most useful, please read Matthew 26:17-29 before reading on.

The events of the cross, what the supper is about, were central to the life of Jesus on earth. He had come to be the perfect lamb of God (John 1:36). In taking the supper, the Christian is remembering the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. He said that the bread is his body and the fruit of the vine his blood. It is a participation with Jesus as the Christian, in a spiritual sense, meets at the table with Jesus in thanksgiving for the greatest gift ever given. Through what the supper memorializes one is made to remember and give

thanks that Jesus paid the price for mankind's sins on the cross. Through him mankind can escape from the power and the guilt of sin.

Perhaps the importance of the death of Jesus is further emphasized by the fact that this is the only part of his life that Jesus gave specific instructions to remember in a special way. No instruction is given to remember his birth in some regular, formal way. Except for hearing his words and obeying them, no instruction is given for remembering his miracles in some special way either. Both the supper and the act of baptism are done in memory and with a view toward the meaning of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Paul told the Corinthians, "For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes" (note 1 Corinthians 11:23-26). This weekly act of faith looks back to the death and resurrection of Jesus; it looks forward to the return of Jesus for his people; and it looks up in an expression of faith in Jesus as the Messiah of God. It is also a time when Christians look to each other as a body of believers who share in common the family of God on earth.

The Lord's Supper helps each Christian to take the cross personally. It is for each believer that Jesus died, and this is expressed in words like "for you" and "all of you" (Luke 22:19, 20; Matthew 26:27). Jesus' blood was shed for the "covenant" of Good News to all the nations (Matthew 26:28). It is a wonderful thing to have been born this side of the cross and to be able to rejoice around the table in personal thanksgiving for the forgiveness of sin!!

There is no magic in the bread or the fruit of the vine. The "magic" is in the call of Christ to each person to become

a person shaped by the cross. "Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone would come after me he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me'" (Matthew 16:24). One must die to one's selfish and worldly will and follow in the footsteps of Jesus, the footsteps of submission to the will of God and the footsteps of service to the creation of God.

Before one partakes, there needs to be self-examination. "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself" (1 Corinthians 11:28). One needs to consider WHY he/she is eating and drinking. One needs to ask IF this is an expression of who he/she is trying to be . . . truly Christlike in manner of life. Jesus asks his people to live in the shadow of the cross and die to the ways of the world and live the life of a servant just as He demonstrated. One needs to commit to this way of life if the Lord's Supper is to be a blessing and bring strength for living. This part of the worship each week needs to be a time of renewal and of catching the vision Jesus came to give.

How about you? Is the Lord's Supper a meaningful and uplifting time of fellowship with Christ and your spiritual family each week? It CAN be. It SHOULD be. It WILL be as you die to self and live for Him.

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What Every Child Needs to Know About His Parents

Brian Cox

There is never a good time to speak or write about the family. When you are young and without children, those with children say, "What do you know, you don't have children yet." When you have young children, those with older children say, "Just wait until your children get a little older, then you will see." When your children do get older and you are in those busy child raising years, you will be told, "You are so busy with your children now that you lack perspective; you can't see the forest for the trees." When your children are grown and gone from your home, you will be told that you are too old and have lost touch with what it is really like today, because it is far different today than when you were raising your children.

Let me say at the outset that I am not a perfect parent, neither do I claim to have perfect children. I think that my kids are pretty good, but I know that they are not perfect. I do not claim expert status on the family. What I will be sharing with you comes from three sources: the Word of God, the Bible; my own experiences; and the experiences of those older and wiser than I.

I could at this point quote you a lot of statistics to illustrate to you the kind of trouble that the family is in today. However, I will not because you have heard so many statistics that you are saturated with them. Also, we have too often seen both sides of an argument use the same set of statistics to prove their points; we have begun to question the reliability of statistics. I will share with you my experience with the hope and prayer that it is unique. Fewer than half of the young people I grew up with are in any way faithful to God's church. Unfortunately, the statistics that I have seen tell me that my experience is by no means unique. Among churches of Christ, statistics say that we lose more of our young people than we keep. There is obvious room for improvement.

I do not wish to be judgmental or condemning, neither do I wish to add

to the pain of those parents whose children are no longer faithful to God. I am writing because, if we do not change something, the current trend will not just continue but will worsen. It would be nice if we could lay the blame at the feet of the church or our Christian schools or camps, but we cannot. The Bible clearly lays the responsibility for child raising on the parents (see Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Ephesians 6:4). Please spend a few moments with me as we consider what children need to know about their parents.

Parents, your children need to know that you love God. Your children need to know that God is the first love in your life. They need to hear you talk about your love for God and of your faith in Him. They need to see your faith and love for God practiced daily. Parents, your children need to see you praying and reading your Bible. When they do, they will follow your example. How often do they hear you pray for them? I find it a great source of strength to know that my parents pray for me regularly.

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If you want your children to have faith and be involved with God's church, you must be faithful and involved in God's church and take your children with you. In my experience, the families that regularly attended Sunday morning and evening assemblies, participated in Wednesday night Bible studies and the host of other activities the church offered, tended to have more success at raising faithful children than those who did not. There was nothing

magical about those meetings and activities so that one could attend them in a legalistic fashion confident that their children would then grow up right. The fact that they were there was indicative of their commitment to God and their commitment to and involvement with the church. This present generation is not the only one being called on to make sacrifices so that they can be involved with God's church. My generation was often forced to make a choice between church activities and sports or school activities. Those choices often required sacrifices on the part of young people, but I have yet to come across any of those now grown young people who regretted choosing church activities over everything else. What message are we sending our children when we allow them to put other activities ahead of church activities? I hear today that if we expect our children to miss out on other activities to attend church activities, they will grow up to resent the church. I must admit having seen that happen, but it happened in situations where the parents were asking their children to make sacrifices that they were not willing to make themselves. However, when parents set the example of putting church activities first, the children will make the necessary sacrifices, not always willingly at the time, but in future years they will thank you for it.

Parents, we must give God and His church first priority in our lives, both in word and deed. Then we must teach our children to do the same. The Hebrew writer tells us in Hebrews 12:11 that this discipline will not be pleasant, it will at times be painful but later on will produce a harvest of righteousness for those who have been trained by it.

Parents, your children need to know that their parents love each other. Many children suffer from feelings of insecurity because they know that their parents do not really love each other. This is especially true with children from homes destroyed by divorce. There are also many loveless marriages, where the parents are staying together for the benefit of the children. If you really want to benefit your children, don't just stay together; make your marriage work.

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Young and Old - Connected

Paul Dale

It was one of the worst . . . pity parties that is!

Men sitting around talking. Four friends. Discussing, questioning, pondering, reflecting. Hundreds of words are expressed. They'd known each other for years. Three rebuking the fourth...

The fourth, the one with shredded clothes, hair unkempt, skin dirty from the darkness of ashes he'd used to show his grief, eyes sunken with concern and worry, body filled with sores. He struggles with the words his friends share. Words that cut deep into his very heart and soul. Words used by them in an attempt to prove his unworthiness. Finally, the four find no words. Nothing more comes from their hearts, across their tongues, and through their mouths . . . just silence!!!

Sitting close at hand, a fifth man, quietly listening. At certain points during the fours' conversations, you can almost sense him clamping his teeth down on his tongue, holding back what's on his mind. Finally, he can no longer refrain from sharing the thoughts in his heart. The words he'd heard from the four were not words of belief or trust. He listened as the man who had had good reason to feel bad (the man had lost his wealth and family), began to "justify himself" . . . "rather than God." On top of that he heard the man's friends condemning their friend, although they could find no way to "refute" him, the friends found him guilty in their own minds, without proof.

So the man involves himself in the discussion . . .

"I am young in years," he begins, "and you are old;" it is with conviction he continues on, "that is why I was fearful, not daring to tell you what I know. I thought, Age should speak; advanced years should teach wisdom."

He looks directly into the faces of the four men, "But it is the spirit in a man, the breath of the Almighty, that gives him understanding. It is not only the old who are wise, not only the aged who understand what is right."

Elihu, a younger friend of the prophet

Job, and the man speaking, reflects and reviews what has been said. Concluding his thoughts, just prior to God directly speaking to the men,

"The Almighty is beyond our reach and exalted in power; in his justice and great righteousness, he does not oppress. Therefore, men revere him, for he does not have regard for all the wise in heart."

As I ponder the situation that day between Job, Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar, I wonder what they must have felt at first when this young man decided to confront them. We know from the Biblical account that the men listened to Elihu as he spoke. They allowed him the opportunity, despite his youth, to share his thoughts and concerns.

Elihu started off by stating how difficult it was for him to share his thoughts. He obviously respected the men's ages by reaffirming that very point when he began his thoughts. He reaffirmed to the men his deep connection to God . . . "My words come from an upright heart; my lips sincerely speak what I know. The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life."

Elihu not only had the courage to confront the men, but he allowed himself to be open to criticism when he said, "Answer me then, if you can; prepare yourself and confront me." In other words, if I'm wrong, be prepared, and show me!

Elihu practiced two rare skills: he listened, and he communicated well. Years later, Jesus, the best communicator of them all, taught, "Listen and understand." The four men listened to Elihu because he'd taken the time to listen and understand where they were coming from.

Jesus taught us through his example on many occasions one of the great communication skills, questioning. Take some time and review in the gospels the number of questions Jesus asks people as he gets to know them better and to 'see' their thinking. Or watch how he

uses questioning to deter people's negative approaches to him, like the Pharisees and Sadducees and how on several occasions he left them, "amazed!" Being a good communicator allows us the opportunity to touch down with people who may not necessarily always agree with us, but who will at least listen. Mark records that when Herod heard John the Baptist, "he was greatly puzzled, yet he liked to listen to him."

The reality is, when we have a spiritual relationship with God, and are connected to him, we will find His affirmation/support. Elihu, despite his fear at confronting Job and the others, was not the one rebuked by God for his words. The three other men had failed to connect with Job and with God. Listen to what God says to Eliphaz. ". . . I am angry with you and your two friends."

During the nearly 40 years I've been growing in the church, one scripture particularly stands out concerning youth and age. Paul the apostle shared the following words with Timothy, "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young" . . . but Paul doesn't let the young person off the hook; he writes, "set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity."

Being young or old doesn't guarantee wisdom. Truly walking in the footsteps of Jesus, connected to his Father, and filled with His Spirit, empowers us, old and young alike, to experience life the way God meant it to be, with wisdom. It enables us to be truly connected to each other because we are focused on and connected to Him.

Texts: Job 1-37; 32:6b-9; 33:3-5; 37:23, 24; Matthew 15:10; Mark 6:19b; 1 Timothy 4; 1 Timothy 5 (quotes from the NIV).

--Lucan, Ontario

Eastern Europe

"From 1992 through 1994, a new congregation of the Lord's church has been established every nine days!" and that pace continues. The Eastern European Mission (EEM) and Bible Foundation is trying to supply Bibles and literature needed by these congregations.

After 5 years some Eastern European countries are restricting religious activities.



Disturbing the Peace

Some recent experiences brought to memory a boyhood happening. A farmer in our rural community chose to harvest his crop on a Sunday. A neighbour reported the matter to the authorities, and he was promptly visited by an officer who reminded him that he was guilty of "disturbing the peace." This story will sound strange, indeed, to our younger readers.

We recently sang the hymn "How sweet, how heavenly is the sight, When those that love the Lord In one another's peace delight, And so fulfill the word." Beautiful! Ideal! Christianity is a "one another" religion. Each of us as we follow our Saviour and Leader is to be sacrificially and unselfishly interested in the

happiness and well-being of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Paul urges that we be "of the same mind, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind; doing nothing through faction or through vainglory, but in lowliness of mind each counting other better than himself; not looking each of you to his own things, but each of you to the things of others" (Philippians 2:2-4). Again, "If it be possible, as much as in you lieth, be at peace with all men" (Romans 12:18; see also 14:19). Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called sons of God" (Matt. 5:9).

Much of what we read, see and experience in matters pertaining to church activities suggests that many could not honestly sing the first line of the hymn quoted above. In fact, a casual observer might well conclude that some could more honestly sing, "in one another's disturbance delight." This, of course, could hardly be considered either sweet or heavenly.

There are those who deliberately choose to inject some innovative practice into a worship service with the full knowledge that it will be disturbing to a brother. Such may even have concluded that the brother's peace needs to

be disturbed. Where is the scripture for this type of judging? The innovation itself may be harmless, perhaps even helpful. It may be something, neither scriptural nor unscriptural, but rather untraditional, fully in the realm of opinion. Even so, is it not the part of each of us to be sensitive to the sensitivities of our brethren?

On the other hand, there are those who allow themselves to become easily disturbed and who become disturbers themselves when they react in such unbrotherly ways to the type of inconsiderate action referred to above. Could they also be guilty of "delighting in disturbing?" Such need to carefully examine their motives and prejudices and consider the reason behind their reaction. Is it because "We have never done it this way before?" Are such just traditionalists, threatened by any suggestion of change and unwilling to even be congenial toward the innovator? Or, are such genuinely convinced that the innovation is unscriptural? Are they willing to point this out to the "offender" in a peaceful and brotherly manner?

Let us determine to be unselfish and brotherly in such matters and to indeed "delight in one another's peace."

Lest We Forget

J.C. Bailey

Churches of Christ started out with a noble aspiration. God gave to man a perfect Saviour. This perfect Saviour built a perfect church. Jesus said in Matthew 16:18, "I will build my church; and the gates of hell will not prevail against it." He intended that God was to be served in that divine institution for all time and eternity. We read, "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be the glory in the church by Jesus Christ throughout all ages, world without end" (Ephesians 3:20-21). Some would say we should serve Christ and that the church is not important. But in the above verse it states clearly that Christ is to be served in the church for all time and eternity.

If one asks what church? It was the only church that existed then, it was the

church of Christ. Paul told the Ephesian elders that he (Paul) had declared unto them the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:17). In the next verse Paul says that the church was purchased with the blood of Christ. But it should also be noted that the falling away from the truth was foretold in the days of the early church.

Here is the warning, "I know that after my departure grievous wolves would enter among you, not sparing the flock, also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them" (Acts 20:28-30). Peter also warned of the apostasy. "But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon them-

selves" (2 Peter 2:1).

The Old Testament foretold of apostasy as well. The Old Testament was unlike the New Testament because the New Testament would never be replaced. We read in Jeremiah 31:31-32, "... I will make a new covenant . . . , not like the covenant I made in the day I took them out of the land of Egypt." Again the difference between the old covenant and the new was explained in Hebrews 7:16, "not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of endless life." John came as a messenger to announce Christ Jesus declaring the kingdom of heaven is at hand (Matthew 4:17). Colossians 1:13 says, "Who has delivered us from the power of darkness, and has translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son." It is a kingdom that cannot be shaken (Hebrews 12:28).

Jesus said that heaven and earth would pass away but his word would not pass away. There will be no more

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What is the Church?

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ers; so, he warned: "I say this in order that no one may delude you with persuasive argument" (Colossians 2:4).

Paul knew that Jesus was more than a good man. Jesus came with a message that man needed to hear. People might come close to Jesus because of His life-style, but people would only be changed by the words He spoke.

As Jesus and Paul lived godly lives before their society, they also shared the message of truth. Jesus taught this principle throughout His life on earth. "He who rejects me, and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day" (John 12:48). Jesus lived a perfect life and showed His world the presence of God. But the judgment would be based on His message, the word which He spoke.

What is the church? It is the body of Jesus in action and in teaching. Paul will later tell young Timothy to, "Preach the word; be ready in season {and} out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction" (2 Timothy 4:2). We live in an age that will be attracted by a credible life-style. It is critical that every member of the Lord's body today live as close to the life-style of Jesus as possible. This will show God to a disbelieving world. But, to live that life-style is only part of our task. We must also teach the word, for it is the word that makes people mature. Only as others come in contact with the revealed truths of God can they be changed into His likeness.

What is the church? It is a group of people who live a certain way, who teach a certain message. The church of Christ is also assigned the task of keeping the teaching of Jesus clean and uncluttered. Paul warned of those who would "beguile with enticing words" and he goes on to tell Timothy: "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but {wanting} to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires; and will turn away their ears from the truth, and will turn aside to myths" (2 Timothy 4:3, 4). The

solution to this false teaching was to "preach the word." The church's function is to share God's word and to preserve its message. There were false teachers in Jesus' time and in Paul's day, and there are false teachers today. This makes the church's task of teaching as important as ever.

The Place of Love

As Paul wrote to the Colossians he spoke of other believers. His desire was, "That their hearts may be encouraged, having been knit together in love, and {attaining} to all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, {resulting} in a true knowledge of God's mystery, {that is,} Christ {Himself}" (Colossians 2:2). The church of Christ is a reflection of the life of Jesus. Jesus' life was defined by His love for all men and women, regardless of sin or failure. Lepers came to Him, sinners were called by Him, those of terrible reputation were welcomed by Him. This love set Jesus apart. Even as He lived a perfect life that demonstrated God, even as He called people to an exacting standard of living through His message, Jesus loved everyone.

What is the church? It is a place where all people, young and old, can come and feel the love of God. It is a place where the sinful are touched by God's people today. It is a place where the social outcasts can be welcomed with no prior demands. It is a place where even those of poor reputation can come and know the love of God will be shown to them. "And we have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this, love is perfected with us, that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; because as He is, so also are we in this world" (1 John 4:16, 17).

John says that in the love of God we learned to trust. He goes on to add that our task is to be in this world as He is in this world. For our world to hear our message, for our world to draw near to the God who lives within us, that world must experience in us that same love. Then they, too, will come to believe in that love and will be drawn to the message of salvation.

"With the Skin On"

A little girl was frightened by the lightning and thunder in a storm one night. She cried out in fear, and her parents came to her and took her in their arms. Her dad explained that she needn't fear, that God would take care of her because He loved her greatly. She replied, "I know God will take care of me and loves me." She hesitated a moment, then said, "But right now, Daddy, I want someone with skin on to love me." What is the church? It is a people in whom God and Jesus and the Holy Spirit live: God and Jesus living in this world today with the skin on! We are to be Christ-like and so model our Saviour in our world--Jesus with the skin on. We are to teach the truth of God as Jesus did--Jesus with the skin on. We are to love as He did--God's love with the skin on.

Our world is racked by doubt and suffering. Many ask, "Where is God?" Others turn away from God thinking He doesn't care. But as the church of Christ demonstrates to the world the qualities of God today, as we become "Jesus with the skin on," our world will come to the truth of God, even as it did in Jesus' day. --Carman, Manitoba

Poking Fun

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speaking, reject churches with Restoration roots because of their distinctive doctrines. Unable to receive approval from the evangelicals because of the in-group to which they belong, a kind of self-loathing develops; and churches of Christ become the enemy--the cause of their discomfort.

When we look at our history of poking fun at the church and consider the bitterness that some speakers seem to feel towards their spiritual in-group, it is no wonder that churches of Christ are the butt of many a joke. How sad to defame what Jesus purchased with his blood.

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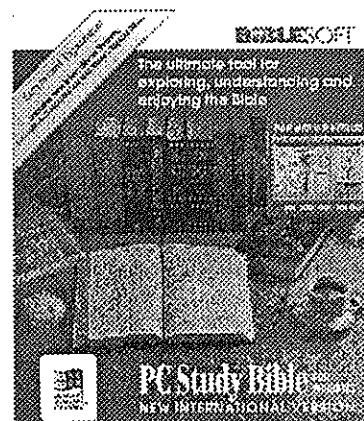
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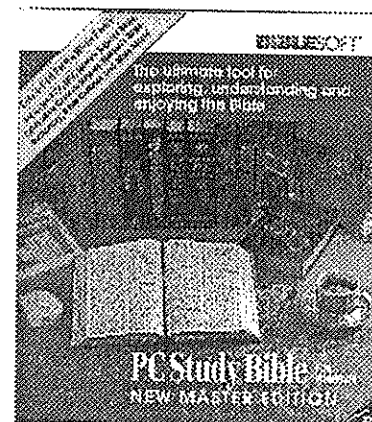
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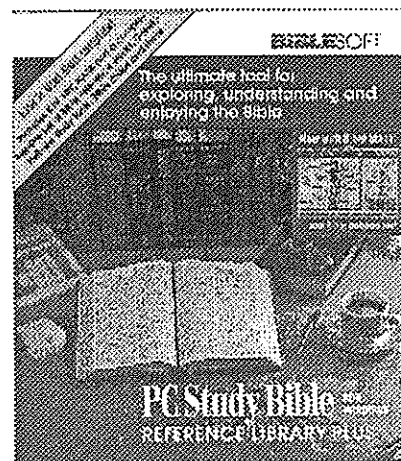
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Ajax: Brother John Davis requested prayer for himself. They are repairing the building and baptistry. Devon Bennett is considering full-time work here.

Beamsville: The Spring Seminar at GLCC will be led by Tom Olbricht from Pepperdine University, Malibu, California. The dates are May 1-5 and the subject is "Understanding the Bible." Don, Bob and Elaine Perry left for India on March 31 and returned on April 23. Don had appointments to speak at the school in Shillong and hoped to be able to speak in the Khasi language, which he has not used for 18 years.

Bramalea: Adrian Lawrence, aged 26, died in the Hamilton General Hospital on March 14, 1995 (see obituaries). S.F. Timmerman was our guest speaker on April 9.

Brantford: The men's Spiritual Emphasis group will discuss meditation. They are using Richard Foster's "Celebration of Discipline." Doug Watts from Terrace, B.C., his wife and children will be in Brantford April 7-10. We help support this family. Jeremy Perry was baptized on March 8.

Fenwick: On March 19 longtime member Ivan McCombs passed away at the age of 87.

Centennial activities in April included a potluck on the 9th, young people reading about the crucifixion on the 16th and a prayer meeting on the 30th.

Plans call for a special Bible reading service on May 14 and a centennial float in the parade on May 26.

The June Meeting will be hosted by this congregation on June 4 at E.L. Crossley Secondary School in Fonthill with Dave Knutson as the keynote speaker. The theme will be "Will the Lord Find Faith?" A scripture reading and song service is set for the evening of June 18.

Grimsby: Ron Pauls is conducting a seminar entitled, "The Journey Called Marriage", April 21-23

Guelph: Larry and Susan Penner's 14-year-old daughter, Penny, was baptized on April 8.

Hamilton (West): Greg Fillion of Saskatchewan, son of Frank and Noreen Fillion, passed away on January 27 in Saskatchewan. The congregation celebrated with heaven when Nancy Van Alstine was baptized on March 26. The Bring-a-Friend Day on March 19 had 95 in attendance with several first-time visitors. The lesson "Peace In A Divided World" was followed by a potluck lunch. The Sunday worship attendance was at a high in March averaging 80. A group of teens from Arkansas plan to work in Hamilton for one week this summer.

Meaford: Tina McDonald was baptized on February 26. About 85 people from the area congregations enjoyed a time of singing and lunch together on March 19.

Newmarket: Stephen Branscombe was baptized on March 2, his 16th birthday. The ladies' class this month had a study on the Holy Spirit. Phil and Nansi Lifsey came home April 8 on leave from Papua New Guinea. Robbie Baker is going on a campaign to New Zealand from May 8-29. The ladies had a Progressive Dinner on April 3.

North Bay: The GLCC chorus sang on March 14. The Sundridge church was invited to join in hearing them. A Marriage Encounter weekend was held March 31-April 2.

Pinehill: The GLCC chorus sang on March 13. There was a gospel meeting from April 9-11 with Max Craddock preaching. Sharon Drew passed away on February 14 in Sundridge.

Port Colborne: Cathy Fretz was baptized on March 29. A new schedule of services and class times has been adopted.

St. Catharines: Brian Boden spoke in mid-March. The Grimsby church invited this congregation to visit on March 26 to thank them for 10 years of support.

Stoney Creek: Brian Boden preached on April 2. He told about his faith journey, his plans for his family, and gave reasons for his resignation as a shepherd.

Sybil Charnook passed away on March 17. H. Parker took the funeral. On March 2, they began using women to pass the emblems. Gigi Bessems was baptized on March 29.

Stratford: This congregation will be celebrating her 10th anniversary on June 25.

Sudbury: The ladies will host a Ladies' Day on May 6, 1995 with the theme "Highway of Holiness" with guest speaker JoAnne Howe of Laurel, Maryland. JoAnne is a former Catholic nun and author of *Change of Habit* and *From Nun to Priest*.

Sundridge: Ray Miller held a week-end meeting May 5-7. Beginning the evening of 16 a congregation will be meeting in the Seniors Building in Burk's Falls.

Thessalon: The GLCC chorus sang at a Sunday evening service and again on Monday morning at Algoma Manor.

Tintern: Ralph Perry was our visiting preacher in mid-March and Ron Pauls on April 9.

Toronto (Bayview): A Bring-a-Friend Sunday is planned for May 7 and another one for September 17. Darrell Buchanan will be attending the Pepperdine University Bible Lectures in Los Angeles at the end of April. A couple from the "International Church of Christ" placed membership.

Toronto (Strathmore): The congregation is reviving the city-wide chorus and invites anyone in the Toronto area who is interested in singing, wherever spiritual encouragement may be given, to join us. The GLCC dinner raised \$2,500 toward student scholarships. Neil C. Prokop returned to Kiev in the Ukraine in mid-March. Santiago Molina has been invited back to Winnipeg where two Spanish contacts were baptized.

Waterloo: Lisa Sherman put on Christ in baptism on March 18. The 20th anniversary Homecoming is scheduled for May 28. The Bring-a-Friend Sunday on April 9 had Keith Thompson as speaker. It was the first time Keith had ever spoken with a translator repeating his sermon: Alfredo Guevara translated for the Spanish-speaking members. There were 112 in attendance. Geoff Ellis is hoping to join Wesley Jones in another effort in Russia.

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by Brian Cox

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Regina, SK: *pring Renewal*, March 31-April 2, featured speaker was Tim Woodroof from Beaverton, Oregon. Special workshops on *Abuse, Encouragement and Hospitality* were conducted by Ted Archbold of Alliance, Alberta and Cindy Murray of Minot, North Dakota. Song leading and special music were capably provided by Charlie Murray of Minot and *Won by One* and Western Christian College's traveling chorus of Dauphin, Manitoba as well as local groups. Our theme was *A Church That Flies*. More than 400 participated in the weekend with 380 present on Sunday morning. 1996 Spring Renewal is planned for April 12-14 with Rubel Shelly as featured speaker. The theme will be *I'm Okay and I'm Not Okay, But (God says) That's Okay!*

1995 is a preparation year for building a 500-seat auditorium. Ground breaking is planned for Spring Renewal '96 and grand opening for Spring Renewal '97.

Our Let's Start Talking team of 10 people is headed for Bucharest, Romania for July and August. We continue to sense God's presence and his blessing on our effort for him. He is good to us.

--Ray McMillan

News East

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sia May 1-27.

Windsor: There have been four recent baptisms at West Side. Jose Sunsin was born again on March 19. She began attending with the Duran family in the summer of '94. Karen MacKenzie was baptized before the congregation the next Sunday and Alan Rambo on the following Sunday.

Al Meakes has been selected as a co-chairman of evangelists for churches of Christ in the Detroit metroplex. Full scale plans are underway for Ron Pauls' marriage seminar on May 6 and 7.

(Ed. Note: We have just learned of the passing of Murray Hammond today, April 13, and understand that the funeral will

be Monday, the 17th. Murray spent several years as an evangelist and has more recently been an elder in Windsor. He has endured many years of difficulties with his health. E.C.P.)

QUEBEC

Sherbrooke: Luc Fortin writes, "I am presently teaching a series of sermons on the joys and need for us to be salt and light for the world. I am also planning a special evangelistic event which will take place sometime in the months to come, using material suggested by Stephen Covey in his book, *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*. Manon hosted a breakfast for the church here at our house one Saturday. People really enjoyed it, and she plans on repeating the event. On April 8 we will be helping move a family from Danville to Sherbrooke. This move will possibly be an even greater blessing for me since Rosaline said that she would be more than happy to read for me. She can read French and English and it 'happens' to be her favourite pastime. She is going to be one busy girl."

NOVA SCOTIA

Mill Village: David Hallett returned from Shillong, India on March 30. He spent his time in meetings and visitation among the Khasi people and some of his students who live in Shillong and meet in the old school building. His health was good. For a full report write to the Bramalea church of Christ.

NEW BRUNSWICK

Moncton: The lady baptized in late January has two sons. All are fitting in well, and other families are bringing new people. Sunday school is thus increasing in attendance. Studies include a woman concerned about: "Calvinism," an ex-prisoner, and another person 200 miles away who is being referred to a congregation in Maine.

On April 9 Brian Garnett of Kentville, N.S. officiated at the appointment of Tim Johnson and Royal Maillet as elders. Brother Johnson is enjoying the use of an office computer and a new mini-van.

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What Children Need to Know

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Most of the "young offenders" in our country come from homes destroyed by divorce. Parents, one of the very best things you can do for your children is to maintain your marriage well. Parents, your children need to hear their mother and father express their love for one another. Some find it very hard to express their feelings, so hard, in fact, that they never even express their feelings to their husband/wife. The only words of advice I can think of are "get over it!"

Children need to see their parents show their love for each other. Parents, remember that you are the very first model of a loving relationship that your children will see. Your relationship will have a greater influence on them than any other throughout their entire life. Moms and dads, model for your children a loving, caring, affectionate, supportive, and nurturing relationship.

Parents, your children need to know that you love them. Tell them that you love them, and do it often. Many adults, with tears of pain running down their cheeks, have shared with me that they never once heard their parents say that they loved them. If you find it hard to share your feelings, then you need to "get over it!" Tell your children when you are proud of them. When they have done a good job, tell them so. Never, ever miss out on an opportunity to tell your kids how proud you are of them and how they have done the right thing or a good job. In doing this you will encourage more good behaviour. Parents, be involved with your children. I noticed something again this year that I have always found so interesting. In our small town in rural Saskatchewan the school Christmas concert is a big deal. You don't want to miss it, especially if your children are involved. It is always standing room only with some not even getting into the auditorium. I noticed that each child who went on stage had to first find where his parents were before the show could go on. The younger ones, upon finding their par-

ents, would wave and smile. The older ones wouldn't wave, but they did smile. The teachers knew that the children would do this and even allowed time for it. You cannot miss many concerts and sports games, etc. before your children will begin to wonder whether you really love them. The activity may be something that you would not normally be interested in, but if your children are participating, get interested in it.

Parents, your children need your time. It is only too easy for us moms and dads to get caught up in our own lives, in making a living and following our ambitions to achieve in this world. Then one day we look up from our busy schedules to realize that our children have grown up and we missed most of it. We only have them for a short time. We may just have to achieve a little less and make a little less money so that we can spend time with our children. In the end, your time is what they want, not things.

Parents, if you want your children to have faith and be involved with God's church, you must be faithful and involved in God's church and take your children with you. That may sound like an oversimplification, but it is not. It is God's plan! --Wawota, SK

Lest We Forget

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revelation (2 Timothy 3:16-17). We were warned not to take from or add to the word of Christ (Revelation 22:18-19). Those who would add to or take from should take heed to this warning.

When we look at the teaching of many religious groups today that have added to and taken from the word of God, it should give us more desire to restore New Testament Christianity. What a noble thing to do. Jesus said, "If you love me you will keep my commandments." He also said, "Come unto me and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

Only by following the teachings of Christ can one become a New Testament Christian. "Faith cometh by hearing the word of God" (Romans 10:17). We must repent of our sins. We must confess that we believe that Jesus is the son of God. Then we must be baptized for the remission of sins. Then and only then do we become a New Testament Christian and a member of the only church the Bible talks about--the church that Jesus built--the church of Christ.

--Weyburn, Saskatchewan

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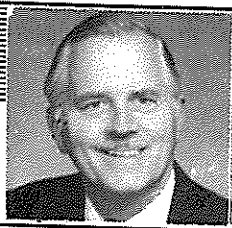
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Revelation for Christians Today by **Lonnie Woodruff**, H & H Publishing, Benton, KY. Text, 437 pages; hardback, \$16.95; paperback, \$9.95; Workbook, \$6.95 (U.S.)

The book of Revelation has a great and vital message for the world today. Unfortunately many find the book far beyond their understanding, and they are further hindered by the many false interpretations that are often given.

Here are two books that propose a much simpler explanation. By the use of some excellent charts, our brother Woodruff makes Revelation far more understandable. His work is commended by such men as Burton Coffman and Jay Lockhart. Its basic concept is similar to that proposed by William Hendriksen in his 1956 commentary, *More Than Conquerors*.

Some more scholarly individuals might see this as a "too easy explanation". The reader is invited to judge for himself.

Achieving Success Without Failing Your Family by **Dr. Paul Faulkner**, Howard Publishing Company, West Monroe, LA. 362 pages, \$17.95 (U.S.).

Here is the finest book on the family to come out in some time! If you are having any problems in your family (who isn't?), get this book immediately!

Paul Faulkner is one of the greatest communicators in the world today. Many of us have read his previous books or seen him with Carl Brecheen in their seminars in person or on film. He has made great and positive contributions to the church and the home.

Many parents feel guilty because their jobs often take precedence over their family life. They think it is impossible to be successful in the home as well as in business. In preparing this book, Faulkner spent time with thirty families who achieved success in the home and on the job.

Suzanne Allford, Vice-President of Personnel at WalMart asked, "Paul, do you have any material about getting

ahead and taking your family with you?" At the time, he knew of nothing, but this book is his answer.

Preparation for this book involved hours of interviews with corporation presidents, executives, CEOs, professors, coaches, cattlemen and architects. Those of us in less imposing positions can say, "If these people could do it, so can we!"

This material is also available on video cassette at \$99.95 and on audio cassette at \$14.95 (both U.S.).

Those Evangelical Churches of Ours by **Lloyd Mackey**, Wood Lake Books, Winfield, B.C. 287 pages, softcover, \$19.95 (Can).

Are churches of Christ part of the evangelical movement? Do we not share the same attitude on vital matters such as the divinity of Christ and the inspiration of the Bible? Are we too separatist to be included?

Actually, we are not included in this book. This may disappoint some and please others.

However, we can find this a most helpful book in learning and understanding more about those who are included. We would fit the author's criteria for evangelicals of "the belief in the authority of the bible and the new birth."

The author, a professional journalist, covers his subject in a most readable and informative manner. He writes about "Rites and milestones", "Family Squabbles", "Preachers and other creatures", "Networks and linkages", "The parachurches" and "Warts and all." He surveys the beliefs on the various evangelical groups on topics such as the Holy Spirit, the Second coming, worship styles, marriage, baptism, funerals and communion. He relates how they (we) are influenced greatly by organizations from south of the border like Focus on the Family, Navigators, World Vision and Inter-Varsity Fellowship.

This book is an interesting and well-written survey of Evangelicals in our country, even if we aren't included.

Estate Stewardship

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sure way of lessening the anguish at the time of loss. Just as we prepare for our journey to heaven, we prepare our family for the time of our departure. The letters of the apostle Paul, written from prison, indicate his concern for those being left behind. Such concern is evident in the lives of godly men and women whose concern is for their children and grandchildren, for good works, for the church, and for friends. Knowing the fact that all must die, such people prepare by planning for the future of those left behind after they have gone on to their reward. Faith makes dying easier, for we know that we have overcome death and will be raised to eternal life with God in Christ. Faith makes it easier to accept someone else's death.

Proper planning makes the whole process more beneficial. So, be ready to go. Leave a will. Leave instructions to aid those who will be left to take care of matters attendant to your death. Above all, live in faith so that you might die in Christ.

Ethiopia

World Bible School now has six teams of follow-up workers made up of twenty well-trained and dedicated preachers. One goal is to establish congregations in each of the 14 provinces.

There are 5,276 students in Addis Ababa. Brother Abebe reports studying with 160 of a Bible College run by a non-denominational group. A private school teacher now is working with 31 men in his home area and has 12 attending studies in his home. Brother Negussin, finding no one to baptize him, dammed a small river and baptized himself. He has converted 12 and has 91 students in six nearby towns. --Action

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Haiti -- A Needy Field



Baptisms in Pajesse, Haiti, April 1994

Raymond Fillion began efforts to re-establish the Abbotsford, B.C. church in 1986, and by 1993, at retirement age, he had a loving, vibrant group of 60 there and turned his attention to Haiti. Being French Canadian and having participated in campaigns in Geneva, Quebec, France, and Belgium, he was well suited to this challenge.

Having surveyed and assisted there in September 1993 and September 1994, he planned to be back there in April 1995 (funds permitting).

He is helping with four missions: Gressier-Dufailly-Pajesse and Savanette with approximately 250 attending Sun-

day worship. About 200 have obeyed the gospel, and there are 180 students in 3 schools. Two working missionaries receive only \$100 each per month.

Because of the difficulties in raising funds, the aim is to become self-sufficient. Land has been purchased, and two temporary shelters for meetings have been built. The raising of livestock and the improvement of crop yields are being promoted. All this and more has been done with an average of \$500 US per month.

A vehicle (\$5-10,000) and an increase to \$1,000 per month would greatly enhance this program.

Zambia

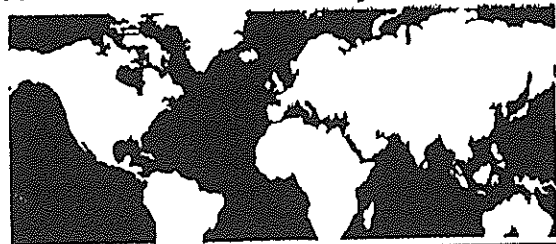
The February issue of the *Kalomo Reporter* announces 114 baptisms and 30 restorations. These took place at 10 different locations.

In regard to the Namwianga Christian Schools operation the report reads, "In just ten short years we have gone from a faculty and staff of 27, all but four of whom were foreign missionaries, to a faculty and staff of 197, all but four of whom are highly trained and qualified Zambian Christians." At the same time there has been "a dramatic growth in both the amount of and percentage of funds that have been produced locally." On the other hand, foreign contribution requirements "have scarcely grown" over this period.

Rainfall has been spotty resulting in some good crop areas and other starvation situations. Roy Merritt reports 10 student baptisms this year and the employment by the church of a counsellor to work among the secondary school students. A Bible Correspondence student, S. Tambo, has a group of 30 meeting in his home.

Leonard Mujala, working among Angola refugees, reports opening two new congregations and more than ten baptisms. He has been training these people to do their own outreach and church planting. Some are eager to return to their own country and begin the process.

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Sister North was a member of the church for over 40 years. I first knew her at Grimsby when she was a member there when we started that work back in '68. In 1970 she moved to Toronto and attended at Fern Avenue until that work closed. She then attended at Strathmore. Because of ill health, she had not been able to be at worship for several years.

Sister North loved her family and spent several years looking after her son, Gerald, during his illness and until his death. She loved people and had a keen interest in others. When I saw her for the first time after coming to Toronto from Meaford, she asked about my children and remembered their names. I had not seen her in nearly 20 years at that time.

We pray that God will bless and comfort this family as they mourn the passing of their mother, grandmother and sister. We thank God for the hope we have in Him at times of separation and sorrow.

A funeral service of thanksgiving for God's rich blessings was conducted by the writer on April 3 in Toronto.

--Max Craddock

ADRIAN ALAN LAWRENCE

September 13, 1968-March 14, 1995

Brother Adrian Lawrence is survived by son Peter (May 18, 1988), daughter Adrianna (November 8, 1989), and wife Denise; mother Maureen; and brother, Lance. He lost his father, Peter, when he was nine years old. They were living in Calgary at the time. He began school in Calgary and finished in Brampton.

Adrian did a lot of living in his 26 years. After school, he married Denise French and did a three-year hitch in the Canadian Navy. He was based at

Shelbourne near Halifax in the Maritime command as an Oceanographic Operator. After the Navy, he worked for Canada Trust in Bramalea.

While still in Calgary, he was baptized into Christ by Mac Jacobs. He attended services spasmodically after going into the Navy. About two years ago, Adrian dropped into my office and said he wanted to know what a preacher did. (A lot of people do!) He went with me on several personal Bible studies and went once down to Harding Avenue while we were having weekly studies with Tamil speaking people from Sri Lanka. He went as far as inquiring about the Bible program at GLBC.

I had a number of visits with Adrian in the hospital. One Sunday, his first in hospital, I was coming back from having communion with an inmate in Ontario Correctional Institute and stopped in to see Adrian. I asked him if he would like to participate. "Yes." Could he? "Yes." If he died, was it possible for him to go to heaven? How many of us have asked that question?

Jesus died for each of us. He is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9).

Adrian was reading his Bible several times when I came to see him. "Where should I read?" he asked. I suggested Psalms 1, 23, 103 and the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. The writer in 1 John tells us that we may know that we have eternal life.

Adrian was scared. Only 26. His father died of blood clots, and he said there was a 20% chance that he would not survive the operation. By the fourth day after surgery, he was talking but coughing. Pneumonia, infection and kidney failure followed. There are so many things we don't know. What we do know is that there is an eternity, and we need to be ready for it.

--Walter Straker

JOHN DENNIS MACKAY

With a mixture of sadness and rejoicing we share that our brother John MacKay of Toronto went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, March 22, 1995. The funeral was conducted by the Honourable Mr. Justice Blenus Wright on Saturday, March 25.

Brother John was born in Perth, Scotland, January 27, 1909 and came to Canada as a lad in 1922. His family first attended the Fern Avenue Church of Christ in Toronto and later moved

to the Maplewood Avenue Church of Christ. Around the time he was 18, he caught the eye of the lovely and talented Ivy Berry, and the two were married on June 21, 1930. The union was blessed with five children, four sons (Dennis, Bill, Doug and Roger) and one daughter (Margaret). Brother John loved his garden, and he and Ivy were very active in the local horticultural society for many years. They were also "given to hospitality" and many a Sunday saw extra place settings at the dinner table for any visitors at morning service. A little story, told by John, underlines the fun had with visitors. "One day, brother J.C. Bailey came home with us for dinner. After we finished our meal, we were all sitting around the dining room table, chatting. We had a little pot-bellied stove there with the attached chimney pipes. Brother Bailey loved to gesture with his hands when he was speaking, and he started to get louder and louder and to wave his arms around. Well, lo and behold, he hit the stove pipes and down they came with all the soot and everything. What a mess!"

Brother John followed in his family's tradition in the cleaning and dyeing business and around 1940 began his own company, "Phoenix Dye Works." Ivy thought up the name and the slogan, "New Life to Your Garments," and thus began a successful partnership that lasted for many years. John retired in 1975, but continued actively in the church. He preached for the Pine Orchard congregation the third Sunday of ever month and was especially well-known and loved by all of the children there, as in his briefcase, along with his Bible and his sermon, you could find bags of candy which were given to the youngsters at the end of the service.

He was a warm and generous man who loved God, his family, and flowers, and he will be greatly missed by his family including 12 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren and by his many friends who knew and loved him.

Northern June Meeting

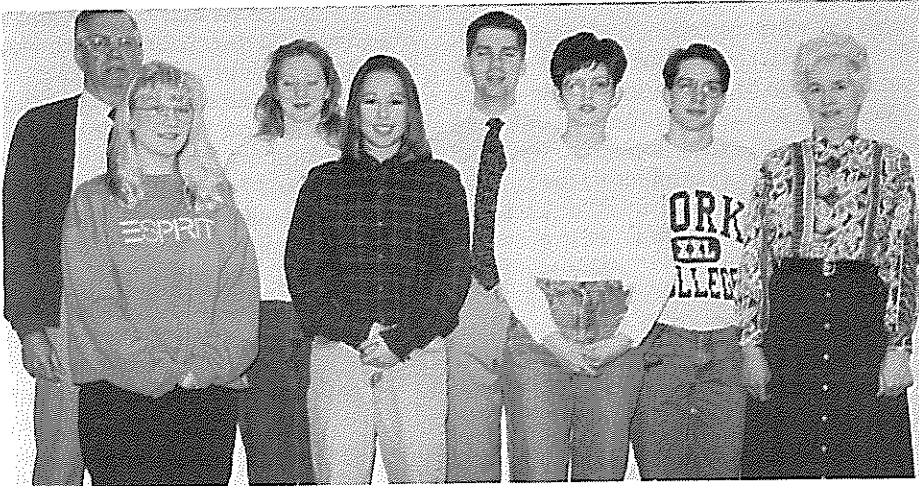
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W.C.C. VBS Team



A team of Western Christian College students will be spending the summer of 1995 working with churches in Vacation Bible Schools. Rolland Bouchard, Crystal Downton, Jamie and Elizabeth Lobert, Tammy McMillan, and Shannon Tucker have dedicated six weeks of the summer to helping six churches with VBS. The first three weeks of July will find the team in Horse Creek and Perryville, Saskatchewan and in Kenora, Ontario. Then the first three weeks of August will be dedicated to

working with the congregations in Gravelbourg, Yorkton, and Wawota, Saskatchewan.

These students are preparing their own lesson materials and planning assemblies and closing programs.

This effort will provide the students with opportunity for growth in their ability to plan and teach Bible lessons and work cooperatively in Bible school work, as well as giving them a broader vision and understanding of the church as they work with the various congre-

Moral Issues

The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada has published a circular entitled **Protect Family Values** from which we quote, "Today, in case after case, our legislators, courts, and employers are being pressured to accept same-sex 'marriages' by extending family rights to the gay community" and "An increasing number of school boards are considering whether to adopt the Toronto School Board's curriculum which uses the classroom and public funds to promote homosexuality as a healthy and legitimate life-style." We are urged to raise our voices of objection.

A United church in Vancouver has ordained an openly "gay" man and another has apparently done the same to his 11-year partner.

--Christian Research Institute Canada

gations. The churches involved will help make possible opportunities for the students and at the same time receive valuable help and encouragement through the resulting Bible schools.

Walter and Elaine Hart are working with the students during preparation and also will be travelling with and assisting them during the summer.

--Walter Hart

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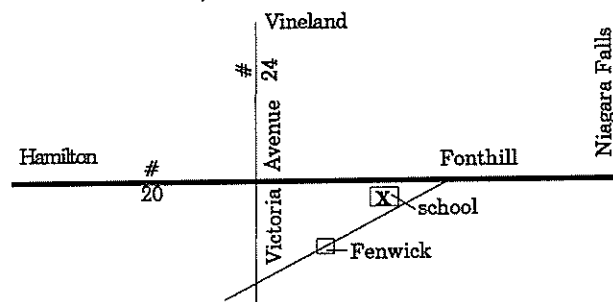
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It is always our ongoing goal to bring glory to God through the blood purchased body of believers called the church. Let not our good intentions in this article be misunderstood. God receives the glory. But every now and then we hear about a group of Christians who have exercised faith, hope and love in the presence of obstacles to the furtherance of the cause of Christ to the glory

of God who used them for this purpose.

In 1983 the Ontario Street church of Christ in St. Catharines made a decision that would affect the lives of lots of other people. They decided to send one of their preacher families to the smaller town of Grimsby, about 20 miles away, to practice what was being called "Ontario Evangelism." The group of faithful saints in Grimsby had been meeting since the 60's but were small and struggling. Discouragement had caused some to leave and go where there were more of "like precious faith" especially for the sake of their children. Most, however, hung on believing that God would somehow provide.

Prayerful meetings were arranged between the brethren in both locations and it was agreed that George and Pat Mansfield and their four children would take up residence in Grimsby. St. Catharines made a most generous and Christ-reflecting offer. They would agree to support the preaching family, if a plan could be found that would allow the Grimsby congregation to grow in its responsibility. The plan was simply this: Full support will be given but would be decreased by 10% each year until, after 10 years, the Grimsby church would be self-supporting.

It worked! Not in ten years but in 11. As of January 1995, Grimsby became a self-supporting congregation. In the meantime, Grimsby built a new house of meeting, helped in this endeavour by--that's right--the St. Catharines church, to the tune of many thousands of dollars in interest-free loans.

Grimsby is eternally grateful for this fine example of responsible generosity which supports while demanding growth on the part of the receiver. We, in Grimsby, believe this wise planning and dedication needs to be highlighted so that more can see that it can work and be encouraged to work the plan.

--George Mansfield

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Box 5000 ☆ Dauphin, MB ☆ R7N 2V5 ☆ (204) 638-8801 ☆ Fax (204) 638-7054

Cuba

Phil Gear of Cambridge, Ohio writes of a January trip to Cuba in which ten days were spent visiting churches in several cities. We quote, "There are currently about 700 Christians on the island, and that number is constantly increasing. Two years ago there were five churches of Christ in Cuba; now there are twenty-five. . . . Christians are under constant pressure to comply with new and more detailed regulations. In one city they cannot have a sign on the building; in another, they are forbidden to sing."

--from West Virginia Christian

International Bible Correspondence
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About 11,000 individuals were taught, 8,000 of them from Toronto and 3,000 from other cities in Canada and the U.S.A. Courses were sent to 53 nations around the world in addition to seven nations that could not be listed because of Communists or Muslim environments. A major effort has been an outreach to Muslims. Names of 177 who requested baptism have been sent to missionaries for follow-up.

Directory of Churches

This listing includes most but not all of the churches of Christ in Canada along with a few in bordering states. Please help us to keep it useful by updating the information regularly. Listings are \$8.00 per year and changes are \$4.00 each.

The information, unless otherwise specified, is in the following order: Place of meeting; times of Bible Class, Worship and mid-week gatherings; mailing address if different from meeting place; (Post Office is at the beginning unless otherwise indicated); preacher; phone.

PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

ALLIANCE, Rec-Center: Sun. 10, 11; Ted Archbold, ev., Box 135, T0B 0A0; (403) 879-2232 (res.).

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

CALGARY: 4030 Maryvale Dr. N.E., T2A 2S8; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 6; Wed. 7; also various mid-week home Bible Study groups -- call the office (403) 272-2111; Cecil Bailey, ev., 569-2817; Larry Yurk, ev., 278-1469; Eric Nyrose, ev., 242-3164.

CAMROSE: 4901-42 St., T4V 1A1; Sun. 9:30, 10:30; Wed. 7; Will Hart, ev. (403) 672-1220.

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

FORT MCMURRAY: Beauregard Edu. Community Centre, Abasand; Sun. 11, 10; Terry Mullins, Treas., 399 Thicket Dr., T9H 4H7; (403) 791-9947.

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

MEDICINE HAT: Crescent Heights Church of Christ, 402 12th St. N.E., T1A 5V2; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Ernest W. Andreas, ev., 528-3026 (res.); 527-7311 (off.).

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

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ABBOTSFORD: Michael Collins Studio (behind B.C. Tourist offices on McCallum Rd.); Sun. 10, 11; Tues. 7:30 in homes; Central Valley Church of Christ, Rob Robinson, Sec-Treas., 45215 Blue Jay Ave., Sardis, B.C. V2R 2V3; (604) 824-0322; church--Ray Fillion, 850-8670.

BURNABY (Greater Vancouver): 7485 Salisbury Ave., V5E 3A5; Sun. 10, 10:45, 6; Midweek (groups meet in homes. Call for times & locations); Jeff Floyd, ev. 526-3895; Kirk Ruch, ev., 596-8453; (604) 522-7721 (off).

CAMPBELL RIVER: 226 Hickey Road, V9W 1P4; (604) 923-5233.

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

COQUITLAM: 2665 Runnel Dr., V3E 1S3; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Wed. 7:30; Phone 464-2836; Hugh Minor, ev.

COWICHAN VALLEY (CROFTON): 1288 Smith St.; Sun. 11; Wed. 7; Box 45, V0R 1R0; Jack Ellis, 246-4189.

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

DELTA: Ladner Community Centre; Sun. 9:50; Wed. in homes 8:00; 205-1381 (off); 56th St., V4L 2A4; Jay Don Rogers, ev., (604) 946-4341 (res.), 943-0515 (off).

KAMLOOPS: 629 Battle St. V2C 2M4; Sun. 11:15, 10; Mid-week studies in homes; (604) 374-3512 (off); Contact Rob Harper, 554-2421.

KELOWNA: 1317 Ethel St.; Sun. 10, 11; Tues. 7; Box 2697, St. R. V1X 6A7; Charles McKnight, ev. (604) 765-8739; Wayne Muirhead (604) 861-4008; Ted Windmill, 763-8445.

KELOWNA (Rutland): Holiday Inn Express, 2429 Hwy 97N; Sun. 10; call for directions and other services; 167 Mallach Rd. V1X 2W6; Gordon Clarkson, ev. (604) 765-3643; Gordon Hobbs, 765-2484.

LANGLEY: Meeting in homes; Sun. 10:30; Phone for location 534-0485; c/o I. Eastwood, 20420-54 Avenue, Apt. 103, V3A 6N6.

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

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

PENTICTON: Penticton Retirement Centre, 439 Winnipeg St.; Sun. 9, 10; Tues. 7:30; Box 24082, V2A 8L9; 492-5915.

PRINCE GEORGE: 933 Patricia Blvd., V2L 3V6; Sun. 10:30, 11; (604) 562-0502.

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

RICHMOND: Boy Scout Hall, No. 1 Road & Francis Road; Sun. 10:30, 11; 3431 Bentinck Pl., V7C 4H3; Gary L. Mams, ev. (604) 271-6197.

SALMON ARM: Community Center, 2550 TransCanada Hwy. N.E., Rm 1; Sun. 9:45, 10:45; Thurs. night in homes. Call 832-3828 or 2470 for info.; P.O. Box 51, V1E 4N2; Wendell Bailey, ev. (604) 832-2470; Office, Piccadilly Place Mall, 1151 10th St. SW, 832-3828; Cheryl Pimentel, sec., 832-0422; Shuswap Christian School, Box 789, V1E 4N9, 832-7994; Doug Kendig, adm. 835-8529 (res.)

SURREY (Greater Vancouver): 15042 92nd Ave., V3R 5V8; Sun. 10, 11; Tues. 7:30; Ron Beckett, ev., 594-1796; Ed Bryant, ev., (604) 585-8566.

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) 226-4626 (off), 278-1672 (res.); Spanish services: Sun. 5; Fri. 6:30; Milton Diaz, ev., 321-8046 (res.); Chinese Services: Sun. 1:30; Lai Sing Mah, ev. 266-8415 (off).

VERNON: 4107 Pleasant Valley Rd.; Sun. 10, 11; Box 541, V1T 6M5; 545-6892.

VICTORIA: 3460 Shelbourne St., V8P 4G5; Sun. 9:45, 10:45, 6; Wed. 6:30; Kelly Carter, ev. (604) 592-4914 (off), 727-0351 (res.).

PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

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

CARMAN: Main Street S.; Sun. 10, 6; Wed. 7:30; c/o D.B. Laycock, Box 266, Miami, R0G 1H0; 435-2413; Don L. Killough, ev. 745-3786.

DACUPHIN: 220 Whitmore Ave. (Western Christian College); Sun. 7 p.m., 10 a.m.; Wed. 7; 378 River Ave. E., R7N 0H8; Hugh Gannon, ev. 638-8568 (res.), 638-6321 (off); W. Hart, elder, 638-5283.

MANSON: Bldg. at Manson Village; Sun. 10, 2 p.m.; Box 2, R0M 1J0; Gilbert Jacobs, sec., 722-2148 or Lloyd Jacobs, 722-2278.

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

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE: 154-3rd St. S.E., R1N 1M3; (204) 857-6487; Sun. 10.

WINNIPEG (Central): 217 Osborne St. S., R3L 1Z4; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; M.C. Johnson, sec., 45 Jubinville Bay, 254-8501; Wayne Turner, ev. (204) 257-7926 (res); 475-6462 (off).

PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK

MONCTON: Kinsman Bldg., 18 Botsford St., E1C 4W7; Sun. 10; alternate Weds. 7:30; Tim Johnson, ev., (506) 386-1682 (res.) or 852-0919 (off.).

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

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.; Sun. 10, 11, 6:30; Wed. 7:30; Box 128, 14223; (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 Convey Ave., B3N 2P8; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:00; (902) 443-9628 (off.); Wayne Taylor, sec., (902) 876-7402.

KENTVILLE: Middle Dyke & Mee Rd.; Sun. 11, 10, 6; Wed. 7; c/o 895 Gracie Dr., B4N 4M2; Brian Garnett, ev. (902) 678-1168 (res.); 678-8881 (off.).

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.).

SHUBENACADIE: Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Shubenacadie & Area Church of Christ, R.R. 1, B0N 2H0; Raymond Wiseman, ev. 758-3404; Frank Weir, 758-2905.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

AJAX (Serving Oshawa, Whitby, Pickering): 1 Cedar St.; Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; Box 162, L1S 3C3; Ph. 683-2477 or A. Langford, sec., 683-6735.

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. 9:15, 10:30, 6; Wed. 7:30; Art Fleming, sec. (905) 563-4914.

BRACEBRIDGE: Orange Hall, Maple St. at Pine; Sun. 11; Box 2248, P1L 1W1; John D. Preston, sec.-treas. 645-5797.

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, 6:30; Wed. 7; Joe Jones, 756-6206; (519) 759-6630 (off.).

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

CORNWALL: Tollgate Rd. E.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Box 42, K6H 5R9; Al Bojarski, ev. 933-1825 (res.) or 933-8064 (off).

FENWICK: Welland Ave.; Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; P.O. Box 416, L0S 1C0; Walt Cromwell, ev., (905) 892-4557; 892-5661 (off.).

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

GRIERSVILLE: RR 4, Meaford, 5 mi. south of Meaford on Grey County 7; Sun. 10; Keith Hewgill, Kimberley, ON N0C 1G0; Les Cramp, ev., Box 1642, Meaford, ON N0H 1Y0.

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; George Mansfield, ev. 945-1070.

GUELPH: Conestoga College, 460 Speedvale Ave., W; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30 (phone for location); c/o 428 Cole Rd., N1G 3J8; David Azoparde, sec. (519) 821-9179.

HAILEYBURY/NEW LISKEARD: Meeting in homes. Times flexible. Mike Tinney, Box 702, Haileybury, P0J 1K0, 705-672-2642.

HAMILTON: 666A Fennell Ave. E. at 27th St.; L8V 1V2 (Mt. Hamilton); Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:00; (905) 385-5775; John Dennis, sec., (905) 389-0717.

HAMILTON (Centre): 33 Highcliffe Ave., L9A 3L3; Sun. 10, 11; Steven Rudd, ev., (905) 575-8437.

HAMILTON (West): Mohawk College, Fennell Ave./West 5th St.; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:30; (call for location); P.O. Box 78041 Westcliffe PO, L9C 7N5; Wayne Page (905) 648-5100; Trevor Bailey, sec., 383-0961; Peter Morphy, ev., 387-3699.

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: Hilltop Dr. off Hwy. 11BN; Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Wed. 8; GR Box 108, Rte 3, P0A 1K0; Contact John H. Preston, sec., (705) 767-3237.

ICE LAKE (Manitoulin Island): 1 1/4 mi. S. of Hwy. 540; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Mon. 7:30; Dean Hotchkiss, ev. (705) 282-2980; Peter Taliman, sec., R.R. #1, Mindemoya, P0P 1S0, 377-4555.

KENORA: 101 Norman Dr.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; P.O. Box 2905, P9N 3X8; (807) 468-7523 (bldg); Randy Fiske, ev., 468-2192; Earle Rattai, 548-2245.

KINGSTON: 446 College St., K7L 4M7; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; (613) 546-5409 (off.).

KITCHENER SOUTH: Kitchener City Hall, 200 King St. W.; Sun. 12, 11; John Spencer, sec., 396 Gatestone Blvd., N2T 2J0; (519) 746-2576.

LONDON: 1750 Huron St., N5V3A2; (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 Swarz, ev., (519) 538-1750 (off.).

NEWMARKET: 230 Davis Dr.; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6:30; Wed. 7:30; Upper Canada P.O. Box 21581, L3Y 8J1; Keith Thompson, ev., 348 Dixon Blvd. L3Y 5C4; (905) 853-0892 (res.), 895-6502 (off.).

NIAGARA FALLS: 3901 Dorchester Rd. N. (turn E. on Thorold Stone Rd. from Q.E.); Sun. 10:30-12, 5:30; Wed. 7:30; Henry Boland, 5904 Atlas St., L2J 1S8; (905) 356-0107 or 356-3412; Henry Boland, ev.

NORTH BAY: 73 Gertrude St. E.; Sun. 10, 11, 6:30; Wed. 7; Box 745, P1B 8J8; Bill Wheeler, ev. (705) 472-7040 (off.); Gary Hotchless, sec., 497-1813.

OMAGH: 1412 Britannia Road W. at 4th line, Milton, L9T 2X8; Sun. 10, 11; Thurs. 7:30 in homes; c/o Harold Ellis, Sec., R.R. #3, Campbellville, LOP 1B0; (905) 878-7565; Steve May, ev. (905) 563-5043; *905) 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 in homes (phone for location); Felix Turner, ev. (519) 376-8259, 376-6702 (off.).

PETERBOROUGH: Donwood Community Center; Sun. 2-4 p.m.; Box 2081, K9J 7H5; Peter McPherson, ev.; Shaun Paris (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, 6:30; Bible studies, call for days and times; David Lock, ev., 465 Davis St., L3K 1Z7; (905) 834-0911 (res.); 834-5775 (off.). (Every 1st Sun. potluck followed by singing; communion at 6:30).

ST. CATHARINES: 439 Ontario St. N., L2N 4M9; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 6; Wed. 7:30; Gordon Hamis, ev., 937-8250 (res.), 935-9581 (off.).

ST. CATHARINES (Garden City): Ina Grafton Gage Home (Cedar Room), 413 Linwell Rd.; Sun. 9, 10, 11; Wed. 7; 46 Tara Cresc., Thorold L2V 4M1; Roy Diestalkamp, 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 Enrol Rd. E., N7V 2G7; Sun. 9:30, 10:45, 6:30; Wed. 7; Len Dennis, 542-3260; Aubrey Hibbard, 336-7140.

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

SACULT STE. MARIE (Pinehill): 132 Cunningham Rd., P6B 1N4; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Guy Stopard, ev., 942-7999 (res.), 949-4988 (off.); R. Whitfield, sec., 949-7612.

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

SMITHVILLE: 246 Station St.; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Art Garner, Box 144, L0R 2A0; (905) 957-7745; John Hains, ev., 957-1123.

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

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

STRATFORD: 478 Brunswick St., N5A 3N6; Sun. 9:45, 11:00; Wed. 7:00; (519) 273-5280; Kelvin Hoover, ev. 273-5381; Larry Hoover, ev. 271-9545.

SUDBURY: 2663 Bancroft Dr. P3B 1T7; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:00; Maurice Brown, ev., (705) 525-0996, 560-3964 (off.); Paul Valli, sec. 674-2352.

SUNDRIIDGE: Hwy. 11 N.; Sun. 9:45, 11; Wed. 7; Don Smith, ev., Gen. Del., P0A 1Z0; 384-7624 (res.), 384-5214 (off.).

THESSALON: 8 Albert St. off Hwy. 17; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; Eric White, RR2, P0R 1L0 (705) 842-6533; Murray Smith, ev., 842-2741.

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

TILLSONBURG: 1 mi. N. on Hwy. 19; Sun. 9:45, 11; Wed. 7:30; Box 331, N4G 4H8; 842-7118.

TIMMINS: W.E. Miller Public School, 200 Victoria Ave.; Sun. 9:30-12; Tues. 7-8; Box 1396, P4N 7N2; for more information call Larry Frost, sec./treas., (705) 268-4526.

TINTERN: Spring Creek Rd.; Sun. 11, 9:45, 6; Wed. 7:00; Oliver Tallman, Campden, L0R 1G0; 563-7822.

TORONTO (Bayview Ave.): 1708 Bayview Ave., M4G 3C4 (1 block S. of Eglinton); Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:15; Chris McCormick, 16 Hurlingham Cr., Don Mills, M3B 2R1; Darrell Buchanan, ev. (416) 489-7405 (off.).

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

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

TORONTO (Strathmore Blvd.): 346 Strathmore Blvd. M4C 1N3 (across from Coxwell subway station); Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; Marvin Johnson (416) 752-0325, Stephen Gill 265-2496, elders; Max Craddock 461-7406, Santiago Molina (Spanish) (416) 751-6879, evs.; FAX (416) 424-1850.

TRENTON: 20 4th Ave. in gym of Trenton Christian School; Sun. 10, 10:30; p.m. in homes at 6; mid-week in homes 6:30; P.O. Box 22049, Trenton Center, Trenton, ON K8V 6S3; M. McDonnell (613) 969-0741 or Steve Watson, 392-3299.

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

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

WELLAND: 72 Summit Ave., L3C 4G6; Sun. 11, 9:45; Wed. 7:30; S.F. Timmerman, ev., Box 193, Beamsville, L0R 1B0; 563-8765; Magnar Knutson, 65 Graystone Cresc., L3G 6G6; (416) 788-3248.

WINDSOR (West Side): 2255 Totten St., N9B 1X6 (E. of Huron Church Rd.); 254-6262 or 945-

4851; Sun. 9:45, 11, 5:30; Wed. 7:30; Al Meakes, ev., 2911 Forest Glade Dr., N8R 1L4; (519) 735-7436.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MONTREAL (French): 2500 Charland, H1Z 1C5; Sun. 10:30 (Fr. worship), 11:30 (French, English, Italian, Spanish classes); Wed. 7 (Fr. class); Silvio Caddeo, ev., 387-6163 (off.); 337-9344 (res.).

MONTREAL (English/French): 760-44th Ave., Lachine, H8T 2K8; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 6:30; Wed. 7; 637-3931 (off.).

MONTREAL (Russian): 7095 Chester, H4V 1L3; Sun. 10; Yvan Kolesnikow, ev. 482-2280; Lily Stesik, sec. 483-6693.

MONTREAL (Verdun): (Fr.) 3947 Verdun Ave. H4G 1L1; Sun. 11, 10; Wed. 7; Roger Saumur, ev. 765-8919.

PLESSISVILLE: Centre Communautaire, Audré Côté; (819) 362-8386 or Jocelin Côté, 362-6623 (French speaking).

QUEBEC CITY: 2980 Verreuil, Ste-Foy (corner Jean-Noel); Sun. 9:30, 10:30, (French); Wed. 19:30; C.P. 9041 Ste-Foy, G1V 4A8; (418) 651-3664; Jerrel Rowden, ev. (418) 658-0103 (res.), Jean Grenier, ev. 654-0526 (res.).

SHERBROOKE: 112 Wellington St., Ste 203 J1H 5C7; Luc Fortin, ev., (819) 820-7249 (off.).

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

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

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

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

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, 2; Wed. 7:30 (CST); Ron Hegdahl, ev. (306) 693-4064 (off.).

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

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

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

RADVILLE: 714 Beckwell Ave., Sun. 9:30 (Winter: 817 Beckwell Ave.); Mrs. Clarice Mooney, sec., Box 94, S0C 2G0; (306) 869-2558.

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

SASKATOON: 2240 Albert Ave., S7J 1K2; (306) 343-7922, FAX 1589; Sun. 10, 11, 5:30; Wed. 7; (Hours may vary; please phone to be certain); Robert Parker, 343-7884.

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

WAWOTA: Hwy. 48 W. of town; Sun. 11, 9:30 a.m.; Mid-week call; Box 454, S0G 5A0; 739-2103; Brian Cox, ev., Ph/fax 739-2528 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; (306) 842-6424.

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

YORKTON: 550 Parkview Rd., S3N 2L7; Sun. 10:15; mid-week call for time & location of meetings; John Smith, ev., 783-6877; Harry Meakes, sec. 783-6850.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

1-5... Spring Seminar, Understanding the Bible, GLCC, Tom Olbricht

5-7... Meeting with Steve May, 7 p.m.; Sun. 10, 11, 6:30 -- Brantford, Ontario

6... Ladies Day, Tillsonburg, ON, "Spread the Good News to Every Land"

6... Ladies Day, Sudbury, ON, Joanne Howe

28-31... Gospel Meeting, Collingwood, Woodrow Hazelip

JUNE

4... June Meeting hosted in Fonthill by the Fenwick, Ontario church

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