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Saskatoon Elders



Pictured above are the Elders and their wives. They are (l to r): Bob and Sharon Parker, Barney and Jean Borsheim, Ian and Ruth MacLeod, Harold and Mary Orr.

Ian S. MacLeod

(Editor's Note: Harold Orr was added to the eldership of the Saskatoon church on March 8, 1998 and the following is taken from remarks made at that time.ECP)

Harold Orr is best described as a successful builder. Success in man's eyes and success in God's eyes are of course two different things. When the world thinks of success it is almost always in terms of wealth or fame or accomplishment. The kind of success that God has emphasised in the bible is success in relationships. And when I think about Harold I always think of him in terms of his building relationships with others.

First he has been married for close to 45 years and from this relationship they have had six of their own children and have adopted two more. Each of their children are independent thinkers and I can see in each one of them the

reflection of Harold and Mary. They care about others, about how society can be made better.

Besides being a successful family man, Harold has an excellent reputation in his chosen occupation. He trained as an engineer and specialised in insulation in building construction. When he worked for the National Research Council, Harold was one of Canada's foremost experts in this field. Again, I suspect that his gentle way with people and his humble way of using the gifts God gave him endeared him to many people. There is hardly a construction contractor in Saskatoon that has not consulted Harold at one time or another.

A third area where I see success in relationships for Harold (besides family and work) is his work in God's

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What Would Jesus Do?

Jeff Harris



There is a new fad that has started in North America. People are wearing chains, bracelets, wristbands and rings with the logo: WWJD. WWJD stands for, "What Would Jesus Do?" It is thrilling to see that people are becoming more conscious of Jesus and that they are looking to Him for guidance. However, we must be careful that we truly seek the answer to the question.

As much as we would like to predict how Jesus would deal with a situation, it is not as easy as it would seem. Jesus was never predictable. Every situation that Jesus faced was handled differently. He certainly didn't deal with people the way that we think He should have. Take, for example, the woman caught in adultery in John 8. Who would have predicted that Jesus would let an adulteress go without even a rebuke? It would have been easier to predict the actions or attitudes of the religious people of the day, but Jesus always surprised people with His responses.

We could spend time looking at example after example where Jesus outsmarted the Pharisees, and where His reactions were questioned by everyone, even those closest to Him. Remember John 4 and the Samaritan woman? Jesus' disciples were surprised that He was talking to a woman, even a Samaritan woman. Did you know that Jesus even refused to see people that came seeking an audience with Him? I have heard it said that Jesus never refused anyone. Really? Read Mark 1:38; John 12 and Mark 7:24-30.

The real problem as I see it, is trying to ascribe to Jesus what we would like Him to do in a given situation. Let me explain. A situation arises and we ask, "what would Jesus do?" To a certain extent, we have already predetermined what Jesus' response would be. If we think He should get angry, then He gets angry. If we think He should show compassion, then we decide that He would show compassion. If we are not careful, we will put our agendas in Jesus' lap.

If we really want the answer to the question, "what would Jesus do?" then we had better get to know Jesus really

well. Because He dealt differently with each situation, it will take a great deal of study, prayer and meditation to come up with the answer we seek. Some things are obvious. Jesus would *never* do the wrong thing. So when faced with a choice between right or wrong, we know He would choose the right and that he wants us to do the same. Unfortunately, the answer isn't usually that plain. Most situations that we face are grey areas, not black and white ones. So to answer the question, what shall we do as previously mentioned, we must know Jesus intimately.

There is no easy way to do this. We can't expect to know Him if we won't spend time with Him. A great preacher held a meeting for a congregation, and after the meeting was over, a young man approached him and said, "I would give half of my life to know Jesus the way that you do." The preacher responded, "Yep, that's what it will take." We need to invest time and energy into deepening our relationship with our Saviour. We need to remove the obstacles, set our priorities, and like Nike says, "JUST DO IT." The rewards for doing so are out of this world.

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There are many today who claim to know Jesus, but their lives and reputations betray them. To know Jesus is to not only learn about Him, but to be transformed because of Him. In Gal. 2:20, the New Testament writer says, "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." Here we are shown what happens when a person gets to know Jesus. There is a significant difference between *knowing about* Jesus and *knowing* Jesus. When we know Jesus personally, our lives are changed and we begin to recognize what Jesus would do.

What would Jesus do? There are a couple of principles that may aid us in answering the question. First of all, we know that Jesus came to promote and glorify His Father. So in every situation that He faced, that was foremost on His mind. When Jesus healed the sick, taught a parable, rebuked a hypocrite, raised the dead, and even when He went to the Cross; He did it all for the glory of God.

When faced with a situation, ask yourself this question: What decision would glorify God the most? If an answer does not come, pray, study and meditate. You will discover the best course of action.

Second, Jesus' purpose in becoming a man, was to help us. He came to offer us a better way of life and ultimately, to save us. So everything He did while among us was intended to see that happen. The instructions that He left with us were left to assist us in being better than we are. Above, I mentioned that Jesus turned people away when they sought an audience with Him, but one thing Jesus never did was refuse to help people. He was never too tired, too frustrated, or too caught up in His own problems to help those that needed Him. So when faced with a situation, ask yourself which choice will benefit others. Jesus was never self absorbed, so neither should we be. Jesus was concerned with what was best for others, the New Testament teaches that we should be more concerned with others than we are about ourselves (Philippians 2).

When trying to determine the best course of action, there are other questions that you can ask yourself. Such as (1) Would Jesus approve of what I am doing? (2) Would Jesus be seen with me where I am? Or (3) Would He be embarrassed about my choice of hang-outs? (4) Have I thought about the implications of this choice or decision? (5) What might the consequences be?

I believe that seeking the answer to the question, "What Would Jesus Do?", is one of the most noble things that we can do. But let us earnestly seek His will and not our own. If we truly want the answer, we must get to know Jesus. Do you know Him? Do you know Him intimately? Why not seek to deepen your relationship with Jesus today.

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Make Yourselves Servants

Ralph Williams

The other day, I discovered that I was the servant of a dog. The dog made a mess on the floor, and I had to clean it up. The dog wanted to go for a walk, and even though it was an hour before my normal time to get up, I walked the dog, knowing that if I didn't, I would have another mess to clean up. The dog was hungry, so I had to feed it.

The dog does everything I tell her to do. She's very loving, and she's fun to have around. But in order to be her master, I must also be her servant.

When you decide to have a child, or to get a dog, you rarely think too hard about what hard work it is. Yet it is a truism: the man who gets a dog - whether he wants it to guard his property, or play with his children, or simply to be a pet - the man who gets a dog becomes a servant to that dog. The man who begets a child becomes a servant to that child.

Usually, we think of things the other way around. "Let's have some children dear, to keep us company, and to support us in our old age." We think in terms of what we want to get, immediately or eventually. "Let's get that puppy, he's so cute," or "I need a dog to make sure my home is safe." We don't think too much, at least about changing the baby, or midnight feeding hours, or cleaning up messes on the floor. Those things are the essence of raising a child or a dog, but we don't think too much about them. It's probably a good thing too, or else there would be fewer children and dogs in this world.

We're all aware of this, even though we don't think of it in these terms. We have a very low opinion of those who don't take care of their pets. In North America, we have animal cruelty laws, and we confiscate those animals who are not cared for. According to the law, you must be a good servant to your pet, or you may not be his master any more.

We're even more aware of this when it comes to being a parent. Being a parent means two-o'clock feedings,

changing diapers, parent-teacher associations, little league, soccer league, band, varsity basketball/football/track/ whatever you may imagine, for about 20 years. And even after that, there are often wedding costs, loans, grandkids, etc. We are servants to our children for many years.

Again, we have laws and social expectations to enforce this. At first, a neglectful parent will be shunned by others, talked to by the child's teacher, scolded by the neighbors, family and friends. Eventually, the law will step in, and we take the children away. You must serve your child well, or lose the privilege of being parents.

This is not to say that we are not *maître chez nous*, "masters in our own house." Only, we recognize that in order to be master in one's own house, one must care for those within, be they spouse, child, or pet.

Many years ago, the Teacher taught an important lesson about serving each other. While his followers were being served supper, He took off his outer garments (so that He was attired as a servant), wrapped a towel around His waist, took water, and began to wash their feet. They were astonished, and wondered what this meant. Being their Lord and Teacher, He made himself their servant, and called for them to do the same. "I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you." He also told them, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be last, and the servant of all." And again, "whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven."

Shortly thereafter, the One who unquestionably is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven humbled himself, and made himself the servant of all mankind, offering himself as a sacrifice for all. He has been given the name which is above all Names; He has been given all authority in heaven and on earth; He is head of the body, which is the church, his bride which He cleansed. Some fellowships practice

foot washing, in an attempt to literally follow Jesus' example. They're often very proud of this. When they visit, they ask, "We wash each other's feet. Why don't you?" In doing so, they demonstrate that they've read the words, but missed the point.

In fact, any time we practice this kind of spiritual one-up-man-ship, we demonstrate that we've missed the point. We're no longer humbling ourselves. We're trying to push other people around, instead of serving them. We aren't following the Master's example.

As a preacher, I have to keep reminding myself of this. I'm not the boss, I'm the "minister". That means servant. It isn't my job to push people around; it's my job to serve them.

I like the lesson of the string. You can't push a string anywhere. It doesn't fight back, it just doesn't push very well. But if you try to lead the string, it will go anywhere you go. People are like that. We can't push them around, but like our Lord, we can lead them and they will follow us anywhere.

My dog is like that. If I send her to her nice warm bed, she will do so, but reluctantly and with many backward glances. My children weren't much better. But if I go ahead, she will happily follow me through the nastiest weather, rain, sleet, snow and wind, even forging ahead of me and frolicking around me. She knows who feeds her, who "serves" her.

We all need to be reminded of this occasionally. We need to remember Paul's Words: "Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ." Paul might as well have said, "make yourselves servants of each other," because that's essentially what these words mean. In all our dealings with each other, we need to keep this eternal perspective, as Paul says a few verses later, "since you know who is both their Master and yours in heaven."

*"make yourselves
servants
of each other"*

Donetsk, Ukraine

Total Commitment

Wayne Turner



What a shock it must have been for the apostles when Jesus took off his outer clothing, wrapped a towel around himself and started washing their feet. Imagine Peter's tone of voice when he declared "You shall never wash my feet." What a thought! Jesus, the teacher, was stooping down to do such a menial task. Peter, perhaps fearing that this would in some way degrade the teacher, initially refused, only to finally relent to the master's will. Whatever the thoughts and reactions his apostles experienced, Jesus made his point very clear: "I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you." Near the end of his earthly ministry, Jesus defined one of the most important qualities of those who would be his disciples - they are called to serve, not to be served. They are to follow his example, not only in washing feet, but in giving their lives in service to people in need.

Jesus challenged his disciples to deny themselves, take up their cross and follow him. The German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer noted that a cross is a place to die. The essence of the Christian life is to give everything in the service to God and to fulfill His ministry to other people. Paul expresses this thought in Ephesians 2:10 when he states, "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." God intended for Christians to be servants--we have been "saved to serve."

Jesus set the example for our service by giving his life on the cross for us. His was not a token gesture of service, but rather, an example of total commitment. The story is told of the hen who suggests to the pig that they show their appreciation for their farmer's care by providing him with a breakfast of eggs and bacon. The hen is puzzled by the pig's reluctance. Finally, the pig points out that for the hen, this breakfast would be easy--a mere byproduct. For the pig, however, providing the bacon would require total commitment. Bonhoeffer characterizes Christ's call, "When Jesus calls a man, he calls him to come and die." Jesus embodied the service that he calls us to give. "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends..." In laying down his life for ours, he calls us to give up our own lives in response to his love, both in "washing others' feet" and even to the point of death.

These ideas are not new. We have often repeated them. But do we really understand the challenge to live them? In modern times, how many Christians have died in service to others? Sometimes, we hear of individuals who lose their lives on various mission fields overseas. Occasionally, we even hear of it closer to home. Generally, Christians in North America enjoy safety and freedom. However, on Tuesday, March 24, Shannon Wright gave her life for someone else. She was the teacher who was shot and killed in Jonesboro, Arkansas, while trying to protect her students from bullets being fired by two

boys. Shannon, a member of the Bono, Arkansas congregation, intentionally stepped between one of the boys and the girl who was to be his next victim. As Shannon pushed the girl out of the way, she was shot in the chest and abdomen.

Shannon's action demonstrates the nature of Christian service. Obviously, she had not planned to become a hero or martyr that morning. There was no ulterior motive for her actions. When the shooting began, her only thought was for the safety of her students. Acting in the only way possible to meet the drastic need of the situation, she responded without any thought for her own safety. Her heart was committed to the welfare of others. Today, a young girl is still alive because of Shannon's action.

There is an important lesson here for us, as Christians. It is easy to become so caught up in our routines - in keeping our schedules, appearances and security - that we lose sight of our real purpose. This is especially true for congregations, where institutional survival goals (maintaining budgets, programs and buildings) may displace the genuine ministry and service that Jesus seeks from his people. Jesus was consumed by his ministry (John 2:17). He was not concerned about maintenance or personal survival. He wanted to help and to serve, even if it cost his life. He came to "seek and save that which was lost" and to give his life as a "ransom for many." Our role is to continue his ministry.

At a time where denominational churches, responding to religious consumerism, are marketing themselves through appeals to personal comfort and preference, perhaps what we, as Christians, really need to rediscover is the real sense of service and purpose to which Jesus has called us. There is no greater love or service that we could give than moving out of our personal comfort zones to give our lives serving others. This is the way of Christ.

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Building Bridges Pt 2:

Accident on the Bridge

Relationships really are similar to bridges in that they are sometimes frightening, can cover great distances, and they sway in the wind. Also while a bridge connects two points, a relationship connects two people; two people who might differ greatly in their likes and dislikes, their interest and their passions. It is our differences that cause accidents on these relationship bridges.

Just a few weeks ago there was a horrific accident on one of the on ramps here in Buffalo. It was one of those mornings that drivers dread. Visibility was low and sleet stuck to your face as you made your way to the car. Less than two miles from our apartment a scene was unfolding that would drastically affect several families. A disabled car was blocking the right lane and traffic was starting to gather behind it. The car managed to stop as did the van but the driver of the semi had glanced over his shoulder. We have all done this, we have glanced back to make a lane change and when we looked forward again we have had to jump on the brakes. Hopefully we stop in time. For the driver of the truck there was no room to stop. In an effort to avoid a collision, the truck began to change lanes but there was not enough room to negotiate the change. The truck clipped the rear of the van and then one of those it-could-only-happen-in-movies scenes unraveled. The van exploded on impact and the car ahead burst into flames as well. What had happened? Someone's eyes had stopped looking forward.

I do not think that the truck driver was guilty of any crime; the situation simply serves to illustrate what happens when we spend our time looking back. In life we spend our time looking back we often have a collision with

reality. History is full of people who are caught looking in the wrong place.

A crowd gathered at the foot of a tree. Right before their eyes hung the son of God and what were some caught doing but gambling over clothes. The Jews were looking for the savior but so great was their emphasis on the letter of the law that when He did walk amongst them they could not recognize him.

*We avoid accidents by keeping
 our eyes glued to the cross*

The old statement the "eyes are the windows of the soul" is at least partially true because if you follow the path of a person's eyes you will learn what that person's heart desires. If you are always noticing what people wear, drive or say you will gain some knowledge about them but you ultimately reveal yourself. Our central obligation has to be to keep our eyes on the cross. In doing so we become more like Christ. Paul stated that he had run the race, to be Christ-like while we may never fully complete the task we always keep our eyes focused on the one that we want to

be more like.

Focusing on Christ not only helps prevent accidents, it helps us deal with them when they happen. Even the best marriage has struggles. The greatest parents will, from time to time, have trouble with their children. So how do we clean up an accident of the relationship bridge? We look to the cross.

A son asked his father what he was looking at. The father replied, "I am looking at Jesus." The son replied, "I thought you were reading a book." We have to teach people where to look in time of crisis.

They are not yet thirty and they have four children. Three have been blessed with great health, one fights for life. Their youngest child needs major heart surgery at six months of age. Her surgery is scheduled and into the hospital she goes. There will be no surgery this day as her lung is collapsed and a heart valve is leaking. What do the parents do? They praise God. They do not thank God for the pain and the struggle, they simply wish the world to know that their eyes are on the cross.

In review there are two things to note. One, keeping our eyes forward on the cross helps prevent accidents. God warns us of the struggle and the pain that lies in the path of the believer. Secondly, focusing on Jesus helps refocus our relationships after there has been a crisis because it is God that teaches us to forgive and heal.

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You've Heard the Bad, Now for the Good

With this issue I begin to edit the Christian Youth column of the Gospel Herald. Why would someone who is 42 years old agree to edit a column for Christian Youth? Read on and you may find out. I want to emphasize that I have agreed to *edit* this column. I do not want to do all the writing myself. I am going to depend on each of you for help. I know that there are lots of budding writers out there, both young and old, who have something on their hearts that they wish to share. I am calling on you to write for this column, you do not have to fill the page, we can include a number of shorter articles. Please do not worry if your writing is not yet as polished as you would like it to be. Allow me to help you with some editing. If you would like to talk to me further about this, please call me at the numbers at the top of the page. Please include your telephone number with your articles. I may want to call to speak with you about it. I know that God will bless your writing.

I am calling on all who read these words to help me in getting the word out to as many as possible. Photocopy this page and pass it around to your young people. Encourage them to read it and to write for this column. Give subscriptions of the Gospel Herald to your young people. Suggest ways that we can improve our magazine as we seek to serve the body of Christ. Include us and our work in your prayers.

The news media is full of sensational stories of young people going bad, young offenders, repeat offenders and perpetual offenders. It would only be too easy for us to get the idea that all young people are bad and that this generation is lost. Wanting to begin my guardianship of this column on a positive note, I wish to present an alternative to what you may have read recently. I fully recognize that many young people live with no morals. That's the way they have been raised.

However many more live in ways that glorify God. They are growing into the image of Christ.

Before Christmas I heard a wonderful story of generosity. Two young women with incredibly busy schedules had found some "extra" work in order to earn some "extra" money so that they could be generous. They were filling a box with presents in order to brighten some child's Christmas. The box that they filled was the only thing under the tree for this child. They are very different from so many of their contemporaries who have Christmas lists that grow longer each year and who think of themselves first and use their busyness as an excuse to live for the moment and only for themselves. The generous spirit of these two Christian women shines brightly in our dark world.

I think of the many young men in each of our congregations that are ready to do any good work. They are up front leading in worship, beginning to discover their gifts and fan them into flame. They are a ready and willing source of help in good that needs to be done. All we have to do is ask. God's light shines brightly through their lives.

As I write this I await the arrival of 28 teens who will minister to us in song and fellowship this evening. They have each given up their March Break to encourage and edify the churches. They travel jammed into two vans, eating potluck, sleeping on guests beds, couches, cots and the floor for the opportunity to encourage and edify God's people.

Have you visited one of our Christian camps recently? Look around at the young people who have volunteered to serve as counsellors, Bible teachers, craft teachers and any other jobs that need doing. They serve because they love camp. Having been served well in their younger years they now seek the opportunity to serve. The light of God's love shines through their bright eyes.

Just so you don't think that Brian has

his head firmly in the sand, I have seen the other side. I have seen some young people drift away from God and his church as they grow more and more careless in their faith. I have seen others run away from God, the church and their parents in their pursuit of selfishness. I have begged young people with faces of stone and hearts to match to come back. I'm still hoping, waiting and praying. I have prayed with parents and shed tears with parents as we sought to reach their children with God's love and ours and then saw their children make fun of a love so foolish as to be selfless, so foolish as to continue to love even when rejected. I have screamed at God in frustration and tempted to give up more often than I care to admit. God, with patience, encourages me to hope that they may yet repent.

So I continue to hope, I see the power of God at work in the lives of young people. God is continuing to save them, His grace covering each and every sin and providing them with gifts/abilities to use in His service. God's love and generosity motivates them to serve selflessly.

Remember the question that we asked earlier? Why would a 42 year old agree to edit a column for Christian youth? I hope to facilitate your efforts to encourage each other by providing you with a voice on this page. I believe that you can encourage and challenge those of us who are older too. I know that you think that 42 is old. When I was your age I thought people who were 42 should be in a rest home. I believe that I have a few good years left and hope that I can spend them in providing you the same encouragement, teaching and opportunities that I was provided when I was your age.

Please give me an opportunity to come into your lives. Read this column each month and share it with others. Write for this column. I will help you to say what God has put on your hearts. Let's spur one another on toward love and good works. Pray for me, I pray for you often.

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Baptized for the Dead?

Bert Thompson

Although they can generate emotions ranging from annoyance to exasperation, there is one good feature that comes from using a personal computer: it teaches the operator to be accurate when loading a program. Even though the "&" key and the "*" key are side by side on the keyboard, they are by no means interchangeable. Substitute a colon for a semicolon or a comma for a period and the message on the screen is clear and plain. "Syntax error!"

The same principle applies in the interpretation of the word of God. There are definite rules to follow and whenever a contradiction in any given covenant becomes apparent, it is evident something has been fed into a meaning that doesn't belong. In other words, we are getting an "Error" message!

When the apostle Peter penned his second epistle to the Christians living in the Roman Provinces south of the Black Sea, he mentioned that in the writing of his fellow-apostle Paul, there were "some things hard (not impossible) to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort (twist) to their own destruction." (2 Peter 3:16) An instance of this is found in 1 Corinthians 15:29, that states "Otherwise, what will those do who are baptized for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why then are they baptized for them?" N.A.S.V.

QUESTION

The pressing question is: "What is this baptism for the dead?" This in turn produces related questions: Was it a practice confined to the church in Corinth? Is it related to similar distortions of the gospel? Why do we not find this terminology elsewhere? Can it be made to harmonize with the "one baptism" of Ephesians 4:4, which has been estimated to have been written about 5 years later? Has the practice been superceded ... And if so, when did it originate and when did it cease ... Or has it? Other queries may come to mind but these are sufficient to demand an answer from the word of God.

Some time ago while I was sitting in a class study of I Corinthians 15, this 29th verse came up for discussion. Very little was offered at first, by way of

explanation. It is rather hard to "make a defense" on matters that are rather "hazy" in our minds and this is a little unsettling for those seeking great knowledge.

Over the years it has been the writer's privilege to be confronted by various religious bodies whose tenets cannot be aligned with New Testament teaching. To ignore these claims is to add to their exultation, to speak the truth in love is Christian. It never does harm and who knows how much good may come of it?

Someone has said, "There is more faith in honest doubt than in all the creeds", and the honest soul, in seeking, will certainly find it.

One such sect is the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, better known as the Mormons. Its leaders have interpreted this 29th verse to mean baptism, by proxy for those physically dead. They thus afford false hope for relatives and friends, even acquaintances of those who have made no open profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. See Hebrews 11:6.

LET'S TRY SANTAX

In order to come to a meaningful answer to the questions asked we first appeal to the text and a closer examination of the original language. Our appeal is neither highly technical nor scholarly but is easily determined from regular and available lexicons. Carefully consider the following statements:

1. From its first mention in the gospel narratives, baptism (immersion) has always been the burial (in water of penitent believers) for the forgiveness of sins (Mt. 3:1-6; Mk. 1:1-5; Lk. 3:1-3 and Jn. 1:25, 31). Unless the context shows otherwise, it ought always to be so understood, as it was by the Ethiopian eunuch and the Corinthians themselves (Acts 8:36; 18:8).
2. The contextual difficulty in Corinth was the resurrection of the physically dead. It appears to have been a faith problem based on the possibility and nature of the resurrected body. The apostle takes pains to rectify this by holding up Christ, Himself, as a necessary example to establish our reason for faith (vs. 16-19).
3. An important point in verse 29 lies in

the word "dead". Unfortunately the English word "dead", per se, makes no distinction between the singular and the plural, making the word refer to the "dead in Christ".

4. Probably the most significant factor in arriving at the meaning of the verse lies the preposition "for" as it modifies both "the dead" and "them". It is noteworthy that the New Englishman's Greek Concordance of the New Testament lists 18 words translated "for" as well as several combinations.

The one used in the verse before us is "huper" and has several meanings, each determined by its case, which, in this instance is the genitive (possessive) in both noun and pronoun. "Over, above, beyond and across," although they may be used in the genitive, are not so found in the New Testament, according to Thayers Lexicon. It is used in the accusative (objective) but not in the genitive. Liddell and Scott render it "for the sake of." If we do something for the sake of another, we indicate we agree with that one or, in other words, we are on the same side as he or she. Possibly the best illustration of this is found in two places: Luke 9:50, where the Lord makes a salient point - "He who is not against you is for (huper) you," and in Mark 9:40) - "for he who is not against us is (huper) on our side." (N.K.J.V.)

GETTING IT TOGETHER

By combining the foregoing observations let us reconstruct 1 Corinthians 15:29. "Otherwise, what will those (living Christians) do who are baptized to be on the same side as the dead (Christians)? If the dead (in Christ) are not raised, why were people being baptized to be on the same side as they?"

QUESTIONS ANSWERED

The writer is fully aware that this is not the only interpretation of 1 Corinthians 15:29, yet it seems to satisfy all questions asked. Baptism for the dead was not unique in Corinth -- evidently doubting the resurrection was, primarily (See 2 Timothy 2:17, 18 for another related error). Baptism for the dead is the same baptism as mentioned in Ephesians 4:4. It began on Pentecost (Acts 2:38) and will not cease until the clarion call of the trumpet on the last great day (1 Corinthians 15:52). It is our responsibility to see that the gospel continues to be proclaimed as "the whole counsel of God". Amen.--St. Thomas, ON

Facts & Feelings



We strongly believe that God's word is a reasoned and reasonable presentation of His past dealings with man and of matters to do with our current relationship to Him. At the same time we affirm that feelings have a very important role in our religious lives. We need to individually search the scriptures to come to our own personal faith. Personal knowledge and conviction are very important but must result in appropriate feelings.

It is neither feelings without facts nor facts without feelings but rather a balanced union of the two. Our feelings of love or hate, benevolence or malice, joy or jealousy have much to do with our relationships with God, our brethren and the people of the world. They effect our attitudes and actions.

How do I feel towards God?

If I see God as a harsh judge and a vengeful punisher my feelings will tend towards fear and possibly resentment.

Fact: God loved the world so much that He gave His son to die a cruel death that believers might have eternal life rather than perish (Jno.3:16).

Feeling: Love for God. "We love because he first loved us." (I Jno.4:19).

Result: "If you love me, you will obey what I command." (Jno.4:15). We seek to learn and do God's will in all things.

How do I feel towards my brethren?

If I see my brethren as rivals, competitors or subversives, my feelings toward them might be fear, suspicion,

antagonism, dislike and jealousy.

Fact: These are those "for whom Christ died." (Rom.14:15).

Feeling: Love, compassion, concern and a desire to help, encourage and build up (Rom.15:2).

Result: We will make every effort to get along with each other and when differences arise will not delay to work towards reconciliation. "First go and be reconciled to your brother" (Mt.5:24) before coming to worship. Again, "... go and show him his fault ... If he listens to you, you have won your brother over" (Mt.18:15). We will be forgiving whether or not forgiveness is requested or restitution is made. We will never take the attitude that he will not get off easily, I will see that he pays for what he has done. What if God treated us this way? Sadly, the all too prevalent tendency towards estrangement between brethren seems to ignore our common birth, our kinship in Christ. Feelings of pride, selfishness, jealousy, hurt and anger often seem to overshadow those of love, kindness and concern. Angry, hurtful words are remembered and hurt feelings seem to be nourished and cherished so that brethren remain estranged for years. The admonition to get rid of wrong feelings the same day is forgotten (Eph.4:26). We can learn from Abraham who, when Lot wanted the best pasture, responded by letting him have his choice, for said he, "we be brethren".

How can we feel good or right about letting separations and divisions over hasty, hurtful words, personality conflicts, efforts to control and failure to deal with our differences continue? Why are we prone to read powerful passages

such as Colossians 3:12-14 and Ephesians 4:1-3 hastily and fail to give them equal weight with verses about how we become Christians or how we worship? God has gone all the way to accomplish our reconciliation to Him. How far do we go to be reconciled to one another?

Unless we demonstrate in an observable way that we love our fellow Christians, how will "all men" ever manage to identify us as disciples of Christ (Jno.13:35)? If there is any one thing that ought to stand out among the subjects of the Prince of Peace, it should be love and peace in their own relationships. Note, "above all these things" (Col.3:14); "giving diligence" (Eph.4:3).

These are not secondary matters!

Feelings that cause and/or prolong estrangement between brethren are wrong feelings. Such must be identified and we must "put them all away" (Col.3:8-10). Why do we delay?

How do I feel towards my enemies

If I see them as a threat to my happiness and well-being, I might feel fearful, antagonistic and even vengeful.

Fact: They are part of God's creation and he wants all to be saved (II Pet.3:9).

Feeling: Genuine concern for their salvation, desire to seek and save the lost.

Result: We return good for evil (Rom.12:20) and love and pray for them (Mt.5:44) and spend and be spent that they might be saved.

Let us control and direct our feelings that God might be glorified and we and many others might enjoy the blessings of salvation in Christ. -E.C.P

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Kingdom. If there is someone who is down and out or in trouble or needs a helping hand Harold and Mary are there to help. Their hospitality and giving is well known and each of us here has benefited from this generosity. One example is the facility that we have right now. Both Harold and Mary have donated countless hours in time, donated work, and even donated many sandwiches to help complete this project. We wouldn't be at this stage without them. Other places have also benefited from their help as well. Being semi-retired Harold has been able to help the Regina church with the roof on their building and also has helped out with a roof at Western Christian College in Dauphin.

Finally, one of the qualities of an elder is that he should have an ability to teach. Being a teacher I happen to know a few of the challenges in teaching. The one thing that I appreciate in Harold is his sincere desire to know what the scripture teaches and applying that to his life and encouraging others to do the same. Isn't that what Jesus, the master teacher did when He was here on this earth? In conclusion, Harold has modelled the kind of godly relationships that each of us should have at home, at work, among other people, or in the church family. I am thrilled that Harold has agreed to be an elder for the church family here where Harold and Mary can continue to build this congregation.

FROM THE BULLETINS

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The Grace of Giving

Harold Orr

Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him." (John 14:21).

In the Old testament the people of God were commanded to give a tenth of everything that they had to the Lord. As we examine their actual giving it amounted to close to 25%. During the time Jesus was on the earth the Pharisees carried this so far that they tithed even the herbs of the garden (Matt 3:23). This with many other things was so onerous that the apostle Peter said "Now then, why do you try to test God by putting on the necks of the disciples a yoke that neither we nor our fathers have been able to bear?" (Act 15:10).

God of course is the supreme giver,

For God so loved the that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16). In the New Testament we have so much said about giving that we could write a book on giving. Let me make a few points from the scriptures. "Do what I told the Galatian churches to do. On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income," (I Cor.16:1-2). 1. Every one is to give. 2. We are to give on the first day of the week (Sunday).

3. We are to give as we have prospered. "Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God

loves a cheerful giver." (II Cor.9:7).

4. We are to give generously.

5. We are to plan our giving.

6. We are not to give reluctantly but cheerfully.

7. God loves a cheerful giver. . . "Jesus said to them,And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life." (Matt.19:28-30). "Give, and it will be given you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap." (Luke 6:38).

8. We will receive many times more than what we give. "Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. "But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' "In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse--the whole nation of you--because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it." (Mal.3:8-10).

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Marriage

Edwin Broadus

One of the challenges faced by the church is to uphold the standards of God's word while continuing to minister lovingly to those who fall short of those standards. Changing attitudes and declining standards in the wider culture make this challenge especially acute in regard to marriage.

Jesus is absolutely clear about the permanence of marriage: "At the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' and said, 'for this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh...' Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate." When his disciples questioned him further about divorce, he stated emphatically, "I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, and marries another woman commits adultery" (Matthew 19:3-12).

The ideal, then and now, is marriage that lasts "till death do us part." Until death ends marriage, husband and wife must remain faithful to one another. But in the first century, as now, the church had to work with people who fall short of God's standard. In I Corinthians 7:10 Paul stated the ideal: "To the married I give this command (not I, but the Lord): A wife must not separate from her husband." But because some do separate, he added, "But if she does (separate), she must remain unmarried or else be reconciled to her husband." Christians

who leave their mates compound the problem by marrying again while they have a spouse to whom they can be reconciled (a possibility that remains as long as their spouse is alive and has not remarried).

What should be the church's attitude toward those who fall short of God's standard for marriage? When Jesus was presented with a woman "caught in adultery," he said to her, "Neither do I condemn you. Go now and leave your life of sin" (John 8:11). He showed a marvelous ability to oppose sin while affirming the sinner. When anyone repents and quits sinning, there is forgiveness. Jesus did not condone sin, and neither can we. But God forgives those who turn from sin, and so must we.

Marriages fail because someone has sinned. Those sinning need to repent of any sin contributing to the marriage breakdown. If there were more repentance there would be more reconciliations, for repentance brings change and righting of the wrongs that destroyed the marriage. When there is no repentance, there is often a desire to "get even" and to punish the other person, making reconciliation more difficult.

As a church our desire always is to help husbands and wives build loving and lasting marriages. If this fails, we want to encourage repentance and, wherever possible, renewal of broken marriages. And when marriages cannot be saved, we want to help those affected to rebuild their lives in right relationship with God.

--Beamsville, Ontario

FOR WOMEN BY WOMEN

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The Gift of Time

Iva Bryant

As a widow who has spent many years on earth passing through in this part of our eternal life, I have seen many trials. Some say I have had more than my share, but how do we know what is our share? I agree with the article in the February issue on this page that everything that happens is part of God's plan. Whatever happens in our lives we must always keep in mind and always remember that God is in control. Unfair? No, not unfair; we must learn to accept.

I appreciate Dr. Deepak Chopra's theory of "live for the moment". He says that the past is behind us and we cannot change it, and the future will take care of itself. But the moment is a gift from God, and that is why it is called the present.

I do draw on past circumstances to help me as a witness when I counsel. I have people who write to me from California to Canada, to Missouri and beyond for advice and help. With God's guidance, I do what I can. Some of these people tell me that I am special, but I tell them any good they see in me is Christ in me. That I am nothing in myself. I am grateful that they see in me that inner something that all Christians should have. But it is by His grace.

It is all in our attitude. I had so many surgeries that I lost count--three of them major--and I once said that I thought I had everything but cancer; so, God allowed me to have that experience also. I wasn't asking for it, but I think we should be more careful what we say. I continually thank him for these past 14 years since my cancer surgery. He still has need of me here. He truly uses these experiences to strengthen us through his grace so that we might be used in his service.

My children want me to get my life

story written because they know over the years how people have turned to me. Ed Bryant said I drew them like a magnet because of my great love and compassion for our fellow man. So, my son said even if my book never gets published, it would be a blessing to hand down through the generations in our family. That's pretty good for a kid who used to try to prove me wrong on things from spelling to you name it. I appreciate being appreciated; all of us do.

*Whatever happens in our lives,
we must always keep in mind and
remember that God is in control.*

Two years ago a doctor failed to put down the end flap on the examining table, having covered it so that I didn't know when he told me to climb up. The table rolled out from under me and up against the wall, dropping me hard on the floor. I am only now beginning to have a little ease from some of the pain. I never thought a person could suffer so much, and I have lived with pain much of my life but not like this. I repeatedly tell myself that God's grace is sufficient and that he does have a purpose for this. I have been literally a shut-in most of this time, but he has continued to use me. Mail and e-mail have kept me busy, besides different things I write, hopefully all to the glory of God.

One morning when I went to worship, a strange lady came up to me and said she just had to meet me. Wondering why, I received the response that I had come through those doors with the biggest smile like it was such a joy to be there that she wanted to get to know me. That is one thing people talk about all the time--my smile. In another of the congregations where I once

worshipped, a young lady told me I was such an inspiration because they never knew I was in pain unless I was limping. This was when I had my cancer operation. She said I was always smiling and so happy to see everyone. I don't think I am unusual in that, but that was the way she saw it. People talk about my smile, and although I was born with that disposition, God gave it to me.

I never had a home or family growing up, yet in the high school annual, teachers wrote "to a bright and cheery girl". Looking back, I wondered how I could have been since my teen years were so hard. Actually, all my life has been hard, and it still goes back to accepting and attitude. No matter what, we need to let our light so shine before men that they might see Christ in us. So, if they say something kind or complimentary, we can tell them that it is because of Him, not us. We all have trials and adversity in our lives, but it is up to us how we handle it.

In my several near-death experiences, I never had an out-of-body experience that people talk about nor did I see a light at the end of a tunnel. But I always have felt his presence and have known he was with me. Any time I went into surgery, I never once thought of dying. It just didn't cross my mind that some people do. I had such complete and total faith that he would keep me. Once they said that I hovered between life and death for five days. People were already deciding who would take my children so that they wouldn't be split up, and my son was brought home from Vietnam. But when my nephew called, I told him I was fine. The next day, he was there with my sister from Minnesota! Someone told him differently. God knows my complete faith and trust. I know that he is able. No matter what hand life deals me, I can do what I tried to teach my children to do. From an old song that will tell you how long I've been around, "Pick yourself up, brush your self off, and start all over again". We can do this by God's grace with a smile on our face, and weather whatever storms may be coming our way. We are his and we know he will carry us through.

--Dallas, TX



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ONTARIO

Ajax: The Richardson family have moved to London, Ontario and Dennis and Sheila Bromley are planning to start a church at Bradford.

Beamsville: The seniors had a special evening, March 28, including dinner and slides of the Niagara district. The ladies Bible discussion group met March 26.

Bramalea: The brethren took a special contribution on March 29 and gave Jon Straker \$1000 US towards his "Let's Start Talking" trip to Japan in June. Ann Marie Chadee, who is originally from Trinidad but previously attended at both London and Guelph placed membership on April 5. "Key to the Kingdom": Twenty six of the contacts that have been sent correspondence courses have responded by sending back the introductory lesson, 10 have sent back the second lesson and 5 have completed at least four of the lessons. We have had personal Bible studies with at least three of the students and are hopeful that we will have studies with several more.

Brantford: Forty young people and ten adults from six area congregations gathered on Mar. 6. The monthly evening devotion and fellowship, March 29, had as guest speaker, David Langman from St. Thomas. David Chadwell of Mississippi was to speak in a weekend meeting April 24-26.

Collingwood: Each fifth Sunday of the month the brethren have a local member speak. Paul Mazur spoke March 29. Ten people attended the Georgian Bay Area Singing at Owen Sound. The next one is planned in Meaford for June 7. A devotional was conducted for the people at Sunset Manor and another devotional was being planned for Bay Haven residence on April 17.

Fenwick: The young people and their families fellowshiped on Merritt Island on April 13. The Moores hosted a crokinole party on March 27 and Paul is hosting a Bible reading time on Thursday nights.

Bill Hipwell, longtime member here, passed away on March 19. The Turner family made a trip to Kentucky due to the passing of Barbara's mother on March 26.

Sarah Joy Maddeaux was baptized in Port Colborne on March 22 and Andy Wilson in Fenwick on the 29th.

Grimsby: March 1, the "Living Waters" singing group was present to teach some new songs. On Sunday evenings, the congregation has been viewing a series of videos on the Bible lands. The ladies prayer group meets Thursday morning at 10 a.m. And the ladies Bible class on Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m. The Jeff Cobb family was planning to be with the congregation on April 26. The Cobbs are moving to Grimsby from Colorado in July, to work with the church. Jonathan Cox, a GLBC student from Newmarket, was a guest speaker on March 22.

Guelph: On April 4 and 5 Lewis Mutuma had a special meeting in Guelph at the Evergreen Senior Centre. Graham Amy survived an emergency colostomy operation on Saturday, March 14, and is recuperating at home.

Newmarket: This year's "Training For Service" on April 10 had over 500 present at North Albion Collegiate in Etobicoke. The congregation had a month end 'Singspiration' and fellowship Sunday, March 29.

Niagara Falls: A spring break VBS was held March 16-18, with students from Oklahoma Christian University teaching the classes.

Omagh: A 'come and go' tea was to be held on Saturday, April 25, for Willa Johnston to celebrate her 70th birthday.

Ottawa: The Ottawa ladies are planning a special Ladies Day for June 12 - 13, inviting ladies from throughout the province.

Owen Sound: The budget for 1998 was set at \$840 per week, up from \$775 in 1997. The increase in giving has been such that they have been able to undertake, above the budget, a Student Assistance Program, assisting Mike McCabe in his studies at Great Lakes

Bible College in Waterloo. Mike is a second year student from Sarnia and will be coming to Owen Sound on a regular basis to be involved in activities with the church. Walter Hart will be conducting a 'Coping With Stress' seminar in Owen Sound on April 25 in the Owen Sound Library. Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 20-24. March was Missions month in the Bible school, where students were encouraged to write to missionaries. On March 22, Ralph Perry presented a report with slides on the work in Nigeria. The congregation is contributing \$500 to help sponsor Key to the Kingdom on Vision TV. The Owen Sound Ladies Renewal weekend is scheduled for September 18-20. This year's theme is "Light the Fire." The GLCC chorus sang on Friday, April 3, and the Georgian Bay Area Singing was hosted by Owen Sound on April 5.

Sault St. Marie (Pinehill): The monthly singing was held on February 25. On the 28 a 'come and go' tea was held for Barbara Myers 60th birthday. The winter sleigh ride party was held on March 7 and March 17. The GLCC chorus performed. Ron Pauls was to hold a weekend seminar on Communication and Marriage the weekend of April 17-19. On March 14, the brethren at Blind River had a 'come and go' tea for Shirley Merritt on her 65th birthday. The brethren plan a "Homecoming" on July 11 and 12. Speakers from the past will be Guy Stopard, Jim Casey and Elgin Whitfield.

St. Catharines: There was much rejoicing as Nicole Knutson, was buried with Christ in baptism on Friday, March 20 and Eric Knutson made his decision to obey the Lord on Monday, March 23. Sister Gladys Hallett passed from this life to be with her Lord, on Wednesday, April 8. A memorial service was held at the St. Catharines church building at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14.

St. Thomas: Katie Langman was baptized into Christ by her father, David on March 31.

Stratford: On Saturday, March 7, the congregation took a sugar bush excursion with a pancake lunch in the bush, at the Donley's farm. GLCC chorus sang March 19. VBS is planned for July 13-17. The Stratford brethren

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NEWS

- PRAIRIES -



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Manitoba

Carman: On February 22nd, Valerie Oughton put her Lord on in Baptism. Hugh Gannon, our preacher, spoke in Yorkton, SK. On March 21-22.

The Carman Lectureship was held on April 10-12 with Dr. John Bailey as the featured speaker.

A Ladies Day is planned for May 9th. The theme is Prayer.

Dauphin: A "Change and Choice:

Options For Growth" Seminar is planned for April 24-26. Jim Hawkins will explore the whole area of change. The goal is to learn how to make change a positive rather than a negative factor in your life.

The Western Christian College Youth Rally is scheduled for May 15-17.

Winnipeg: The angels in Heaven rejoiced on March 15th, when Rhonda Riffell confessed her faith in Jesus and was baptized for the remission of her sins.

On March 14th, Earle Davis and Wendy Tucker were united in marriage.

Our congregation is hoping to appoint three new elders later this month.

Saskatchewan

Regina: The April 10-12 Spring Renewal featured Carroll Osburn of Abilene, Texas with the theme, "Take Up Your Cross".

Four Regina couples participated in the

His Needs/Her Needs Facilitators Training Weekend and a nine week marriage enhancement series began the last week of March.

Weyburn: On Thursday, March 12th, Roger Deschambault was baptized after he confessed his belief that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Roger then stayed in the water to assist in baptizing his wife, Doreen, after she confessed her faith. We rejoice that God has added you both to the number of those who are saved!

Clearview Christian Camp: May 3rd is Camp Emphasis Day. Please pray for and consider how you might help this year's camp. May 23rd is Camp Workday. Anyone wishing to volunteer to help set up the camp for the 1998 camp season is encouraged to join us. For more information, contact Tim Pippus, Kevin Vance, Mike Parker or Jeff Harris.

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have invited anyone who is coming to visit the Stratford Festival to stay with the brethren while they attend the festival.

Sudbury: The fifth Sunday evening service was a song service with refreshments to follow. A fellowship night was planned for the adults on Saturday, April 4. The Sudbury brethren, with Peter Morphy leading, are sponsoring the 20/20 Vision Soul Winning Workshop at the Tintern Church of Christ on August 7 and 8. "Twenty five lessons will be presented by 12 respected church leaders. Each lesson will be practical, motivating, encouraging and inspiring."

"We are beginning an active campaign to reach those in this area." The brethren meet every Tuesday evening and Saturday mornings to reach out into their community with the Gospel.

Thunder Bay: On March 15, Marvin MacDonald brought the Sunday morning lesson. Marvin and Ursula with their children, were visiting. Kim Wark and Jeff Morancy were married on April 3.

Tintern: The Dickie family, Marv, Judy, Lori and Byron placed membership. The community Service Ministry was organizing visiting teams for the seniors and shut-ins. A special program was conducted by 25 students and staff from York College. A celebration of friendship day took place on April 5. The brethren are planning to have the His Needs/Her Needs Facilitators Training Seminar for May 22-24.

Toronto [Bayview]: A summer internship program is planned for the three months, June through August. Remuneration for the period would be \$2600. The congregation is collecting food for the Chester Public School breakfast program. The Bayview men's retreat is planned for Saturday, May 23.

A web site is now provided at: <http://members.xoom.com/Bayview>.

Toronto [Strathmore]: On February 22 Freidia Adjei was baptized and on Wednesday, February 25, Albert Etienne was born again into Christ and Christina Kourtsidis was

baptized by Moses Velasco on March 12. In the Spanish work, Santiago Molina baptized Lorena Y. Molina and Victor Montano on March 8. Four members were involved in the Gilbert and Sullivan Presentation at the end of April.

Waterloo: Financial assistance was given recently to Jorge Kruz so that he could visit his mother in Central America. The brethren were planning a 'Bucks for Bibles' program to help churches in Zimbabwe. An evangelism group has been started. The Spanish ministry held a Hispanic Activity weekend with Henry Ronciano, of Dallas, as the feature speaker on April 10-12 with Spanish brethren coming from several cities. On April 5, Lillian Barnes, formerly from Bramalea, placed membership with the congregation. Lillian moved into the same apartment as Eileen Dale, long-time travelling companion. The GLCC chorus sang on the evening of April 5. The ladies banquet was to be held April 28.

Welland: A group of 12 college students from Lubbock Christian University held a four-day VBS during the March break. During this time we enrolled 10 new children who will hopefully attend our monthly Kids for Christ and Wonderful Wednesdays programs. We have also started a new pre-teen group that will meet weekly under the direction of Amber Forman. We rejoice that three of our members were restored in the month of April. The members are looking forward to the arrival of their new preacher, Nadeem Sabir, just as soon as his support is in place.

Jim and Carol Oliver have returned to the Lord and to their church family.

NEW YORK

North Buffalo: The brethren are having a Saturday class on Romans at 6 p.m. And the ladies picked new prayer sisters on March 8.

MICHIGAN

Ann Arbor: Sally Marshall was baptized on March 8 and Paul and Kelly Brown with their two girls placed membership and Andrea Mellan from the Hancock church was welcomed.

NEWS

- FAR WEST -



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BRITISH COLUMBIA

Ming Paul Lee: Dick Ady of "World English Institute" encouraged the Nanaimo community of believers in world evangelism, Bible correspondence study and 6 weeks of teaching English and Bible in Albania this summer. Invite him to speak to your fellowship on this important topic.

Suganya J. Lee is thankful and joyful for the opportunity of the medical mission/ministry in Papua, New Guinea. Thanks for your love, letters and support. "It seems so little to us, but it makes a big difference here." When we walk in love and faith, we encourage and challenge Canadian nurses "to give" a few weeks of their lives, for an extraordinary experience. Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God.

I'm writing and compiling a book, which I hope to print in the year 2000 in India. If you can help, please send your stories and quotations. This is a ministry to encourage believers around the world. One thousand copies of my first book, "Saintly Attitudes" were published in Singapore.

The Central Valley Church in Abbotsford is hosting an Evangelism and Soul Winning Training Seminar with Bob Danklefsen from West Monroe, Louisiana on May 8-12, 1998. Bob is the Personal Work Director for the WE CARE MINISTRIES with the White's Ferry Road Church in West Monroe. He and his team conduct these training seminars throughout our brotherhood. Bob is a very gifted man in reaching the lost and in training others to do the same. Friday through Sunday we will learn, in a class setting, how to initiate salvation dialogue, get around smoke screens, share the gospel, and be ready to give an answer when objections arise. Monday and Tuesday will be reserved for on the job training.

Bob will accompany those of us who have set up prearranged studies where he will show us how to apply the principles we have learned.

ALBERTA

Calgary: March 15, a potluck was held after worship services to honour the dedication Cecil and Lavine Bailey have shown to this congregation over the years.

Shyla Rey was baptized and added to the Lord's family on Friday, March 13.

Moms & Tots organized a Kanga-Gym on March 20 for all children from babies to kindergarten age.

Saturday, March 21, ladies' day was held. Marion Hobbs and Cathy Cutting were the speakers.

April 3-5, Jack Exum came to Calgary for our spring seminar. The weekend theme was entitled "Three Unusual Days".

Wednesday, April 15 services were a Good Ol' Fashion Sing-Song. It was heart filled praise to God and some great fellowship. Following was a potluck snack.

"Acapella" is coming to Calgary, May 10th.

Alberta Bible Camp will be August 14-18 at Pine Lake. Exciting plans are already in progress and we are expecting record attendance this year. "Three is Free" is a new program this year that means if you bring 3 friends from outside of this church, you go free!

Edmonton: Scott and Jennifer Bucyk were baptized into Christ on Thursday, March 19. We rejoice that God has added them to the church. Jennifer is the daughter of George and Margaret Saunders, who were baptized last fall. They first heard of the church through the Key to the Kingdom

television ministry. Gerry Bibaud preached the 'Theme Sunday' sermon on March 1. The sermon was titled "Doing Vs. Being." The lesson was focused on the beatitudes, and on the idea that we are to be different, not just act differently.

David Hotchkiss was installed as an elder on March 8, and Collin Jacques was installed as a deacon at the same time. We rejoice to see these men acknowledged for their commitment and leadership. Collin will be looking after the sound room and taping of lessons.

Steve Maw and Michelle Bulger exchanged wedding vows on March 14 at the Faculty Club at the University of Alberta. Many in the congregation celebrated with the couple. The new couple will be making their home in Edmonton.

The second congregational men's retreat was held on March 20-22. We had an excellent turnout, with 41 men attending full or part-time. Marc Laplante and Rob Burnstad gave their first public lessons. David Hotchkiss, Marty Clark, and David Ford also gave lessons. We were all challenged to live lives that are called to be different, led by the Spirit, no longer blind, and make every moment count.

The Alberta Spring Fellowship weekend was April 10-12. This year's speakers were Michael Tackett, from the Key to the Kingdom TV program, and Max Craddock, from Toronto. They spoke on "The Kingdom of God." We invited all the people who had responded to the Key to the Kingdom television program. Michael and Max visited congregations throughout Alberta during the week following the lectureship, to raise awareness of and support for this TV ministry.

--contributed by David Ford

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BOOK REVIEWS

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

What's So Amazing About Grace? By Philip Yancey, R.G. Mitchell Family Books, 292 pages, paper, \$17.99 (Can.). Do you remember the chart sermons we used to preach on Grace and Faith? On one side of the chart we listed God's Grace and other matters we described as "God's side", then we listed on "Man's Side" Faith,

Repentance, Baptism, etc. Although this chart was basically correct, it could have given the wrong impression: that our part was equal to God's part!

As much as anyone, we in Churches of Christ need the message of this landmark book. In fact the author mentions Churches of Christ among those who "all have their own custom agenda of legalism." Of course, it is equally true that those who overstress grace can ignore what God says we must do to accept that grace.

Philip Yancey is an outstanding evangelical writer. Previously we reviewed his book, "The Jesus I Never Knew." He is an extremely capable author. Robert A. Seiple, President of World Vision says "This is beyond a doubt the very best book I have read from a Christian author in my life..." He uses illustrations from every walk of life in a most effective way. It is a genuine pleasure to read his books and articles. But when explaining grace and referring to Romans 6, he completely ignores what it says about baptism, (which is the perfect Biblical example showing the meaning of grace). So read this book with your Bible at your side (as with all books) and you will learn how so many things in our lives can illustrate the wonderful grace of our loving Father.

At The Feet Of The Master Teacher by Daniel H. King Sr., Guardian of Truth Foundation, Bowling Green, Kentucky, 213 pages, \$14.95 (U.S.).

The author has spent many years studying and writing about the great theme of this book. He has studied at many universities, including Lipscomb, Harding and Vanderbilt. He is now a minister in Nashville.

He points out that in the Gospels, Jesus is viewed primarily as a teacher. "The insights of Jesus need to be newly explored with a view toward reacquainting ourselves with those features of true learning that have been so frequently and tragically overlooked by so many." Also, he quotes H.H. Horne, who, in the early part of our century, asserted that "our methods of moral and religious education will not be perfected until we have sat at

the feet of Jesus - the Master Teacher."

King surveys teaching in the ancient near East and Greece, including the great philosophers such as Plato, Aristotle, Zeno and Epicurus and concludes, "None of them was able to leave the following generations an ethic that would survive all attempts at extinguishing it and every effort to ignore it. This, only Jesus was able to do." He considers "Teaching and Learning" among the Greeks, Romans, Jews, and the Dead Sea Community which produced the famous scrolls and demonstrates the superiority of Jesus to them all. His studies of Jesus as "A Teacher Sent From God" are most instructive and encouraging. These principles need to be studied and taught by Christians today to demonstrate to our confused world the superiority of the teachings of Jesus and the need to apply them in our lives.

Making Love Last Forever by Gary Smalley, Word Publishing, 277 large pages, \$21.99 (U.S.).

Gary Smalley is one of the best known speakers in North America on marriage and the family. He has sold over eight million videos and is recommended by many well-known people like John Gray, Connie Sellecca and John Tesh. He has been featured on hundreds of radio and television shows.

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Key to the Kingdom

After participating in the Alberta Spring Fellowship in Edmonton, Michael Tackett, speaker for the Key to the Kingdom T.V. series, and Max Craddock of Toronto visited Alberta churches to discuss this program

The result of these broadcasts are very encouraging. At least 11 baptisms are known to have resulted and an average of 57 calls for Bible Courses are received each week. Congregations are encouraged to advertise the series locally.

A special collection taken on April 12th in Edmonton brought in \$24,000 to help finance this program. Churches and individuals are encouraged to participate financially.

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GLBC to Add Third Year Courses

Courses leading to the Bachelor of Religious Education, a three-year degree Program, will be included in the 1998-99 curriculum as Great Lakes Bible College enters its third year since reactivation. Applications are presently being received for the Fall term that begins September 8.

The GLBC board of trustees at its May 4 meeting will finalize the application of the Alpha Barlow endowment. Sister Barlow of Brantford who passed away on June 23, 1997 left a bequest of \$14,258 to the Bible college.

Two Beamsville couples recently donated their libraries to GLBC. S. F. and Maxine Timmerman, in preparation for their retirement move to Searcy, Arkansas, presented the bulk of their books to the college. The Timmerman collection reflects their life-time work as missionaries in Belgium and Quebec and their more recent service to the GLCC School of Bible and Missions and the church in Welland. Tony and Thelma

Mukitus, both experiencing declining health, felt that their books would serve a better purpose where they could be accessed by students on a daily basis. A number of these books were collected by Thelma while she was enrolled as a part time student in a number of SBM courses.

The Owen Sound Church of Christ has invited GLBC student Mike McCabe of Sarnia to serve as a student assistant. The congregation will help support Mike in his living costs and provide him with opportunities for hands-on experience. Walter Hart, the preacher at Owen Sound, will work directly with Mike. This valuable opportunity adds a "we learn by doing" dimension to Mike's training and helps to ease the challenge of funding a Bible college education. Other congregations are encouraged to consider this arrangement.

Seven GLBC students participated in a field education activity in Bramalea during February 22-25. Directed by Walter Straker, local preacher and GLBC

teacher, the students engage in training, house-to-house contacts, and survey visits to members' homes. They conducted the Sunday worship service at Bramalea as well. The students prepared for the activity by doing assigned readings in advance and followed up the experience with both a written report and a paper analyzing their work. The field education course earns one credit hour.

An opportunity to link two Bible colleges will be realized when GLBC principal, Geoffrey Ellis participates with the Nigerian Christian Bible College in short course teaching for the NCBC students and in a seminar offered to Nigerian preachers during May 18-June 6. An annual event, the Huffard Preachers' Seminar recognizes the pioneer work of Elvis Huffard in Nigeria who conducted the seminar on ten occasions. Ellis accepted the Invitation to share in these activities from Henry Huffard, president of African Christian Schools, Nashville, the foundation that sponsors NCBC.

--Geoffrey Ellis

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Persecution in Laos

On January 30, 44 brethren were arrested in Vientiane, Laos during a bible study. A few were released soon afterwards and 20 more in two weeks but 15 were held for 60 days. Of these, three grandmothers were freed, eight others received three year terms and two received two year terms.

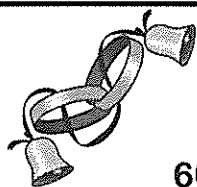
Many Christians around the world are contacting their government representatives, their ministers of Foreign affairs and the representative from Laos protesting this violation of human rights and urging the release of these brethren. Let us also pray that their appeal will be successful.

Jonesboro Deaths

In the Jonesboro, Arkansas shooting at the Westside school, the lady teacher who was fatally shot, Shannon Wright, was our sister, a member of the Bono congregation, as was a second teacher, Lynette Thedford, the wife of an elder in the same congregation, who was injured. Lynette is in stable condition. One of the students who was shot, Candice Porter, age 11, and two more students who were shot were from Christian homes

DEATHS: - J.W. Treat, who worked with Abilene Christian and the Spanish work in both the U.S. and Mexico for many years passed away February 17.

- Karla Faye Tucker, died by execution in Texas. She had become a Christian in prison in 1986.



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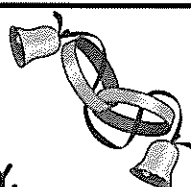
Their family invites you to join them as they honor their parents at the Elks Hall in Elkhorn, Manitoba on Sunday June 14th. Tea from 2:30pm to 5:00pm. Program at 3:00pm. Gifts gratefully declined.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ELFORD AND MARGARET BELL

*of Gravelbourg, Saskatchewan
as they celebrate their*

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

Their family invites you to join them for this special celebration on Sunday June 28th in the Lions Den in Gravelbourg, Saskatchewan. Actual anniversary is June 9. Tea from 3:00pm to 5:00pm. Program at 4:00pm. Gifts are gratefully declined.



Mission News Russia

Legislation named (or misnamed), "On the Freedom of Conscience and on Religious Associations," was voted in by the Russian Duma last September and signed by Boris Yeltsin. It restricts the activity of religious groups that have been in Russia fewer than 15 years. "Non-traditional" faiths are subject to burdensome legal, financial, and operational restrictions.

Stuart McAllister, general secretary of the European Evangelical Alliance, states that this law "will deny religious groups many rights, including being able to publish any literature, use any media, educate any clergy, invite any foreign guests, hold any services in public buildings like hospitals, or allow clergy to avoid military service." This appears to be the result of the influence of the Russian Orthodox Church.

Ukraine

The following are excerpts from a longer report received from Ralph Williams on Donetsk, Ukraine.

The attendance at my Tuesday night class "is small, but I've got a core of young men who are asking tough questions and who are learning a lot. . . . These men are all active both in attendance and in taking part in worship, and I have high hopes that they will continue to grow and lead."

"We had another baptism on Monday night. . . . Dema announced that he wanted James to baptize him in the sea. . . . James baptized his first convert."

"Twyla also has been having interesting questions in her classes. . . about the nature of baptism, and about infant baptism. . . therefore on the role of women in the church. . . these women are accustomed to running things, and to ordering men around, and they aren't accustomed to men who lead."



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OBITUARIES

Wilma Evira Woodhouse

Wilma Elvira Woodhouse was born June 11, 1928 to the late Morris and Hannah Cann on their farm just east of Griersville, Ontario. She passed from this life into a better one March 14, 1998 in the Meaford General Hospital.

Growing up on the farm, Wilma helped with daily chores in both the house and the barn. Her family attended the Church of Christ and Wilma was baptized into Christ's body at a young age. At home she was taught family values, respect of elders, and the value of Christianity. She remained faithful to her Lord throughout her life, serving many years in the church in Heathcote.

Wilma met Arnold Woodhouse in the summer of 1945 and they were married June 11, 1947. She and her new husband moved to the farm near Heathcote where they lived together until her death and where Arnie still resides. This past June they celebrated 50 golden years of marriage.

As a mother, she exposed her children to Christian living, teaching them right from wrong, and always making herself available to discuss life's problems. She actively participated in the life of her family, her community and her church.

Wilma will be missed by her husband, Arnie; four daughters: Bernie and her husband, Jim, of Oakville, Sharon of Collingwood, Janet and her husband, Keray, of Rocklyn, Julie and her husband, Bruce, of Fullerton; one son, Randy, and his wife, Jennifer, of Heathcote; nine grandchildren; one great-grandson; five sisters and two brothers. One sister preceded her in death. She will also be missed by other family members, loving brothers and sisters-in-Christ, and a vast host of friends.

Wilma's last few months of life were involved in a severe struggle with cancer. But, through all the pain, she maintained a sweet disposition, a courageous faith, and a deep concern for her family and friends.

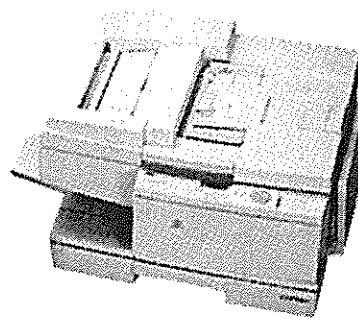
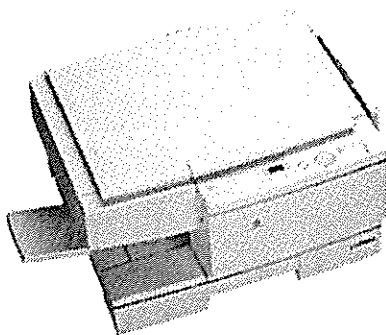
Memorial services were conducted at the Meaford Church of Christ on March 17, 1998. Some observed that the number attending the services was the largest in memory to attend a funeral in that building; a great testimony to a great lady. Peter McDonald led congregational singing and Calvin Russell assisted the writer in a tribute of praise; in praise of God and in praise of Wilma's life.

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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., 590-2090.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

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

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

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

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NEW YORK STATE

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

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

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

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

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

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

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

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

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ICE LAKE (Manitoulin Island): 1 1/4 mi. S. of Hwy. 540; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Mon. 7:30; Les Cramp, ev. (705) 282-0974; Peter Tallman, sec., R.R. #1, Mindemoya, P0P 1S0, 377-4555.

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

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

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

LONDON: 1750 Huron St., N5V 3A2; (519) 455-6750; Sun. 9:30, 11; Call for mid-week opportunities. Harold Byne, ev., 645-0575; FAX 645-6037.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PETERBOROUGH: The Lions Center (corner of Hunter St. & Burnham); Lord's Supper/Classes, 10-11, Preaching 11-12; 323 Lindan Ave., K9L 1K9; Peter McPherson, ev.(705) 742-5549; Shaun Parks (705) 876-7104.

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

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

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

ST. CATHARINES (Garden City): Ina Grafton Gage Home (Elm Room), 413 Linwell Rd.; Sun. 9, 10, 11; Wed. 7; c/o Roy Diestelkamp, ev. 123 1/2 Keefer Rd., Thorold ON L2V 4N1, ev. 227-8336.

ST. THOMAS: 60 S. Edgeware Rd. N5P 2H6; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Brian Thompson, ev., (519) 633-2210 (off), 633-2646 (res.).

SARNIA: 796 Errol Rd. E., N7V 2G7; Sun. 9:30, 10:45, 6:30; Wed. 7; Len Dennis, 542-3260; Drew Chapados, ev., 542-6520; e-mail: searofc@btech.net.

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

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

SELKIRK: 1/4 km. N. of village; Sun. 11, 10; Wed. 7:30; Box 13, N0A 1P0.

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

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

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

STRATFORD: 478 Brunswick St., N5A 3N6; Sun. 10:15, 11:30; Wed. 7:30; (519) 273-5280; John Brush, 271-9416; Larry Hoover, 271-9545; Joseph Kippax, 744-3439; David Ross, 744-2872; George Mansfield, ev. 272-1714; e-mail: gmansfld@quadro.net.

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

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

THESSALON: 8 Albert St. off Hwy. 17; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; Eric White, RR 2, P0R 1L0 (705) 842-6533; Murray Smith, ev., 842-2741.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TRENTON-BELLEVILLE: Clarion Inn, 211 Pinnacle St., Belleville; Sun. 9:45; 10:45, p.m. in homes; Tues. p.m. in homes; P.O. Box 22049, Trenton Center, Trenton, ON K8V 6S3; M. McDonnell (613) 969-0741; J. Short 965-1079.

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

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

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

WINDSOR (West Side): 2255 Totten St., N9B 1X6 (E. of Huron Church Rd.); 254-6262 or 945-4851; Sun. 9:45, 11, 5:30; Wed. 7:30; Al Meakes, ev., 2911 Forest Glade Dr., N8R 1L4; (519) 735-7436.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

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

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

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

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

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

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PERRYVILLE: 20 mi. S. Wynyard on Grid 640; Grid Rd., 7 1/2 mi. W., 2 mi. S. of Wishart; 15 mi. NE of Punnichy; Sun. 11, 10; Box 158, Wishart, S0A 4R0; 835-2681.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

YORKTON: 550 Parkview Rd., S3N 2C7; Sun. 10:15; Wed. 7:00 p.m. (call for locations); Randy Fiske, ev. (306) 782-4662 (res); 783-6877 (bldg); Harry Meakes, sec. 783-6850.

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

CALENDER

MAY

3-6.....Gospel Meeting "The Unbelievable Riches of Christ", Sarnia, ON, by Charles Brown of E. TN School of Preaching

8-12.....Evangelism Training Seminar by Bob Danklefsen of WE CARE MINISTRIES - Central Valley Church in Abbotsford, B.C. 15-17

15-17.....W.C.C. Youth Rally

17.....Acappella - North Bay, ON

JUNE

21-23.....15th Anniversary in Meaford

JULY

11-12.....Homecoming - Pinehill, Sault St. Marie

21-23.....Vision Canada '98, Dauphin, MB

13-17.....VBS at Stratford, ON

AUGUST

7-8.....20/20 Vision on Evangelism - Tintern, ON

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

**150TH ANNIVERSARY
MEAFORD CHURCH OF CHRIST
SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 1998**

We invite you to join us as we celebrate !

AGENDA FOR THE DAY

8:00 am Sunrise devotional at the old Cape Rich site

Dr. Claude Cox will address the group
(bus leaves the Meaford church building at 7:30 sharp)
(phone Ken Cornfield at 519-538-3389 to reserve a seat)

10:30 am worship service with Jim Woodroof as speaker

A time for encouragement for us to remain faithful children of God

12:00 pm lunch at the Meaford arena

(This is a bring-your-own-lunch with beverages provided)
There will be two hours for visiting and sight-seeing

2:00 pm 'Praising God in Song'

Singing group, "Free Indeed"
Traditional and contemporary songs

Area-wide congregational singing

NOTES

All activities (except Cape Rich tour) are at Meaford arena

Historical exhibits will be at the church building for viewing
(if you have pictures, stories, etc., bring them with you to share)

Our church history book will be available at cost for those who are
interested

Contact Bill Schwarz at 519-538-1750 for more information