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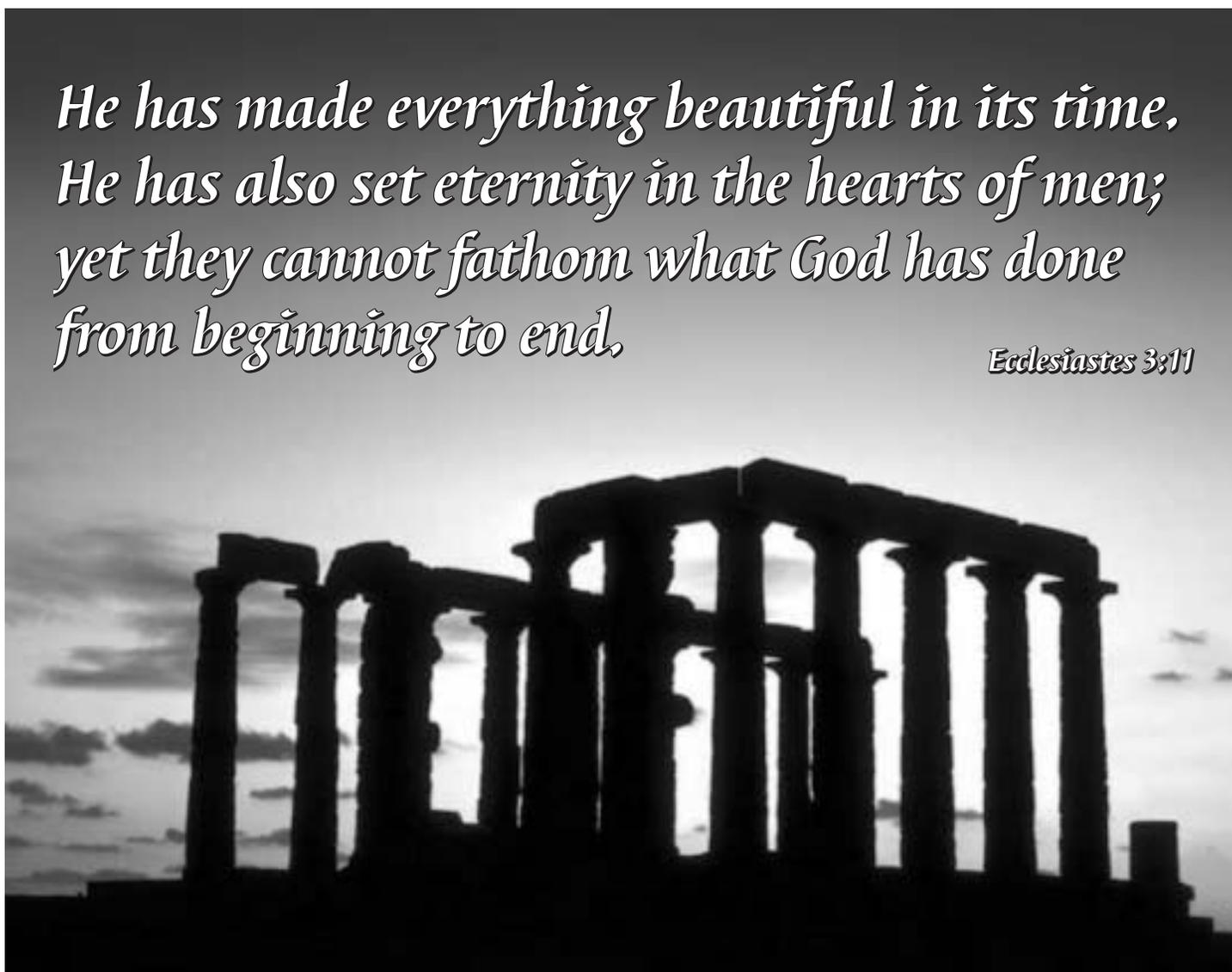
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*He has made everything beautiful in its time,
He has also set eternity in the hearts of men;
yet they cannot fathom what God has done
from beginning to end.*

Ecclesiastes 3:11



Man has gained joy from the building of magnificent structures, producing great works of art, and various physical accomplishments—all of which will crumble with time. However, man made in God's image is made for eternity with God. Magnificent physical accomplishments will end. A life lived in obedience to God is eternal.

Conviction or Compromise

Roy D. Merritt

Christianity without conviction is Christianity without purpose. Moreover, and more importantly, it is not really Christianity but a faint shadow of what its Author and Lord intended it to be. For many twenty-first century Christians, the faith of their fathers has been replaced by a half-hearted religion of convenience and limp resolve. Faith took men and women into the amphitheatre of Rome singing hymns as they prepared to die by the swords of gladiators or the fangs of fierce animals. The Apostle Paul warned Christians of that age to “be careful how you walk...because the days are evil” (Ephesians 5:15,16). Threats to the faith of the modern Christian in the Western world are to a spiritual death rather than a physical one. Our Lord spoke of this threat as a greater danger...“And do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul, but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell” (Matt.10:28). Yes, our Lord believed in the reality of hell.

God's Word Versus the Spirit of the World

The present lack of conviction in the whole religious world is reflected among many in the Lord's church who are content to reveal, like a thermometer, what the environment is rather than like a thermostat, attempting to change it. J.B.Phillips gave a graphic translation of Paul's warning in Romans 12:2 about the need to avoid being spiritually molded by society into its shape rather than

shaping our spiritual lives by God's will. This is a timeless challenge for both the individual Christian and for the church as a whole.

As one travels across Canada, one encounters a number of congregations that consider themselves to be on the cutting edge of change. While visiting in unfamiliar congregations one is likely to find oneself facing worship and teaching which are not only innovative, but in some instances unscriptural. Digressive brethren have accepted some of these changes for years and they have proved divisive among those who lay claim to share in the Restoration Movement. After a century of division, a minority among us are attempting to reintroduce innovations that represent a surrender to the spirit of the age and to a false approach to scriptural authority.

Among these innovations that are offensive to many brethren is the use of instrumental music in worship and the leadership of women in various roles in public worship. We recognize that the autonomy of each congregation provides a certain amount of freedom to decide the nature of its approach to God in worship. Of course each must search out scriptural authority for that approach to see if it conforms to what God has revealed.

The Unity of the Spirit

What is sometimes overlooked by those who rush to change items of public worship is that injunction given by the Holy Spirit through the Apostle Paul “...to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” (Eph.4:4). Some deviation from the norm which may appear desirable to those who pride themselves on moving in the vanguard of change may offend visiting Christians and may offend the conscience of some members of the local congregation in an unnecessary manner.

This writer has an unhappy memory of driving for miles to worship with brethren of a like faith, only to have an instrument introduced when the Bible study was finished and preparations were being made for the worship

service. In this instance we were able to leave and worship under more acceptable circumstances elsewhere. Not every one may chose to do so or would be able to do so in this huge country of Canada, where the next congregation may be a hundred miles away. Some might say that it was rude and unnecessary to act as we did. This is a matter of opinion. Other brethren might stay and just not participate in the singing with an instrument.

Thus far those congregations toying with unscriptural change are few in number and widely scattered across the country. However there are signs that a number of them have been willing to compromise their loyalty to the New Testament teaching in order to appear more “contemporary”.

The Arab and his Camel

We close with an old story which illustrates the danger of compromising in small ways only to find out too late that the end result is fatal. It is the story of the Arab and his camel alone in the desert on a cold night. The camel asks his master if he can put his nose in the tent door to keep warm. His kind master said yes. Next he asks if he may insert his whole head into the tent opening. His master granted the request. Next came the request to move his shoulders into the warmth of the tent doorway. Again permission was granted. The whole camel then moved rudely into the tent with the command for the Arab to get out. Yes, the story is absurd, but the principle of compromise may over time evolve into unforeseen demands for abandonment of strict loyalty to scriptural authority.

It is quite possible that this short article will disturb a few of my brethren among whom we have moved and preached for over half a century. So be it. We write with love and concern for brethren with whom we differ. May a further study of God's Word and a prayerful appeal to a gracious God bring us into a greater “unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

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Living Water

Geoffrey Ellis

Almost to the day I entered college in Texas a drought began that was to last seven years. In its severity, even live oak trees of great age finally died. People drilled wells in their back yards to find badly needed water. One day in the town of Anson at a church member's home, I witnessed the "bringing in" of a well. A mirror was used to reflect the sun's rays down the seventy-foot shaft. There at the bottom the water roiled and bubbled. They had struck an underground stream. The moving spring was "living water."

An ancient Targum cites Jacob's action at a well at Haran (Gen. 28:10). When he removed the stone from the mouth of the well, the water rose to the surface and overflowed and continued to overflow for twenty years. That's living water!

"Jesus, tired from the journey, sat down at the well" (John 4:6). Jesus asked a Samaritan woman for a drink. He needed water. He had walked possibly ten hours through arid regions. In his account, John used the word *pege* (v. 6) for "well," signifying running water. The woman used the word *phrear* (vs. 11, 12) implying cistern-like tepid water, perhaps suggesting her doubt that Jesus could deliver water, let alone "living water."

Jesus' request for water was a shocker for the Samaritan woman. She knew that four barriers—racial, religious, gender and custom—separated her from this stranger, quite clearly a Jew. She knew the Jews disdained to touch a dish used by Samaritans. John's parenthesis, "Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans" (v. 9), no doubt echoed what was in the woman's mind. "How can you ask me for a drink?"

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water" (v. 10). His words puzzled her, and she pointed out the obvious in response to Jesus' offer of "living water." "You have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well?" (v. 11). Ironically, she had stumbled on the truth: Jesus is in fact greater than Jacob—a truth he was about to confirm! "Everyone who drinks this water will be

thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life" (vs. 13–14). The woman capitulated, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water" (v. 15).

That the woman twice responded to Jesus' remarkable disclosure with incomprehension is perfectly understandable, given the circumstances and suddenness of the exchange. In fact, she displayed alertness, a feistiness and wit. We would be misled to equate peasantry and third worldism with stupidity. Rather, it is first-world people who can't see the stars because of their cities' light pollution of the night sky; it is the Western world that is destroying its hearing with hyper-decibel listening; it is our affluent society that is deadening its sensitivities through inundations of media-sponsored sensory over-load!

What is really going on here? Jesus gave a proposition to the woman! His proposition is the greatest the world has ever heard. (Proposition: "An expression of anything that is capable of being believed, doubted, or denied; a verbal expression that is either true or false." All truth is propositional!) His proposition to all of us is that the Son of God came to earth to become the incarnate Son of Man. His pure righteousness, his clear truth, his gracious self-giving constitute "living water" for all who have a spiritual thirst. In Christ we can drink to the full, eternally slaking our craving for the good, the true, and the holy! What a proposition to place before the woman at the well!

The first seven

chapters of John are awash with water. In chapter one John the baptiser said, "I came baptizing with water so that he might be revealed to Israel" (v. 31). And again, "The one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down (cf. "dove," v. 32) and remain is he who will baptize with the Holy Spirit'" (v. 33b). In chapter two Jesus miraculously changed a large volume of water into wine at a marriage feast at Cana (v. 9). (Perhaps there is in this action a subtle inference that ceremonial washing will be replaced with the reality of the coming efficacious washing in blood.) In chapter three Jesus told Nicodemus, "I tell you the truth, unless a man is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God" (v. 5). Later in the chapter there is the description of Jesus and his disciples baptizing in the Judean countryside (v. 22). John was also reported baptizing at Aenon near Salem, because there was much water there (v. 23). John's disciples and a

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Postmodern Thermostats

Wayne Turner



In the latter decades of the twentieth century, a major change occurred. It wasn't a change that you would necessarily notice, like a totally different colour of house paint, a new trend in fashion or even a shift in politics. The change was far more subtle yet much more significant. It was a change in the way people think – how they process and understand “truth.” That change has been called postmodernism.

Through the twentieth century, the prevailing method of thinking was modernism. Modernism is rooted in the scientific method and the conviction that everything can be known and understood through the use of our senses and the scientific method. Modernism, itself, posed some significant problems for Christians (i.e. how can one explain God or faith in empirical terms?) However, most of us who grew up during the middle of the twentieth century were shaped by modernism. This is why we tend to approach Bible study in a very rational, empirical way. We believe in scripture as absolute truth which can be understood through methodical, scientific study.

Postmodernism, on the other hand, eschews the science and reason of its predecessor. It unconditionally rejects the concept of absolutes (which in itself becomes a new absolute) and favors a more subjective, experiential and personal determination of truth. Under modernism, beliefs were connected logically and rationally into systems. In postmodernism, beliefs can be unrelated and even logically contradictory. For example, with postmodernism it is possible that a person could believe in Christ, while also accepting reincarnation, horoscopes, and even Buddhism as valid. People choose what they want to believe. Each person creates their own “truth” based on their experience and feelings. The mantra is often “that may be right for you, but it isn't right for me.”

One of the consequences of this subjectivism is a shift in morality. Pre-marital sex, living together before marriage, and homosexuality have become accepted. The concept of sin and evil have been almost totally rejected. As our society now sees it, the worst sins are being “exclusive, narrow, intolerant or judgmental.” In other words, in postmodernism, belief in absolute truth and morality is absolutely wrong.

With this shift in thinking, there has also been a move away from the idea that people can recognize universal truths as they read texts, or are even interested in doing so. In fact, postmoderns believe that texts (like the Bible) have been used to promote and support the power structures that socially oppress people. (In our postmodern culture, could this explain why fewer people, including church members, are truly interested in Bible study?)

In the religious world, many churches have “re-invented” themselves in an attempt to reach out to postmodern culture. They have downplayed doctrine and teaching, redesigned worship, and even reorganized, all with the stated goal of “speaking to” and “connecting with” this culture by attracting people to a “feel good” style of church that places little emphasis on doctrine. Virtually every religious body has found themselves engaged in “worship wars” as a result. The question that very few seem to be asking is whether this is what God wants us to do, or if it is Biblical. Part of the reason is that postmoderns won't ask such questions. They don't really want to know the answer. However, Christians should ask.

One of the more helpful contributions to the ongoing discussions of postmodernism is Postmodern Times by Gene Edward Veith, Jr. (Crossway Books). Veith is Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences and Associate Professor of English at Concordia University-Wisconsin. Veith notes that in the face of postmodernism, some “church growth experts... argue that churches need to change in step with the culture in order to attract members.” Then he observes, “The purpose of the church, however, is not so much to change as to change lives.” Later, he notes, “The temptation, though, is to change the character and the teaching of the church in order to be more popular with potential members... Changes in style tend, often inadvertently, to produce changes in content. Revising worship services to make them more emotional and entertaining can only teach the congregation subjectivity and spiritual hedonism.” Commenting on Paul's statement in Romans 12:2, “Do not be conformed to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind,” Veith states, “This text alone is enough to shoot down the argument that the church must change according to prevailing social trends. ‘The pattern of this world’ is not to determine church ministry.” True change (transformation) is brought about by the

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A Closer Walk with God Costs

For the Christian there is a daily desire to walk closer with God. In giving the great commission, Jesus told his chosen disciples to go and make other disciples. (Matt. 28:18-20) A question worthy of consideration is, "What does it really mean to be a disciple?" Is it possible for one to believe in Jesus and even attend church services regularly and still not be a disciple?

A disciple is literally "a learner". Vine's Expository Dictionary of the New Testament says, "it denotes one who follows another's teaching". As a result of this learning the disciple becomes an "imitator" of the teacher. "A student is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher" (Luke 6:40).

To be a disciple of Jesus Christ then is to strive to be like him in the way one lives, thinks, and serves. Paul reminds the disciples at Rome that they were to be conformed to the likeness of Jesus. (Romans 8:29) He who does not have a strong desire and does not make a determined effort to be like Jesus cannot be said to be a true disciple.

The beginning of discipleship is to hold to or abide in the teachings of Jesus. In John 8:31 Jesus tells the Jews who believed in him that "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples." Lip service, saying but not doing, will not get one into the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 7:21) Jesus says the person who would hear his teaching and obey them was like a wise house builder building on a rock. (Matt. 7:24, 25) "Knowing" is not enough, there may also be "obeying".

In view of this the disciple needs to give careful attention to the study of the word so he can know and do the will of Jesus. Don't be like a person

who looks into a mirror and forgets what he looks like after turning away. One must look into the spiritual mirror of the word of God and make the changes necessary to look like the master. (James 1:21-25) This looking needs to be done on a daily basis.

A second important mark of a disciple is that he loves the brethren. One of the very noticeable marks of the Lord's Church should be this love of brethren that always seeks to bless and serve. Jesus said, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. **By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another**" (John 13:34, 35).

The disciple loves with a love that is patterned after the love of Jesus, "as I have loved you". With a love that is visible to the world, "by this all men will know". The true disciple will make every effort to get to know the brethren. The true disciple will take advantage of times of encouragement and opportunities to grow closer in fellowship.

Remember that the true disciple desires to grow to be like the Master in every way. Jesus was willing to sacrifice time and effort for his brethren. One who wants to be like the Master will be willing to do

the same for the good of the body.

One other mark of the disciple is that he will bear fruit. "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing....This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples" (John 15:5, 8). Jesus is not talking about disciples doing the occasional good deed. Rather, he is referring to a daily lifestyle that is lived in him which brings glory to God. Failing to live and abide in him will result in the "branch" being "...thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned." (John 15:6)

The point should be clear. Being a true disciple of Jesus means more than just being a casual church member. It requires a true commitment of life to 1) the teachings of Jesus and the apostles, 2) a genuine love of the brethren that shows itself in serving one another in love, 3) a desire and effort to bear fruit in one's life. This

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Mission-Driven Youth Ministry

by James Holston

The water is cold as they climb down the slippery steps into the pool. The empty chairs stare towards the front but a small group of friends gather close to hear what is said. "...I now baptize you in the name of Jesus Christ." A quick dunk under the water is met with laughter and clapping. All gather around, hands outstretched to touch this new creation and join a time of spontaneous worship and prayer for their new sister in Christ. This is real youth ministry. And despite the challenges, devoting yourself to ministering and reaching out to the youth around you is one of the most exciting ministries in the local church.

In Matthew 16:18, following Peter's confession of Jesus as the Christ (the Son of God) Jesus tells his disciples, "on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades (hell) will not prove stronger than it." Jesus tells us that he will build his church! And the church is not a building that is maintained but a victoriously advancing army! The very gates of hell are going to be stormed and torn down! I see the people working in youth ministry as leading this attack. They take the greatest risks but have the greatest potential for rewards and breakthrough! How do we storm the gates of Hell? What's the battle plan?

A mission-driven youth ministry storms the gates by reaching out to lost young people. However, first realize the difference between a typical youth group and a youth ministry driven by mission. A typical youth group is driven by activities. Instead of worshiping, they merely sing songs; they stay with what is comfortable and "safe." Youth groups become holding tanks, something that is only maintained, incapable of storming and tearing down strongholds of evil and getting rid of sin harboured in a student's life. A mission-driven youth ministry, however, is driven by a sense of purpose towards a vision of what God can and will do. *Mission-driven youth ministry will storm the gates of Hell!* Such a ministry has a battle plan!

Discovering the Vision

The passion for mission is fuelled by vision. A vision is a dream of what can be. What do you dream about? Do you dream of real change in the lives of your students? Do you dream of an

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inclusive place where kids from the community can come with the hurts and hang-ups and find grace and peace? Do you dream about young people who fervently desire to serve others and through their service share the difference Jesus Christ has made in their lives?

A God-given vision comes after spending time in prayer and with the Word of God. Open yourself to the God of the universe and trust that He will direct you. As you dream, begin to share it with the youth. Help them realize that God can and will do something wonderful in their lives and in the lives of fellow teens around them. Help them see how they can change their community and world. Tell them over and over that they are the church. Right now. Not some time in the future, but right now. Discovering the vision God has for you is a process; it cannot be rushed.

Defining the Mission

A mission statement states, in simple terms, the direction we are traveling. It shows who is on board with you and who is not. Use your mission statement as an evaluation tool to keep you focused on what's important. A mission statement helps focus everyone on the vision by asking the question, "Does this help us reach our vision?" It will serve as a beacon when things get foggy.

Values are the important things we wish to impart to the kids to whom we are ministering; they are the foundation on which we build. We tell our youth what's important and what isn't by what we value. We value five things in our youth ministry at Tintern: 1) Christ-centered community, 2) Excellence in ministry, 3) Passion for reaching others, 4) Dynamic spiritual growth, and 5) Love for each other.

Developing the Plan

Mission-driven youth ministries are designed from the ground up to relate to the very students they are trying to reach; they are owned by the students and meant for the students. One of the worst things we can do is assume complete and total responsibility for

the ministry. Rather, after an initial time of doing most of the work, hand the responsibility to those in the group so that they can begin to use their gifts and grow under your guidance. Release them for service and ministry!

Relationships are the glue that holds the entire ministry together. Teens need relationships with each other, with adults who care, and most importantly with God. Relationships with adults and other teens are built over time. However, stress that the most important relationship is with God. Model the relationship they need to have with God. Give them practical tools for spiritual growth, something more than "read your Bible, pray every day, and you'll grow, grow, grow."

Commitment is hard for teens; so much in this world is hype and fake. Teens can spot a phony a mile away. They need to see that our commitment to God and them is real before they will make the decision to commit themselves. Don't get discouraged if they don't commit right away. I've found that very often once they make a serious commitment, they will stick through good and bad times. There must be a sense that "we are all in this together."

Perseverance is a key to successful youth ministry. If the vision is truly God's and we allow God to guide our ministry, it will work. We are going for life change; we must remember that this takes time. At first, only a few kids come around, but we work with them, encouraging them and spending time with them. We must be tenacious because once they see we are for real, they will come. And as they come, do not forget to share the difference Jesus has made in your life and the difference He can make in their lives!

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certain Jew had an argument over ceremonial washing (v. 25). And later these disciples complained that Jesus' disciples were also baptizing and baptizing more than they (v. 26). In chapter four there is the revelatory conversation regarding "living water" with the woman. In chapter five at the pool of Siloam, where periodically "the water is stirred," is the scene of an unusual healing (v. 7): Jesus intervened and directly healed one who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years (vs. 5, 8). In chapter six Jesus' ministry took him to the farther shore of the Sea of Galilee (v. 1). Later, Jesus' disciples saw him "walking on the water (of Galilee)" (v. 19). In chapter seven "on the last and greatest day of the Feast (of Tabernacles, v. 37)" Jesus made his powerful declaration, "If a man is thirsty, let him come to me and drink" (v. 37).

Water is a symbol of refreshing truth and of cleansing grace in the Old Testament (see Prov. 13:14; 18:4; Isa. 55:1-3). Ezekiel prophesied that a river would flow from the temple and renew life (47:1-12). Zechariah foretells the day when the fountain would be opened to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to cleanse them from sin

and impurity (13:1; cf. 14:8); he also proclaimed an ideal Feast of Tabernacles to be celebrated by peoples from all nations coming to a renewed eschatological temple (14:16-21). "A water ceremony lay at the heart of the celebration of the Feast of the Tabernacles. Each day of the feast the priests would circle the altar and pour out a libation of water drawn from the pool of Siloam, and on the seventh day this ceremony was performed seven times. The pouring of water on the altar was a prayer for rain for future crops as the harvest was celebrated at the Feast of Tabernacles. But at the time of Jesus it had also become a prayer for the promised outpouring of the Holy Spirit" (Holwerda, *Jesus and Israel, One Covenant or Two*, 78). This then is the setting for Jesus' climactic statement. Standing and speaking with a loud voice he said, "If a man is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him" (vs. 36b-37). John adds his explanation: "By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified" (v. 39).

The water references of the first seven chapters of John are inextricably linked: John's and Jesus' water baptism, water and blood, water baptism and baptism by the Holy Spirit, Jesus' use and transcendence of water, water for truth and cleansing, the gift of the Spirit and the Christian's life rich with benefit, the gift of the Spirit and eternal life, and Christ the source of all. And Jesus summed up this fulsome expression of heaven's provision in his gracious conversation with the Samaritan woman at the well!

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Holy Spirit and renewal of the mind by the Word of God.

In the face of postmodernism, Veith argues, "the church must stand firm on the two foundational concepts now under attack: morality and truth." Later he writes, "The church needs to be 'thermostatic.' In a cold, cerebral age, the church needs to draw on its rich and comprehensive spiritual heritage to cultivate human emotions, without compromising its theological integrity. In an emotional, subjective age, the church needs to cultivate objective thinking. In the postmodern age, the thermostatic church will need to emphasize morality and truth."

In 1 Corinthians, Paul noted that, as a result of their culture, Jews wanted miraculous signs while Greeks sought wisdom (1:22). Paul declared in the following verse that Christianity did not accommodate culture, it challenged and confronted it. "But we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles." Paul understood that the mandate of the church is not to change to conform to culture and make itself more palatable and acceptable. It is to preach the truth because the change God wants could only be accomplished through the pure and undiluted teaching of the Cross and His Word.

Compromise with the world, especially postmodernism, is not an option. We cannot water down the truth or transform our identity and purpose to accomplish human paradigms. Instead, we must remember what Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 4:2-3 "Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear." (NIV) By the clear, open proclamation of God's truth, we need to be thermostats who challenge culture to change, rather than ear ticklers who conform to culture. May God give us the courage to be faithful to His truth in a postmodern world.

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The guy in the red T-shirt

Claude Cox

I was sitting in Fred Grant Square downtown—in Barrie—one summer's day. There was lots of activity in that lunchhour. The benches were about all occupied. A hotdog vendor was doing a brisk business. Cars were going by along Dunlop St. At one point a man started up a motorcycle and everyone's eyes moved in that direction. Envy?

The square gives a view of the Bay. I'd look off in that direction from time to time. Did I tell you I was enjoying a hotdog? Well, I was and I was ripping off little pieces of bun and tossing them at my feet. A sparrow was picking them up as best s/he could. I said to a woman on the next bench, "When that sparrow grows up it's going to be a pigeon!" She smiled.

I'd been there quite a while on that very warm day before I looked up and saw a guy fixing a big air-conditioner on top of one of the buildings. He was nondescript except he was wearing a worn, red T-shirt. I wondered to myself whether anyone else had noticed him up there. Maybe no one cared anyway. But it occurred to me that I would not have seen him either if I had not been looking around. It wasn't a case of playing Where's Waldo—you know those books?—because I just sort of stumbled upon his presence. Maybe if I had been diligently looking I would have seen the guy immediately or at least sooner.

I thought about the presence of God in the world. We sometimes wonder where God is in the midst of all that happens. We're distracted by a motorcycle starting up, sightseeing, being sensually alive on a sunny day, involved in our own life and its concerns. But somewhere in the picture there is God, watching over us, the whole Square, fixing somebody's air-conditioning, just on the edge of our line of sight.

One of my favourite prayers to share with people on their admittance to hospital is a prayer that thanks God for getting there ahead of the patient. For surely he has.

God's dominion and power is a mysterious presence in our world. Jesus told his disciples that if they would seek it they would find it. His presence is bound to be somewhere around us; it is up to us to cast our sight around the edges of our line of vision, maybe stand up, maybe change benches, to see where God is and what he is doing. For certain he is there, or here. At least that's what I thought when I saw the guy in the red T-shirt.

Barrie, ON

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4. MATURING each other toward Christlikeness (Colossians 1:28)

We will seek the lost by:

5. REACHING out to our community (Mark 16:15)
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ONTARIO

Beamsville: Jeff Whitfield's kidney transplant was a success. Allan, his brother from Sault Ste. Marie, was the donor and was able to return home the end of February. Sarah Whitehead was baptized by her father, James Whitehead, Wednesday, February 12. Lucas Klodnicki, son of Lorraine Klodnicki, was baptized by Joel Bojarski, Sunday night, February 2. Spring Spiritual Renewal will be held March 29 and 30, with Murray Smith and Peggy (Fleming) Stirman. Condolences are extended to Norm Oliver on the death of his brother-in-law who passed away in Michigan. The

funeral was February 8. The brethren took a special collection for Papua New Guinea to help the brethren who were affected by the ethnic war in Lae.

Bramalea: Ladies' secret sisters had a luncheon after services, March 9, exchanged names and started a new year. Sendai Japan reports that Chihiro Matsuki was baptized on Sunday, February 16. The next evening, Chihiro's family invited 9 people from the local congregation to their home for a meal and Chihiro's father gave a short speech and then asked everyone why they were baptized. Her father is not a Christian.

North Bay: Nancy Betts had surgery Tuesday, February 18, was up and around on Wednesday, but by Thursday was having difficulties. She and David need our prayers.

Sundridge: John Matt and Brenda Webb were united in marriage on September 21. In December the ladies gave several boxes to the sick or to people who were alone during the holidays. Cathy Mashinter left December 28 for a visit to Papua New Guinea with her aunt and uncle, Nancy and Phil Lifsey, and girls. She plans to return home in April.

The congregation held their annual supper and congregational meeting at the Magnetawan Inn Restaurant. The youth rally had 183 out-of-town guests, with the theme, "Growing in the Face of Adversity," with Earl Greene of Newark, New York. Sarah Wilke was baptized into Christ on February 5. Sarah is a teenager who moved to Huntsville with her family a few months ago.

Toronto (Strathmore): In February the congregation welcomed a new member, Natalia (Natasha) Tiapkova, from Lithuania. The conversational English Bible class continues to open doors for sharing the gospel with new residents in Canada. Dorothy Dennis from the Vandeleur congregation will be speaking to the Ladies Class on April 12. The ladies from the Bayview congregation have been invited to join our ladies for this special class.

Waterloo: Stella Watson-Philips was baptized recently. She began attending services with friends last September. On February 2, the brethren took a special collection for Zambia. February 22 and 23, campus minister Rick Roland, a professor from Pepperdine University, California, provided insights into campus ministry. His message Sunday morning was: "The Nuts and Bolts of Campus Ministry."

Windsor (West Side): February 20 the brethren had their first vacation Bible school meeting to make plans for next summer. Connie Tallman of the Ladies of Rochester Hills is to speak at Ladies' Day on June 7.

NEW YORK

North Buffalo: Dave Cornfield is awaiting approval for brain surgery shortly - the left side this time. Keep him and his family in your prayers. The Amherst congregation is helping out by sending a Bible class teacher for adult Sunday school on a weekly basis, and someone to preach every other week. David Crisp will be preaching the week in-between.

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(The help of Barbara Lewis in gathering news is appreciated.)

ALBERTA

Calgary: Jay Don spoke on January 19 about the mission work in the Ukraine. A stress management workshop was held January 18. MOST (Ministry Outreach Support Team) is growing. Sharon & Clark Craig and Mel McCreary have been added to the team. Activities to encourage outreach are being held through out the year. Potluck Brunch & Elder Installation was held on February 16. February 19 there was an old fashioned sing song. Favourite and new songs were sung from "Songs of the Church" book. March 15-24 Faith Quest with students from Harding University in Arkansas & guest speaker

Jimmy Sites will be held. Each night has a special feature. As well, Jimmy Sites will speak on "How to Live With Your Family Without Blowing Your Mind", "Will the Real God Please Stand Up?", "Guard Your Heart" and "Going the Second Mile".

Dauphin: The youth program will begin offering classes on Sundays and Wednesdays. On Sundays there will be 2 classes with Jim Sedor teaching the young men's class and Wendy Lorrain teaching the young ladies. Wednesday's class will be a Topical Bible Study taught by Darin Ashby. The Soup n' Sandwich/clothing exchange held with the community on January 25 was very successful. Friday, January 24, was a day of prayer and fasting in devotion to God. Prayer focused on our two churches - the Dauphin church and the church plant in Regina. The morning started in prayer at the building from 7:00-7:45 am and concluded in prayer at 9:00 pm. This year's LST teams will be sent to Tallinn, Estonia. Crystal, Jeremy, Jacinthe, Codee and Tricia will be working with the same church where our LST team has been before. Andrea, Deanna, Connie, Delee and Natalie will be working with a new church. Congratulations to Jamie and Pam Harvey - Tatrana Rae Harvey was born on

January 26. Charity Birston and Jennifer Swan were recently baptized into Christ.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Abbotsford (Central Valley): About 20 men received spiritual strength and renewed encouragement to be "Fully Developed Within and Without: Fully Alive in Christ" from Jim Hawkins at the Men's Retreat March 14-15. Two mothers with children joined our second meeting of "Parents 'n Tots" Tuesday morning social hour as a result of flyers passed out in the neighbourhood last month. The program is being used as a means of reaching out to the community.

Burnaby: Mike Nienhuis has been installed as an elder and Stewart Noel made a deacon in charge of the Education Ministry vacated by Mike. A new class for adults was begun on March 2. Mike Nienhuis is conducting a study of Colossians, including understanding the popular First Century concept of religion, magic, and superstition. He is hoping that those participating will be equipped to understand and respond to the growing influence of neo-paganism in our own culture. Lori Ruch, together with daughter Joanna and Natasha Nienhuis, had a first-
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hand taste of bitter cold in Texas when they went down for ACU's annual "High School Days" and lectureship the end of February. It took the girls 15 hours to get back to Vancouver after an ice/sleet/hail and snow storm caused all sorts of traffic problems. Wendy Beckett and Luc Guenette were married in a private family ceremony on March 29.

City Church (E. Vanc.): Steve Hasbrouck, Jr. has received word that he has been chosen to teach English and edit English papers in Hakodate, Japan. He and Christina will leave for the assignment in May. This city is on the same island as Sapporo, where his sister, Rochelle, lives. While they will not be full time missionaries, Stephen is able to preach and teach in English and Japanese, being fluent in both. They also hope to be of help to the church in Sapporo as often as possible since there is no Restoration church in Hakodate. Steve Hasbrouck, Sr. says that he knows of only two left on the island of Hokkaido, which has a population roughly equivalent to that of the province of British Columbia.. The New Testament Greek class for ladies has been a joy for both teacher and students. "There's something about getting closer to the language that our New Testament was written in that makes for excitement," Steve says!

Maple Ridge: The church recently purchased new Bibles and song books for the use of visitors.

Nanose Bay, BC: Pray for Suganya as she is flying to Bosnia March 23 and will be there for 6 months in humanitarian works and projects, where many, mainly women and children are experiencing hardships. Bosnia, the small war torn nation is slow in restorations. Suganya, along with 1,000 Canadians will be replacing the ones who are there now. She

is the first lady and also the first Chinese (Asian) to be sent. Pray for her. Your prayers and emails and letters/cards of encouragement, write 2635 Island H'way, Canada V9P 9E5 mingpaul@uniserve.com Suwanna and Ming Paul Lee will be traveling with 18 Canadian nursing students to Vietnam on March 15. Both Lees will go to Kunming from Northern Vietnam. She will work at the Orphan homes and Ming Paul will stay at Construction site, building homes for babies and children (orphans). We need Vitamins and funds for our work with the children. Your partnership will make a great difference.

Prince George: Unfortunately, insufficient funds to support an evangelistic team failed to come through, and the Pete Heiniger family moved to Modesto, Ca. in early March. They had been in Prince George only seven months, but felt that in order to keep Garth Hilton in place, it was necessary for them to find another work. Secretary for the church, Grahame Somerville, says there is enough money to support one preacher for two more months. Only \$700 had been guaranteed at this writing. The small congregation of about 10 members, some of which have a 45-minute drive to meet with those living in the city, are hopeful that people will be added to their number soon. Recently three girls from the University of Northern B. C. met with them, along with other visitors. They continue to offer Heritage Studies which were started by Brother Heiniger, and have a number of one-on-one studies in progress. The Prince George church is now meeting in Lecture Hall 7-158 at the UNBC. If you have family or friends in that area who might be contacted, Garth Hilton would appreciate hearing from you by email: mghilton@telus.net, or the Somervilles may be reached by mail at 4337 Ewen Ave., Prince George, B. C. V2M 5Y8. (Ed.

Note: The scripture still admonishes us to do good to all men, ESPECIALLY THE HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH. These, our brothers and sisters in the Lord, need our help NOW!

Victoria: Young, old, and in-between enjoyed a winter retreat at Camp Imadene near Cowichan Lake on Vancouver Island the weekend of January 31 and February 1-2. Special guests were Kelly and Robin Carter, who were associated with the church almost 15 years. Kelly, who is working on his Doctorate in Systematic Theology at Southern Methodist University in Dallas was the speaker for the weekend. The Kelleys left in August of 2001 to do the necessary groundwork towards achieving their vision of training and equipping people in Western Canada to plant effective churches by establishing a "Restoration Centre for Study and Ministry" in Greater Vancouver. Jim Hawkins began a series of special leadership training sessions in March with men who were designated by the congregation as prospective leaders. Two sessions per month on Saturdays are scheduled through the month of June. Jim is also conducting a workshop for the church on "Change and Choice: Options For Spiritual Growth" on April 4-5.

MANTOBA

Carman: The congregation is currently in the process of adding Elders and Deacons to assist with the current ones that are serving here. We are excited about our upcoming spring Lectureship, April 18-20, and would be happy to have you come to be with us. We continue to meet monthly for prayer, bringing before God those that are spiritually weak and have fallen away. Some of you may not be aware of our new preacher that is currently working with us, Bob and his wife Deidre Norris, we are happy to have them with us.

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MISSION NEWS

Barbara Lewis

Kuwait: The sister and brother-in-law of an East Indian woman, who live in Kuwait, were taught and baptised while visiting her in India in January. They have a group of about 30 East Indians from various denominations who meet for worship in their home on Sundays. They are now able to teach them the truth that they have learned. Pray that a congregation can be planted in this small nation in the middle of the Arab world.

Iceland: Two WBS students in Reykjavik were baptized into Christ in October. Sigridur Hilmarsdottir enrolled in the WBS internet studies a year ago and became increasingly interested in learning about the Bible. She shared her lessons with a co-worker, Marias Sveinsson, by translating the lessons for him. When both decided that they wanted to be baptized, a search was made through both the WBS and World English School networks for someone to help them. When no one was found, her teachers, Lynn and Babara Camp from Amarillo, Tx., flew to Iceland to baptize and break bread with them the first time. Since then, both have been busy making contacts with friends, relatives, and associates with whom to share the Gospel as they continue to observe the Lord's Supper and study together on Sundays. Reykjavik is the world's northernmost capital. It is a modern city of 170,000 on the North Atlantic. An interesting note: Since Norwegian was the language of the Vikings, Icelanders still speak it. It did not, however, evolve into the modern language Norwegians now speak, so, although Icelanders can understand them, they cannot understand Icelanders! (Note: If you would like to encourage this pair of new Christians, their email addresses are 6929057@tainet.is (for Sigridur), and Mariassv@LL.is (for Marias).

Kiev, Ukraine: The church family in Shevchenkpo rejoiced over the addition of 12 people during 2002. All preaching and teaching are done in Ukrainian except at times when in Russian. The Shevchenko congregation has started a new hospital chaplain program to reach out to local medical institutions with visitation and ministry. They took care of a family from Western Ukraine for a month when the 12-year-old son

required emergency brain surgery. As the family must make several more visits we pray they will become Christians. The church also had the unique opportunity to help a couple from College Station, Tx., adopt an 18-month-old Ukrainian boy. Stephen, Caroline, and Paul Bilak, long-time missionaries in Switzerland, along with Dr. Tom Olbricht from ACU, visited the congregation in late summer. Stephen has made a remarkable recovery from cancer. The SEM sent large shipments of literature to Western Ukraine for local and outreach evangelism, furnishing new churches planted in Lviv and the Vinohradar region of Kiev with Bibles, song books and communion ware as well. Thanks to gift items from churches in Canada and the U. S., the "Dorcas Ministry" in Shevchenko continues to prepare bed sheets, pillowcases, curtains, diapers, and other items for several hospitals in Kiev.

Ethiopia: An answer to the biggest problem over the years in working with deaf children which started 40 years ago with a handful and has grown to over 800 at the present time, has been offered by "AC International Child Support". An organization from Denmark, they have agreed to train our staff, provide all materials and work side by side with us on how to teach families to communicate with their deaf children. They are also underwriting the total cost. It was implemented in Addis Ababa in February, and will be expanded to four other schools as eight new staff members are added. This provides a way for our Christian staff to become involved with families on a spiritual level. Ed Wharton from the Sunset International Bible Institute was in Ethiopia during March teaching instructors in the schools of preaching and church leaders. Thirty men enrolled in new sessions of the schools in Jajura and Santariea in February will profit from his lessons, which included studies on "The Galatians Epistle" and "The Church of Christ". Electricity has finally been obtained for the World English Institute Bible and Computer Center in Awassa, so this new learning/teaching concept is now in operation. It will be introduced into other cities in this country as early as possible.

Belize, Africa: A group of 20 students from Murray State University in Murray, Kentucky, under the supervision of Bill Amason, traveled to Belize in

March to enlist WBS students personally contact as many of those already enrolled as possible. Students making the trip raised their own money.

Suriname, South America: Boyd and Nell Williams returned on Feb. 1st to work with the Dutch speaking congregation in Paramaribo, and are asking for lists of contacts made by WBS teachers in that city. The church was established here in 1989, but nearly was wiped out by revolution, famine and the depressed economy until Partners In Progress held medical missions. They now have a meeting place in a downtown location, and are eager for the return of the Williams family who are making a long-term commitment as soon as they have travel and work funds. To contact them, write to PMB 162, Miami, Tx 79059, or by email to boydbww1@cs.com or boyd162@msn.com

Papua New Guinea: Andy and Catherine Scott arrived back in Mt. Hagen in early March after spending a couple of days with Velma Forman in Lae. Their work was interrupted in 1998 when they returned to Scotland to care for Catherine's mother, Ruth Cole, whose battle with cancer ended in February, 2002. The Coles long-time mission work in PNG is recounted in a book, "Journey Into Yesterday", written before her death. The import license to bring medical supplies into the country was applied for by Velma Forman last month.

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OBITUARIES

Alice Lucy (McGibbon) Williams

Alice Lucy McGibbon was born at Meldrum Bay (Manitoulin Island), Ontario on June 27, 1915. She was one of three children, two daughters and one son, that were born to William McGibbon and Lucy Vickery. In February 1933 Alice married George Williams with whom she shared fifty-three happy years. Alice and George moved south from Manitoulin Island to Toronto where they ran a rooming house and then to the Collingwood area where they farmed at Nottawa. However, their hearts remained on Manitoulin; and they returned for visits and vacations as often as possible. Three children, two daughters, Eileen and Wilda, and a son, Robert, were born into the family. George passed

away in May 1986. Alice continued to live on her own for several years until it became necessary for her to move into a nursing home, first in Creemore, Ontario and then in Collingwood. She passed away on February 7 at the age of eighty-seven.

Alice is survived by her daughter Wilda (Hazen) White and her daughter-in-law Helen (Robert) Boutet and five grandchildren, Bruce White, Wilma White, Linda (Bradford) Leibel, Robert Williams, and Julie (Joe) Stewart. She will also be lovingly remembered and sadly missed by nine great grandchildren, 3 great-great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews, her brothers and sisters in the Collingwood congregation, and her many other friends. Besides her husband, George, and two children, Eileen and Robert, Alice was preceded in death by her brother and sister, a grandson and granddaughter-in-law.

Alice will be remembered as a devoted wife and a loving, doting mother and grandmother. She was a humble, hard-working woman who was always hospitable and a friend to all she met. She and George were faithful members of the Collingwood congregation and will be remembered for their faithfulness and their encouragement. They were always willing and ready to do whatever they could in their own quiet and unassuming way.

Randy Morrirt officiated at Alice's funeral which was held in Collingwood on February 11. At the funeral, personal tributes were brought by Alice's daughter-in-law, Helen Boutet, a niece, Catherine Potts, Paul Mazur, a member of the Collingwood congregation, and Alice's son-in-law, Hazen White. Peter Dale of the Collingwood congregation led in the singing of two of Alice's favourite hymns.

Randy Morrirt

Grace Jacobs

Grace Ellen Jacobs was born on the family farm on October 28, 1917, to James and Katherine Smith of Mankota, SK. She passed away peacefully with family by her side in Moosomin, SK on February 22 at the age of 85, following a courageous fight with cancer.

Grace married Manley Jacobs on June 15, 1938. Their children are Gordon, Ralph, Jim, twins Allan and Alvan, Maxine, and Yvonne. A nephew, Ronald was welcomed to live with them and also a foster son, Allan Tribe. Grace and Manley kept foster children for Children's Aid for 13 years. Grace was a 4-H leader for 19 years and taught Bible School and Sunday School for over 50 years. Grace gave herself to the Lord in 1937 near Horse Creek,

SK. She was baptized at a meeting by Herb Forman and never looked back. They worshipped with the Horse Creek, SK Church of Christ until they moved to Manitoba where they met with the Manson MB congregation. She loved to visit the nursing home and did so for over 12 years. She would take a cake and read stories to the "old people", many of whom were younger than herself. She was talented at crafting and gardening and willingly shared her results. She had a great love for people, especially her family, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. At present there are 22 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Grace leaves to mourn her loving husband, Manley of Elkhorn, MB; sons Gordon (Joan) of Thunder Bay, ON, Ralph (Ruth) of Brooks, AB, Jim of Port Coquitlam, BC, Alvan (Pat) of Vernon, BC., Allan (Jeanette) of Medicine Hat, AB, Ronald (Elsie) of Stoughton, SK., Allan Tribe; and daughters Maxine (Stanley) Bell of Gravelbourg, SK, Yvonne (Hugh) Campbell of Saskatoon, SK; grandchildren Teresa, Charlotte (Dion), Marcel, Dawn, Teera, Todd (Tanya), Tanya (Trevor), Travis (Melissa), Michael (Jennifer), Lisa, Leanne, Monica (Roy), Melissa, Stephen, Noella, Terry, Carla (Steve), Lisa (Steve), Jeff (Jennifer), Shana, Josey, Desiree and great grandchildren Tonya, Peyton, Chandler, Cooper, Kylie, Kaitlyn, Emma, Olivia, Zachery, Julie, Paige, Cassidy, Gracie and Kayla. There are also cousins in England and Ontario as well as many nieces, nephews and friends.

The funeral service was held in Elkhorn, Manitoba on February 25 with John McMillan officiating. The eulogy was done by her sons, Allan and Alvan Jacobs and the singers were from Western Christian College. The celebration of the life of Grace was dotted with many references to acts of love, kindness and service to others for all her days. On the final morning of her life she was blessed with a time of strength and clarity which she used to encourage her husband and family. Grace assured them with great confidence that they would all meet again "on the other side". A tribute from her husband, Manley is "she did all things well"

Submitted by Maxine Bell

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Murray Smith

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Spiritual Leadership
by **Henry & Richard Blackaby**,
Broadman & Holman Publishers,
Nashville, Tennessee, 305 pages,
\$19.99 (U.S.)

Henry Blackaby is one of the editors of the "Experiencing God Study Bible".

He writes "Leadership. Everyone experiences it, or the lack of it, in their daily lives. Those called to lead can find doing so a daunting task. Those expected to follow can experience frustration when their leader is unable to lead and their organization seems to be going nowhere. Struggling leaders may agonize in the knowledge that others resent them and blame them for their organization's failures. Countless discouraged leaders would probably quit their jobs today, but they need the income."

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In Remembrance of Me, Enriching Our Understanding of the Lord's Supper, by Andrew C. Fleming, Discipleship Publications International, 176 pages, \$12.00 (U.S.)

This book grew out of a series of lessons prepared and presented during the author's eight years of ministry in Russia beginning just prior to the 1991 coup that preceded the break-up of the Soviet Union. The human tendency to focus on the outward appearance of things and lose sight of their spiritual value and significance is given as a reason for such a study.

This is a thorough and scholarly study of the Lord's Supper. It begins with a background study of the Jewish Passover, looks at the institution of the Lord's supper by Jesus at a Passover Supper and studies its practice in the early church.

The original meaningful simplicity of the weekly times of remembrance that Jesus asked his disciples to observe is emphasized.

A section explaining the frequently misinterpreted passage in John chapter 6 regarding the necessity of eating the body and drinking the blood of

Jesus is quite helpful. The true meaning is clarified when it is compared to Jesus' use of figurative language in other places in John's gospel in speaking of the "temple" (his body), the new "birth" and the "living water".

This writer tends to question the idea that I Corinthians 11:27 teaches that we are to compare our lives to that of Jesus while partaking of the supper. Our understanding is that this passage warns concerning the "manner" of partaking, in which we go through the form but fail to consider the meaning of what we are doing.

The teaching that the sacrifice is repeated each time the supper is observed (transubstantiation) is countered. A brief but clear exposure of the unbiblical nature of the hierarchical priesthood of the ritualistic churches is included.

This is a good study.

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Do You Have What It Takes?

Glenn Ostrosky

So, what is "what it takes"? It is one of those phrases that we hear and don't really define that clearly. Where do we get the strength to go on when we are feeling down, depressed, discouraged? Ultimately we need to get that strength from God. However, for many of us, God seems too far away to help us or we may think that we are not close enough to him for him to want to help us. We can help one another during these times.

I was recently feeling down about a few events that occurred in my life. For those of you who know me, you will know that I do not get down very often. Nevertheless, I was feeling quite down; I felt like I really wanted to talk to someone about how I was feeling about what had happened to me. I was able to share the concerns and troubles I had with my wife. I am so grateful to God that we have the type of relationship with each other that we can share our hurts and concerns with each other. After I talked to her about it, things didn't seem so bad.

It is not easy to forgive others when they have hurt and disappointed us. Yet, it is something God's word clearly instructs us to do.

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity." (Colossians 3:12-14 NIV)

One of the keys to having what it takes to forgive is being able to share that hurt and disappointment with another person. We need to forgive if we want to move on in our faith. Paul wrote these incredible words in Philippians. "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:13-14 KJV)

We all know that it is almost impossible to forget those things that have happened to us, especially if they have been hurtful. Forgetting the things that happened yesterday mean either that we have forgiven the person or dealt with the situation. Therefore, we are not letting that event prevent us from growing and we are moving on in our life and in our walk with God.

It is my hope and prayer that each one of you has a person in your life that you can share your hurts with. If you are able to do that, you will be one step closer to "having what it takes."

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growth will be seen in the development of the fruit of the Spirit in one's life and in the effort to share this love of Jesus with a world lost in sin.

Understand then, that there is a cost to be paid in being a disciple. However, one can be sure the cost is worth paying. Jesus talks of the cost in Luke 9:25-33. Take the time to read this passage and then consider the following thoughts about cost.

To be a true disciple Jesus must come first in the life of the disciple. Luke 14:26 tells us that Jesus must come before mother, father, wife, children, brothers and sisters – yes, even one's own life. Honouring Jesus in life is the first concern of the disciple. There may be times when Jesus, who gives joy and peace to the disciple, may also be the source of conflict in the earthly family. (Matthew 10:34-37) At these times the true disciple must submit to the leading of Jesus and do that which is right before God.

While conflict with earthly family and friends may be difficult, the

bigger challenge, for many disciples, may be the overcoming of self. "...If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self?" (Luke 9:23-25).

The desires of self for personal gain, wealth, position, honour, etc. can stand in the way of one serving God in an acceptable way. When the focus of a person is first and foremost on the things of this life, discipleship is impossible. Even if one has "noble" ideas in seeking the world's wealth – such as providing all the best in shelter, clothing, food etc. for his family - while forgetting the service of God, the price is too high. Jesus asks what is of real value here. If one could own the whole world, what value is that when compared to eternity without God?

The high cost of discipleship that is

demanded by Jesus caused many to turn away from following him. It is still doing so today. Many are willing to "submit" to him as long as it is convenient. However, there is a price to be paid if one wants the rewards that discipleship offers.

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

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KITCHENER SOUTH: Kitchener City Hall (Learning Room), 200 King St. W.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30 in homes; Hugh Pitcher, 171 Broken Oak Cres., Kitchener, N2N 1N8, Ph: (519) 745-2713. Other contact: Julian Smith, (519) 742-8626.

LONDON: 1750 Huron St., N5V 3A2; (519) 455-6730; Sun. 9:30, 11; Call for mid-week opportunities. Harold Byne, ev., 645-0575; FAX 645-8088

LONDON (East): 380 Adelaide North, Tolpiddle Building Common Rm., entrance off of Adelaide at King St. S. Parking in Marshall Street Lot behind building. Sun: 9:45 a.m. Exhortation; 10:05 a.m. Bible Study; 11:00 Worship; Tuesday Afternoon at 1 p.m. in Board Room. Brian V. Sullivan, evangelist 905 892-6247 or bvsprchr@computan.on.ca Web site: <http://www.computan.on.ca/~bvsprchr/>

MEAFORD: 113 Nelson St.W. N4L 1G3; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Wed. 7:30; Randy Morrith and Scott Mansfield, evs; (519) 538-1750; e-mail: meafordcfc@bmts.com..

NEWMARKET: 230 Davis Dr.; Sun. 9:45, 11:00, 6:30; Wed. 7:30; Box 21581, L3Y 8J1; Clayton McLeod, sec, (905) 473-9447 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, Wed. 7:30; Henry Boland, (905) 356-0107 and Darrin Douglas (905) 371-1581, evs.

NORTH BAY: 73 Gertrude St. E.; Sun. 10:30; Wed. 7; Box 745, P1B 8J8; (705) 472-7040 (off.); David Lock, ev. 78-345 Mulligan St. P1A 3S3; (705) 475-0911, e-mail: davidrlock@acncanada.net; WebSite: www.northbaycfc.com.

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; Brian Thompson, (519) 376-6702 (off.), 372-2155 (res.) <oscoc@bmts.com>

PETERBOROUGH: Chapel, Rubidge Retirement Residence (Sherbrooke & Rubidge); Sun. 10 and 10:45; Tue. 7:00 at 220 Gallagher St.; Peter McPherson, ev phone705-742-5349 or 876-7104; <petermc@peterboro.net>

PINE ORCHARD: 16716 Warden Ave (just south of Vivian Rd.) 3 km east of Newmarket; Sun. 10, 11; (905) 953-9386. Mailing address: Bruce Brandon, Sec., RR 2, Uxbridge, L9P 1R2 (905) 852-5026

PORT COLBORNE: 700 Steele St., L3K 4Z2; Sun. 11, 10, 6:30; Wed. 6:30; (905) 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.); Email: churchofchrist@on.aibn.com; WebSite: www.churchofchrist.n3.net

ST. CATHARINES (Garden City): UNF Hall, 77 Facer St.; Sun. 9, 10, 11; Wed. 7; c/o Roy Diestelkamp, ev. 1231/2 Keefer Rd., Thorold ON L2V 4N1, ev. 227-8336.

ST. THOMAS: 60 S. Edgeware Rd. N5P 2H6; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7

ST. THOMAS (Southside): 15 Hepburn Avenue, N5R 4J4, (519) 633-4180 Contact: David Langeman. Please call for times. email: langeman@bellnet.ca

SARNIA: 796 Errol Rd. E., N7V 2G7; Sun. 9:30, 10:45, 6:30; Wed. 7; David H. Dunn, ev.; (519)-339-1161 (off), Other contact: Steve Rastall, (519)869-2003

SAULT STE. MARIE (Eastside): 99 Melville Rd., P6A 5J6; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7:00; 705-942-9283.

SAULT STE. MARIE (Pinehill): 132 Cunningham Rd., P6B 1N4; Sun. 9:30, 10:50; call for Sun. pm time; Wed. 7; Roger Lansdell, ev., (705) 256-1977 (off/res), <r.s.lansdell@sympatico.ca>; Rob Whitfield, sec., (705) 949-7612, <rwhitfield@sympatico.ca>.

SELKIRK: 1/2 km. N. of village; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30; Box 13, N0A 1P0.

SMITHVILLE: 246 Station St. L0R 2A0; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7. Chris Nicholson, ev. (905) 957-6039

SOUTH RIVER: Jaspar St. S.; off Ottawa St. W.; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:00; Box 549, P0A 1X0; Jim Nicholson, ev. (705) 384-5215, church bldg. (705) 386-2551.

STONE CREEK: 105 King St. E., L8G 1L1; (905) 664-1130 (off.); Sun. 9:45, 11; Sun.; Wkdy evenings call for time and place; Darrell Buchanan, ev., (905) 643-7853 (res); Robert Priestnall, sec. email: emailus@sccoc.ca; website: www.sccoc.ca

STRATFORD: 478 Brunswick St., N5A 3N6; Sun. 10:00, Wed. Bible Study 7:30; (519) 273-5280, George Mansfield, ev. 272-1714; <gmansfield@quadro.net>; John Brush, 625-1045; Larry Hoover, 271-9545; Joseph Kippax, 744-3439.

SUDBURY: 2663 Bancroft Dr. P3B 1T7; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7:00; 566-2898; Wes Bailey, sec. 523-0933..

SUNDRIDGE: Hwy. 11 N.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; P.O. Box 927, P0A 1Z0; (705) 384-5214, Steve May, ev. 384-0597.

TECUMSEH (North Shore): St. Clair Beach Community Center, 13731 St. Gregory Rd.; Sun. 9:15, 10:15; Contact Rick Liebrock, 172 Pheasant Run Dr. RR1 Belle River ON NOR 1A0, (519) 735-0270; Ron Meecham, ev..

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

THUNDER BAY: 501 Edward St. N. (at Redwood), P7C 4R1; Sun. 9:45, 11 (call for summer hours); Wed. call for information; Eric Bailey, ev. (807) 473-5353(res.), (807) 577-2213 (off.); email <ebailey@baynet.net>.

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

TIMMINS: 15 Cedar Street N.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30; 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. 11:15, 9:45, 6 (call to confirm); Wed. 7:00; Jim Holston, ev. (905-563-6348 (res), 563-6311 (off).

TORONTO (Bayview Ave.): 1708 Bayview Ave., M4G 3C4 (1 block S. of Eglinton); Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30; Michael Hilborn, 63 Campbell Ave., M6P 3T9; (416) 489-7405 (off.).

TORONTO (Harding Ave.): 47 Harding Ave., M6M 3A3; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 8; Dick Forsyth, ev., Beamsville, 563-7874; Aikins Wiredu, sec., 242-8731

TORONTO (Strathmore Blvd.): 346 Strathmore Blvd. M4C 1N3 (across from Coxwell subway station); 416-461-7406; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Wed. 7; Marvin Johnson (416) 752-0325, Stephen Gill (416) 265-2496, Peter Dwomoh (416) 462-3616; Jean Volcy (416) 267-6820, Elders; Max Craddock, ev. (416) 461-7406, e-mail <maxc@strathmorecfc.ca>; Fax (416) 424-1850; Santiago Molina (Spanish) (416) 751-6879, ev, Devon Bennett, ev. (905) 686-2486; website: www.strathmorecfc.ca

TRENTON-BELLEVILLE: Sun. 9:45; 10:45; p.m. in homes; Canterbury Hall, Trenton; Tues. p.m. in homes; P.O. Box 22049, Trenton Center, Trenton, ON K8V 6S3; M. McDonnell (613) 969-0741; Don Snure (613) 392-8088

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, Gordon Dennis, 240 Elgin St. N., Box 274, Mount Forest, N0G 2L0; (519) 323-2424

WATERLOO: 470 Glenelm Cres., N2L 5C8; (519) 885-6330 (off); Sun. 9:30, 10:30, and 6:00 (except 4th Sunday), Wed 7:30; Javier Cuarezma, ev. (519) 743-2587 (res); Bill Schwarz, ev. (519) 571-1047 (res).

WELLAND: 72 Summit Ave., L3C 4G6; 11, 10, 6:30; Wed. 6:30 David Stewart, 834-5652; Harold Bruggen, ev. 732-2465

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. 7:00; Drew Chapados, ev., 3713 Shinglecreek Cr., Windsor, N8W 5T8; (519) 250-4407; Chad Celaire, ev.; email: wsidccoc@wincom.net; www.geocities.com/wsidccoc.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

Laval (French): 670, J.-J. Joubert, Laval, Quebec, H7G 4J1; Sun. 10:00, 11:00; Wed. 7:30 (French class); Sylvain Arseneault, ev. (450) 668-3133 eglise.laval@bellnet.ca

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

MONTREAL (English/French/Ashante/Ghanian): 2401 St. Jacques; Sun. 10, 11, 6:30; Wed. 7:30 (English); Fri. 7 (French); PO Box 66 West Mount Station, H3Z 2T1; James Bell, ev. (514) 683-1638 (res), (514) 934-0400 (work).

MONTREAL (Verdun): 503-5th Avenue, Verdun, QC H4G 2Z2; (514) 765-8919; (French) Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Roger Saumur, ev. (450) 635-5105; rogersaumur@sympatico.ca; <http://www3.sympatico.ca/rogersaumur/>; (English) Sun. 11, 10; Wed. 7

PLESSISVILLE: 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. 9:30, 10:30 (French); Wed. 19:30; C.P. 9041 Ste-Foy, G1V 4A8; Yvon Boaudoin, ev. (418) 728-5240.

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

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

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

GRAVELBOURG: 300-2nd Ave. E.; Sun. 10:30, Box 507, S0H 1X0; Wendell Bailey, ev (306) 648-3435; Marvin Bandura, Sec. 648-3629

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. 9:30, 10:30; Rolland Bouchard, ev.; (780) 875-4056; email: lloydccoc@telus.net

MOOSE JAW: 901 James St. S6H 3H5; Sun. 10, 11, 2; Wed. 7:30 (CST); (306) 693-4064 (off.).

NORTH BATTLEFORD: 1462-110 St., S9A 2J2; Sun. 10, 11; Box 804, Wilkie, S0K 4W0; Contact: Owen Davies, (306) 843-2210

PERRYVILLE: Meetings in the home of Sheldon Perry; Phone (306) 835-2681; Mail to Box 496, Wynyard, S.

PRINCE ALBERT: 264-23rd St. W., S6V 4L6; Sun. 10, 11; 763-3057 (off.); Dean Hotchkiss, ev. (306) 763-2218. Contact Bob Jenkins, 764-6187

RADVILLE: in private Residence at (810 Mann Ave.); Richard Thuc, sec., Box 532, SOC 2G0; (306) 869-3103 (res.).

REGINA: 1825 Rothwell St. S4N 2C3; (306) 757-1825; FAX 757-5727; Please call for times; Ray McMillan, senior min., 949-0969

SASKATOON: Sunday, coffee & fellowship 9:30, Worship 10, Wed. 7; Office: 343-7922; Bob Parker, ev. 343-7884; location & mail, 134 Cardinal Cres. S7L 6H6; Fax: 343-1589; e-mail: <stoncfc@sk.sympatico.ca>

SWIFT CURRENT: 400 2nd Ave. S.E., S9H 3J6; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 6:30; Susan Eidem, sec., 306-773-9043.

WAWOTA: Hwy. 48 W. of town; Sun. 10; Mid-week call; Box 454, S0G 5A0; (306) 739-2103 (off); Brent Olson, minister, 306-739-2546 or contact Cam Husband, 306-538-4585 or G. McMillan, (306) 538-4654.

WEYBURN: 1115 First Ave. NE (Hwy. 13E), S4H 0N2; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 7; Wed. 7; Scott Wade, ev., (306) 842-6424 (off); (306) 848-2032 (res).

WHITEWOOD: Legion Hall, 738 Lalonda St.; Sun. 11; Midweek call; Box 1798 Esterhazy, S0A 0X0; Contact Merle Nelson for more information; (306) 745-2311.

YORKTON: 550 Parkview Rd., S3N 2L7; Sun. 11:00; contact Garth Ennis (306) 728-3369.

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