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Crecent Heights, Medicine Hat



Pictured above are some of the members of the Crescent Heights congregation in Medicine Hat, AB. They are in front of their new building at 655 Stewart Dr. NW. We congratulate them on this new facility and pray that God will bless their work in the coming years. (See directions and map to their new location inside on page 13.)

Dead to Sin, How? When?

Steve Cordle

One of the most serious aspects of the Christian life is the need for change. Not just minor changes, but life altering changes. How life altering are the changes a Christian should make? In Romans 6:1-6 the apostle Paul told the Romans that we are to die to our old life. The fact that this passage (and others) teaches that there is a radical change of life and devotion to Christ needed is not disputed in the religious community calling itself Christian. What is disputed is *how* one dies to our old life of sin and *when*. Does the repentant sinner die to sin at the point of praying the "sinner's prayer," or is it at a different point? By a different means? To answer that question, let's see what Paul says on the subject.

In Romans 6:1-6, the inspired apostle states: *What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into*

His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.

The point of the gospel was not to find an excuse for sin.

Earlier in chapter 5:20, Paul stated: *Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more...* Paul knew that his statement in 5:20, could be understood by his Roman readers to encourage sin so that God could then impart grace to them and then look good because of his gift to the sinner. Now in Romans 6:1, which is a continuation of the thoughts in chapter 5, Paul anticipates such an idea and seeks to set the record straight by asking the rhetorical question *What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?* Paul says that the view one can be a Christian while continuing in sin is absurd to him, because, the point of the gospel was not to find an excuse for sin, but to give freedom from sin.¹

Some of the Roman Christians had concluded that by sinning they gave God the opportunity to dispense forgiveness and grace, thus the more they sinned, the better for God to look good. Hendriksen asserts that this "end justifies the means" thinking of the Romans is so

thoroughly obnoxious to Paul that he answers it by one of his characteristic blunt rejection formulas "By no means [Certainly not]."² To show the severity of the departure from our old lives, Paul says we are dead to sin. "Death separates. Death to sin removes the believer from the control of sin."³ Since the believer is no longer controlled or affected by sin, he is said to be dead to it.

The question is, at what point is the repentant sinner dead to sin? Paul seems to make it very clear that the Christian dies to sin at baptism as noted in his statement in Romans 6:4: *Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.* In a footnote to his commentary on Romans 6:4, Robert Mounce quotes E.F. Scott as saying: "As Christ died and was buried and rose again, so the convert is plunged in the water and emerges a new man. He has reenacted in his own person the death by which Christ redeemed him and now shares the risen life of Christ. Mounce then goes on to state: "We do not believe, however, that rebirth is in any real sense connected to water baptism."⁴ In light of Paul's clear statement, how can Mounce or anyone else draw such a conclusion that rebirth is not connected to water baptism? If salvation occurs before baptism, why does Paul refer to baptism as the place where the Roman Christians died to sin? Why not when they "accepted Christ" as their savior? In the modern religious world, a person is taught to "accept Christ" by praying the so-called sinner's prayer. The problem with that teaching is that nowhere in the Bible is anyone ever told to pray for salvation. The term "sinner's prayer" is not found in the pages of inspired text.

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Wake Up!

Bob Sandiford

(This is part of the text of a speech given by Bob Sandiford at the 2002/2003 Great Lakes Bible College graduation. Bob serves as an elder of the Waterloo congregation and is secretary and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Bible College.)

Population

In the 15 years following 1966, the population of Canada increased by 24%. During those same years, the membership of churches of Christ within Canada grew by 49%. In that decade and a half, the church in Canada grew at double the pace of the growth of Canada's population.

In the following decade, from 1981 to 1991, Canada's population grew by about 13%. During that same period, the church grew by about 13%. So, between 1981 and 1991, church growth just kept pace with Canada's population growth.

Between 1991 and 2001, Canada's population increased by 10.6%. During the same decade, Canadian church membership grew at a rate of just 3.2%.

Demographics

During the last 20 years, from 1981 to 2001, the demographics of our congregations have also been changing. That is, what proportion of each congregation is made up of a given age group? In 1981, about one quarter of our members were under 25 years of age. In 2001, that had declined to a bit less than one fifth. In contrast, in 1981, just over one quarter of our members were over 50, but by 2001 that segment had grown to almost 40%.

Number of Congregations

During the 15 years from 1966 to 1981, the number of congregations in Canada grew by 28%. Over the next decade, the number grew by a further 9%. Between 1991 and 2001, the number of congregations in Canada grew by just under 3% – however, in the middle of that decade, the number

of churches in Canada had actually decreased by 2.

Conclusions so far

So – what do these numbers indicate?

First, they show that our congregations are aging. These numbers, taken from church surveys, confirm what we would observe for ourselves – fewer young people, more older people. When compared against Canada's overall demographics for the period, however, the numbers match quite closely. So, our congregations are aging at about the same rate as the rest of Canada. We should still be concerned about this – but the numbers indicate that we are not proportionately losing ground with our young people.

Second, in the last 37 years, we've gone from a body that dramatically outpaced the growth of Canada, to a body that is still growing – but at a rate significantly less than that of Canada. This is a major cause for concern.

Third, we're almost at a standstill with respect to planting new churches. It happens, but much more rarely than it used to.

To put it bluntly, the church of Christ in Canada is losing ground. If this trend continues, then within a very short time we'll see the church shrinking in actual numbers, just as it is currently shrinking relative to Canada's population.

The Health of the Church in Canada

We're faced on the one hand with a pull toward liberalism – watering down the message of God in order to be attractive to non-Christians. As a reaction to this, a tendency exists to move in the other direction to either a legalistic Christianity or to a Fortress mentality to keep ourselves pure and the world out. Neither extreme results in a healthy church. James wrote that pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God is to keep oneself unstained by the world – but

also to help those who are in distress in this world.

Our churches generally are shrinking or even in some cases have closed or merged with other congregations.

We have fewer full time workers available to us. I randomly took a dozen issues of the Gospel Herald from the past 20 years and looked through them, counting the number of advertisements for full time workers. The numbers range from a low of 1 through a high of 6. Each issue had at least one such ad. The early 1980's seemed to average about 4 ads per issue, the late 80's and early 90's about 2 ads, and the late 90's and early 2000's are again increasing, with 6 ads in the March 2003 Gospel Herald.

We are producing fewer true servants of Christ. We are looking to the church for the religious education of our children instead of accepting that responsibility ourselves. We are looking more and more inward within our congregations, and less and less outward to those who need to hear the

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Trouble in Paradise: Crisis in the ICOC

Wayne Turner



For the past several months, the International Churches of Christ (ICOC) has been having a crisis. On May 17, 2003, the Boston Globe published an article by Farah Stockman of the Globe staff, "A Christian Community Falters – Loss of leader, governing body hurts group formed in Boston." Stockman wrote, "the central organization of the International Churches of Christ, a strict religious body founded in Boston, is collapsing ... 'Kip' McKean, its charismatic founder, has stepped down. Its world governing body has dissolved and dozens of local church leaders have resigned or been fired, in part because churches can no longer afford to pay their salaries." The troubles in the ICOC were also reported in a June article in Christianity Today, "Boston Movement' apologizes." What McKean once referred to as a remnant gleaned from "mainline" and "campus ministry" (i.e. Crossroads) churches that was "clearly now a movement of God" (Ten-Year Report, June 11, 1989) is having to face the reality that it is far from being the paradise it seemed.

On February 2, 2003, Henry Kriete, an ICOC leader in London, published a lengthy, open letter to the "elders, teachers and evangelists in our fellowship of churches." He wrote, "Virtually every high-gate we have built, and every trophy that we have boasted in – as proof to ourselves and to the world- that we are 'Gods Modern Day Movement', has been effectively dismantled. The things we boasted in: our numerical growth, our retention rate, our member to fall away ratio, the faithfulness of our children, our never missing a Special Contribution, our consistent sacrificial giving, and now, perhaps most painful of all – even our unity – all these have been levelled by the hand of God." Then he says, "We are at a crossroads, a crossroads that will soon become a crisis if we do not act courageously. Fallen elders and evangelists; countless other leaders who have resigned or stepped down – staff and non staff alike; questionable practices and teachings; serious concerns over finances; the heart-ache, disappointment and even disgust from the mouths of faithful but weary disciples who are now 'allowed' to talk openly (some in great anger); the quarter million who have fallen away; the tens of thousands who have walked away or been pushed away; and the enormous sub-culture of critics that constantly challenge us (and let's be honest, several of them are sincere and conscientious) – all of these things and more – have damaged our integrity, deepened the mistrust between 'clergy' and 'laity', and given reason for many to question our moral authority and even legitimacy."

Space does not permit a detailed rehearsal of Kriete's thoroughgoing call for repentance and change. While it is clear that he has no apparent intention of leaving the ICOC, he believes that there is a need to take a stand, a "peaceful revolution" against "systemic evils that have gone unchallenged for too long." This is directed toward a leadership that has been characterized by "not listening', insensitivity, abuse, coercion and legalism." Kriete lists "Four Systemic Evils – Our corrupted hierarchy, Our obsession with numbers, Our shameful arrogance (the cause/by-product of 1 and 2) and Our seduction by mammon." Essentially, Kriete has validated the bulk of the criticisms that have been made of the ICOC since its inception and its evolution into what Kriete calls a denomination (though the ICOC has rejected this term, a denomination is a group of churches which have bound themselves together under a common name and organizational structure – WT).

Our interest here is not to rejoice at the problems that are troubling the ICOC or to say "We told you so!" As the ICOC grew out of and away from the mainstream churches of Christ, a polarization occurred. Some of the most committed and enthusiastic members from mainstream congregations were drawn to the ICOC because of its aggressive evangelism, sacrificial commitment and dynamic growth. While some, like Kriete, are still involved with the ICOC, some, scarred by their experience, have drifted back to the mainstream, while others are among the quarter million who have fallen away and are now burned out if not totally spiritually dead. For those of us in mainstream congregations, we need to understand that nominalism and lukewarmness helped create the ICOC. In terms of growth, only God knows the price that we may

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Remembering to Not Forget

While not admitting to growing older, I sometimes find myself forgetting to remember things that I should. Thankfully, my handy "Day Timer" helps to keep things in some sense of order so that appointments and important activities are not often overlooked.

The ability to remember important things is a great blessing, often keeping one from making the same mistakes over and over. At times forgetting something may end in an amusing story that can be shared with others. For example, there is the story of a young lady who had surgery and was making good progress toward recovery. Having an appointment with her doctor, she was thankful for a ride to the office that her mother offered. When she arrived there she tried to get out of the car but fell back, unable to get to her feet. "Perhaps I am weaker than I thought," she said, asking her mother to give her a hand. It was on the third try that she fully realized the problem. She had forgotten to unfasten her seatbelt!!

In other cases forgetting may not be funny at all. Forgetting may be costly or cause major hardship on an individual. Forgetting to get gasoline in the car may end in a long walk on a cold night. Forgetting to pay a bill may mean interest charges. Forgetting is especially costly in reference to spiritual matters. When one forgets the blessings of God and one's need to obey him,

the cost is fearful to contemplate. Getting cold walking to find gas or seeing one's bank balance drop is nothing compared to eternal separation from God!!

The book of Judges is about Israel's amazing capacity to enjoy the blessings of God for a while and then forget all about him. "The Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord; they forgot the Lord their God and served the Baals and the Asherahs" (Judges 3:7). The record goes on to state in Judges 8:33, 34, "No sooner had Gideon died than the Israelites again prostituted themselves to the Baals. They set up Baal-Berith as their god and did not remember the Lord their God, who had rescued them from the hands of all their enemies on every side". It is a terribly sad state of affairs that

they did not REMEMBER and so found themselves in difficulty again and again.

The pattern of their problems is repeated throughout the book. First, there was the death of a leader who had led them in victory over their enemies, their failure to remain true to God, their deliverance through the power of God, their repentance for drifting away, their return to their forgetful ways. In chapter 2 the leader was Joshua. "After Joshua had dismissed the Israelites, they went to take possession of the land, each to his own inheritance. The people served the Lord throughout the lifetime of Joshua and of the elders who outlived him and who had seen all the great things the Lord had done for Israel" (Judges 2:6, 7). During his (Joshua's) lifetime there had been ups and downs in the relationship of Israel to God, however, for the most part his leadership had been a positive time. The result had been the taking of the Promised Land, the land that was said to "flow with milk and honey". By the power of God they had been successful in taking this wonder land as their very own possession. With joy they settled in the land. Sadly, things would not continue so.

"After the whole generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation grew up who knew neither the Lord nor what he had done for Israel. Then the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord and served the Baals" (Judges 2:10, 11). It is tragic that in the space of a very few years they had forgotten God and all the blessings they had received from his bounty. This generation had not experienced Egypt nor were they involved in the conquest of Canaan AND they had not even remembered their history. The saying, "A person who will not learn from history is bound to

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Love Them and Let Them Go, Mom

By Margaret Hibbard

One of my personal hobbies is reading. I find that when I need my body to relax, I can accomplish that by curling up with a favourite novel. I have several authors that I prefer and quite a collection from each author. Some have a religious tenor to them, although I cannot agree with the doctrine presented in most of the stories. One of my favourite authors is Janette Oke. She has written a few different series. Perhaps the best-known one is the "Love Comes Softly" series. The appeal of these stories is simplicity of life, usually in the old west, generally in a pioneer setting of the US or Canada. In every story there is the assumption "of God" in the lives of the people. She does not preach her doctrine in the stories, her characters just live the "Christian" life, and it affects the decisions being made in their lives.

I recently read again the story entitled *They Called Her Mrs Doc*, about a city girl named Cassandra who chooses to follow her doctor husband back to the wilds of young Alberta. There she raises a fine family, grows in her own faith, and becomes a transplanted westerner at heart. Later in life, the family is taking a train trip back east to Montreal for the wedding of their eldest daughter. The long trip afforded the family plenty of time to talk.

It is one of those conversations that I want to tell you about. It typifies an attitude

that we might want to consider in our lives. The following quotes are from *They Called Her Mrs Doc*, Janette Oke, Bethany House Publishers, pages 185 and 186.

"You - all of you," Cassandra went on, waving a hand to include all her children in her circle of concern, "your father and I have tried to raise you properly. We have taught you the laws of God, the rules of proper conduct, the etiquette of society - but in the end you make your own choices. You decide who and what you will be." - "I thank God that you have all made the most important first choice. You have, at various ages, come to the place where you have recognized God for who He is and given your hearts and lives to Him. That big step has been taken."

A little further on, she continues, "But you will have many more choices to make in life. Many changes. Many seasons of growth. Your father and I might guide you - will still give our love and support - but in all honesty, you are now all - even you, Peter (the youngest child - MEH) - adults and responsible for what you do with your lives. As your father and I have done our best for you and taught you the proper way to live, we will not accept the blame if you - if you make foolish decisions - and end up - end up - stupid - and - poor - and - and sinful. The choice is yours. We've given you some proper tools for life, but you must do the work."

Then the father steps into the conversation, "Your mother is quite right," he said in his usual calm way. "We love you dearly - each one of you. If you give us cause to be proud by what you do in life, it will be your own doing - not ours. We will grant you full credit. We can take you only so far - you must go on from there. We have every confidence that because you have allowed God to be with you and in you, your choices will be right. He will guide you when we no longer are there for you. Always remember that. Pray for His direction - and when He makes it known to you, - don't argue with Him concerning it. Be in agreement with His will."

BABY STEPS

Do you remember when your child began to take his first steps alone? Did you hover over the toddler, nervous about letting go and yet knowing that you must for the good of the child? At the time, all you could think about was the hurt that might ensue when the child took another tumble. You wanted to protect from all harm. Maybe you didn't want to think about the child being independent

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from you. He could not possibly know enough about life yet to go walking on his own! He would not know where it was safe to walk or what might be lurking around the corner to harm. He takes a few steps and falls down – again and again and yet again. Your mother-heart aches for the painful lessons being learned. He might get away from you, and you might not be there to catch him before he falls again.

Then years later, the same thing happens again. The man-child wants to begin taking some further steps on his own. He makes a few tentative sorties into the adult world and comes back to you for reassurance. Sooner or later, he makes some decisions on his own. They might be very poor decisions. Or he might be a cautious child, scared to try something of his own choosing. Perhaps he rebels at the choices you are making for him. He is not yet ready to face the world alone! You might not be there to pick up the pieces when he fails! How can your

baby possibly survive without you?

All mothers face these frightening scenarios. How do we cope with them? How do we bring ourselves to let go? How do we keep ourselves doing God’s will through all this?

As in all other cases, God’s Word provides the answers for our daily needs. 2 Peter 1:3 tells us that “His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.” The answer to our dilemma must surely be in the pages of His Word.

Let’s start with a basic premise – children are a gift from God, not a drudgery, not a “must-do” job, but a gift from God. In Genesis 30:20, Leah says that the child born to her was a gift from God. Psalm 127:3–5 tells us that children are a heritage, a reward and that the man with a “quiver full” is blessed. Note that a gift is something desired, not something unwanted. It is something that has value to the recipient. It is also

viewed as valuable by the giver, or it would not have been given. Your child is a gift from God. That thought should affect all the decisions and actions you make pertaining to the child.

To appreciate this gift from God properly, we must give it proper place in our life and take care of it in honour of the giver, God. God made humans with a three-fold nature—physical, mental and spiritual. Besides the physical care required for this child, we have an obligation to nurture the other two as well. Many of us do quite well at the mental stimulation, but do we remember to nurture the spiritual nature as well? That is the part that we will give back to God ultimately. That is the part that will sustain the child through the remainder of life. That is the part that will enable the child to survive on his own, as a separate entity from mother and make his own wise decisions in life.

We find instructions in the Bible

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that tell us to teach our children while they are still young and impressionable. God knows that children are most ready to learn at the younger ages; so, he gave them into the keeping of mothers to start them on the pathway of life. Fathers have a strong part to play as well, but in this article we will focus on the mother's role. Proverbs 22:6 tells us to "train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it". 2 Timothy 1:5 reminds us of the role played by mothers and grandmothers in a child's life. Timothy was taught by his mother and grandmother.

The Bible tells us how to teach, when to teach, and what to be teaching our children. The scriptures in Deuteronomy about teaching children daily apply to fathers and mothers equally, but let's review the idea again as mothers. Deuteronomy 6:7 is talking about the commandments of the old law, when it says "Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." The context implies a personal use of scripture in our own daily lives and then impressing it into the lives of our young ones. This requires daily living – in all aspects of our lives – not just lecturing to our children or giving them facts. It involves putting it to use in everything we do. The Bible even shows us that taking children to worship services is a good idea. Look at 2 Chronicles 20:13 where "all the men of Judah, with their wives and children and little ones, stood there before the Lord." Even Jesus encouraged the little ones to come to Him (Matthew 19:14-15). Psalm 34:11 says that children should learn the "fear

of the Lord". This does not say that they should be afraid of God but is indicating that they should learn to reverence God. This is done through watching our lives and interacting with God in their own little ways as they learn to say their prayers and share in all the little things that are so important to their small world.

We have some scriptural examples of children who "did well" and the influence that their mothers had on them. 1 Samuel 2:26 tells about the boy Samuel, who "continued to grow in stature and in favor with the Lord and with men". Much of the context of Samuel's story involves his mother Hannah and her quest to be blessed with a child. She was so thankful to finally bear a child that she promised him to God for special service. And then we have Mary the mother of Jesus, a virgin who is now pregnant under adverse circumstances. Under the law, Joseph could have had her "put away" publicly, and the punishment would have been death. Under God's direc-

tion, he chose to marry her and become the protective father of the child. In the course of Jesus's childhood, Mary had reason to "treasure all these things in her heart" (Luke 2:51). She must have had some inkling of the future for her special son. She raised him as she should, and the very next verse tells the results—Luke 2:52 "Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men".

LETTING GO

In the context of this scripture about Mary and Jesus, we see the beginnings of Jesus stepping out on his own as a child. Maybe we can take example from Mary and be prepared to accept the changes coming in our youngsters as well. If we are doing the job God gave us, in the way God instructs us to, then our children should be ready to face the world when the time comes. AND, if we are living in submission to God, it won't be nearly as difficult as we think.

As our children become teenagers, we want to be preparing them for dealing with life on their own. Here are some scriptures that might tell us what to concentrate on in our teaching.

Proverbs 8:32-33, "Now then, my sons, listen to me; blessed are those who keep my ways. Listen to my instruction and be wise; do not ignore it."

Eccl. 12:1, "Remember your Creator in the days of your youth..."

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1, "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God . . . Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ."

Those who are mothers of daughters will want to remember to use Titus 2:4-5. We must teach our daughters the skills to

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take care of a household, even if they plan to have a career, because most of them will eventually want to have a family or at least a home of their own. Further, though, we must train them to have the skills and attitudes found in Titus 2:4–5. They must be taught how to love their husbands and children—what better way than to watch you in your relationships. By our example and instruction they will learn self-control, purity, housekeeping, kindness and being subject to their husbands. Notice that it says “subject to their husbands”, not “subservient to their husbands”. If they have seen a godly marriage in their growing up years, they will know to seek a godly mate who will make it much easier to follow God’s will on this one.

And now it is time to LET GO. What a wrench. Your baby is going to leave you. How will you handle it? Will you make him feel guilty about leaving you? Will you abandon him to life with no further recourse to

your expertise? OR will you gently let go, knowing that you have done the job God gave you to do? You have given your child the tools to face life, and you now must trust him to make it on his own without you. If you did your job correctly, you know that he is taking God with him as his helper. You are going to sit back and let him make his own mistakes and find his own solutions to life’s problems. Occasionally, he will come back to you for advice, but your role now is to encourage and then step back out of the way. You will have to go back to the beginning again and watch the faltering first steps, knowing it is for the good of the child.

How does it feel to have an empty nest now? Are your children a disappointment to you? Some can be, you know—no matter how good a job you have done. Philippians 2:12-13 tells us how each of us has to be accountable for our own life before God. Just so, your child will have to

be accountable as well. Remember though, the promise in Proverbs 22:6. Your child may stray from the truth, but the knowledge of your teaching will be deep down inside him for later use. Maybe God will be working out something in his life to bring him back, and your early teaching will be there for him to hang on to when it seems that everything else has let him down. Samuel’s sons were a disappointment to him. We can read the story in 1 Samuel 8:3. “But his sons did not walk in his ways. They turned aside after dishonest gain and accepted bribes and perverted justice.” Samuel kept right on serving God anyway. I’m sure his heart was broken, but he must have taken comfort in his relationship with God.

More often that not, our children make us proud. We wonder how we managed to do such a good job with so little formal training in the process. Both Proverbs 15:20 and Proverbs 27:11 tell us that “a wise

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Aurora: Since their first meeting, September 19, 1999, the church has had many visitors. Rick Graham and Marcia Keough have been baptized. Dennis and Sheila Bromley have joined the work there. Song books donated recently are a blessing. Flyers were sent out to introduce themselves to the community.

Beamsville: Clara Pauls celebrated her 80th birthday May 4. Vernah Fleming was guest speaker at the ladies' discussion group May 29. The topic was "True Colours." David Buskirk told of mission work on the Indonesian side of Papua. He stated that five men from the church in Brainwork paddled, in a dugout canoe, from there to Urei Fasei – a 40-mile trip. The men made the trip to attend David's special training on his new commentary, the letters of John. "Where there is a will, there is a way."

Bramalea: Kazuyoshi (Paul) and Mitsuyo Mawatari visited Tintern, St. Catharines (Ontario Street), and Bramalea May 18 through 20. Paul spoke at Bramalea Thursday evening May 14, and at the Sunday a.m. Bible school and morning worship sessions. Boysie and Puldaye Moonsammy celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary May 12. Lisa Boahene came forward asking for prayers on Sunday May 25. Josh Lourenco and Keith Whittington graduated from GLCC. Keith was also chosen Mr. Great Lakes. Sendai, Japan: Ai Abe was baptized May 25. On May 26 the city was shaken by a major earthquake (5 on the Richter scale), but there were no casualties to the Sendai team, except for one broken glass and two picture frames. Akira Mawatari arrived home from York College in Nebraska. Pam Keesee arrived May 29 to spend one year as an intern. Crimsen Ruhnke left for her sister's graduation in America. Barclay and Sharon Osborne, Joel's parents, spent a week with the team, but

left the day before the earthquake. Joel's nephew, Daleth, stayed on for another week.

Brantford: Steve May conducted a spiritual renewal meeting May 16 through 18. Phyllis May spoke at the ladies' brunch May 17.

Hamilton (North): The North Hamilton Church of Christ relocated to the YMCA building at 79 James Street South July 3. The move was made necessary because their previous location, at the YWCA, is undergoing renovations. Class and worship hours remain unchanged.

Meaford: Jean Cramp celebrated her 80th birthday. April 16, Bible teachers were honoured with a special blessing from the congregation and a certificate of appreciation and love to each one for their dedication. May 10, about 65 ladies gathered for their annual mother/daughter/dear friend day. The theme for the day was "Gift of the Blessing." Speakers were Ina Smith and Brenda Snow. Darrin Douglas was guest speaker for the Georgian Bay fellowship Saturday, June 7. The theme was "Reverence God – Respect Your Fellowman."

North Bay: News from Bunia tells that hundreds are being killed on a daily basis in the civil war. Brother Mandro is busy in Kampala, Uganda, welcoming refugees from Bunia. Many people fleeing for their lives are crossing into where Mandro has received relief food. One day he may have 30 families, the next day only a few, and an influx of hundreds the next. When will it all finish? The hatred in the hearts of the warriors is very hard to understand.

St. Thomas: A surprise card shower honoured Bert Thompson on his 80th birthday, May 25. In June, Marjorie and Dave Langman celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

St. Catharines (Ontario Street): On Sunday evening, May 18, Paul Mawatari made a presentation about the Sendai, Japan, work to the congregation. After the

service, a special reception in honour of Paul and Mitsuyo was held in the fellowship hall.

Ottawa: Don Snure died on Sunday, June 15, after a lengthy struggle with leukemia.

Owen Sound: Calvin Russell completed his radiation treatments in early May. The GLCC Chorus sang there on May 25. The church hosted a surprise 25th anniversary celebration for Brian and Faith Thompson in May. The theme for vacation Bible school July 28–August 1 is "Sun Country Fair." Their ladies' renewal is scheduled for September 26–28. The theme is "Trust in the Lord With all Your Heart." The 50th anniversary of the congregation will be celebrated in a special service October 19, 2003.

Toronto (Bayview): The congregation celebrated its 60th year as a congregation on June 22.

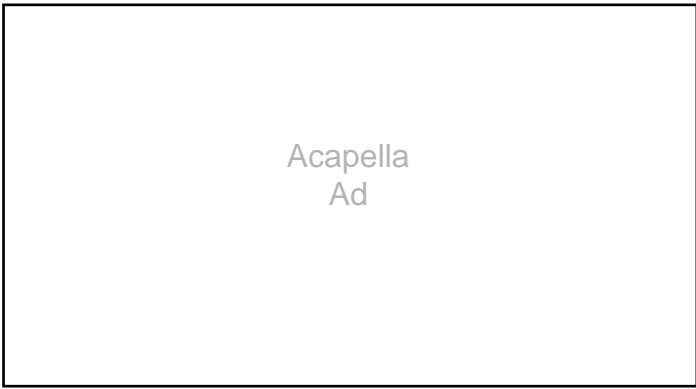
Toronto (Harding): Five carloads of ladies went to Barrie for the ladies' retreat. Twenty-two people planned to attend the Bayview 60th anniversary.

Toronto (Strathmore): Santiago Molina is conducting Bible studies in the west end of the city with a view to beginning morning worship services in the area. The regular afternoon Spanish services will continue at the Strathmore building as well. Jean Volcy traveled to St. Catharines to speak on June 8 and report of the work in Haiti. Jean, an elder at Strathmore, led in the establishment of a congregation in his home town in Haiti in December, 2002. Rex Maddeaux passed away in early May after a short battle with the reoccurrence of a brain tumour.

Waterloo: Twelve from the congregation plan a mission trip to Honduras July 21–31. Joel Lock reported that Jordan Wall had preached in Lae, Papua New Guinea and that a woman there was baptized. Stephanie Thomas was baptized into Christ on May 25. Summer vacation Bible school was scheduled to start June 29 and run Sundays and Wednesdays throughout the summer with the theme: "VeggieTown: Values for the Family."

Windsor (Westside): On July 26, a "Men-4 Jesus" Bible study and breakfast is planned. A youth rally for grades six and up is planned at the Walled Lake church of Christ August 22 and 23, with Patrick Mead, of Rochester Hills, as featured speaker.

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ALBERTA

Calgary: A family camp was held at Pine Lakes May 16-19. The theme for the Ladies' Retreat was "Living a Life of Worship". It was held May 23-25. A Ukraine orphanage clothes and toy drive was held. A Leadership Training Workshop with people from all over Western Canada was held May 23 -25.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Abbotsford (Central Valley): We had 70 people at our "Bring A Friend" Sunday on May 18. The "Parents n' Tots" Tuesday morning sessions are regularly bringing visitors. John and Willodene Wedler attended the Leadership Workshop in Calgary the last weekend of May. A special contribution was taken for the Spruston Road Bible Camp, on Vancouver Island, on the first Sunday in June. Some from our congregation were, in past years, baptized there while attending the camps that are provided each summer.

Burnaby: About 40 people came to hear Steve Pawlak, a member of the WCC board, report on the opportunities for growth and expansion for the school with its move this fall to Regina, SK. Steve emphasized the value of the school in past years by telling the story of his mother-in-law, whose husband died young, leaving her with six children to support and raise. Sometimes they had to live in railroad houses, and once even in two boxcars put together, but she not only managed to feed and clothe her six, but to send all of them to Western Christian--an amazing story of love and determination. There was a farewell tea for Cyrus, Kristi and Connor Crook on May 18. They have moved to Regina. They will be missed, Cyrus who led our song service so capably, and Kristi with her encouraging ready smile. Barbara Nienhuis was in Merritt with her family when her sister, Della Ned, went into a coma on May 12 and died two days later. Della had been ill for some time.

Comox: The family of Dr. Bob Clarke,

who lives in Comox on Vancouver Island, are rejoicing that he was baptized in early May. He is terminally ill with cancer.

City Church (E. Vanc.): We are thankful to the Crosstown congregation in Tulsa, Ok., for increasing our support to cover the cost of the higher rent we are now paying because of the necessity of a change of address. Allen Liu and his bride, Cherry Gao Min, returned from visiting their families in China in May. They did a self-imposed two-week quarantine to prevent the possible spread of SARS and then we once again studied at their home on Saturday evenings. On May 18, Allen was baptized. During our move more students were added to the Wednesday class for seekers, making us realize that God never wastes a minute! While in line at the store during the move, in dirty clothes from moving boxes, etc., a man started talking to me about his spiritual situation. He met with me and later we had a talk on the phone. He is trying to get his friend to study the Bible with us, as he is already a believer. If you are a person who likes to talk to anyone, don't miss the opportunity to talk to people while you are in line at the store or anywhere else. John and Autumn Sproul, our son-in-law and daughter, and their children, arrived to work with us this summer as part of his training at Sunset in Lubbock, Texas. We have added a class in the home of Mark and Carolyn Gray on Tuesday evenings as part of our outreach - Condensed from report by Steve Hasbrouck

Maple Ridge: David Jewell, of the Nanaimo congregation, was our guest speaker in April, and Ray Mansell of Burnaby in June.

Prince George: An effort is still being made to find financial help from either congregations or individuals to keep Garth Hilton in place as he continues to study with people in the area.

Salmon Arm: Some 40 ladies from the B. C. Interior enjoyed a Ladies' Retreat at Gardom Lake sponsored this year by the Salmon Arm church. June 30 through July 6, children from ages 8 through 16 years were able to spend a week of their summer vacation at the Clearwater Bible Camp in Wells Gray Provincial Park. Theme this year was "Life in Christ: Supersize It!". The camp offered archery, games, trampolines, swimming, crafting, hiking, and canoeing, in addition to excellent Bible classes daily.

Victoria: Several members were able to participate in two work bees at the Spruston Road Bible Camp near Nanaimo in preparation for this summer's sessions.

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QUEBEC

Montreal (Verdun): The youth group had a super time at the annual GLCC youth rally in Beamsville. The Woodford family plans to go to Nova Scotia in July to participate in the annual VBS with Ray and Laurie Fisher in Kentville. Jason Teahan was baptized. Mike Mazzalongo planned to return to Montreal, where he started a French congregation 16 years ago, and begin full-time work in June, working specifically with the English group in the bilingual congregation. Over the Victoria weekend, he conducted a 3-day lectureship on mothers (how we can appreciate them more), being a better Christian, and the prodigal son. Chris and Maureen Blackwell are relocating to Kitchener, Ontario. The Blackwells served the Lord in Montreal for 7 years, with Chris the initiator of, and minister for, the English group in Verdun. They will be missed by the congregation. Chris and Maureen can be contacted at the web-mail address: cmblackwell@gosympatico.ca.

NEW BRUNSWICK

St. John: Fred Nelson, in whose home the church meets, recently retired from the Bank of Nova Scotia, and intends to devote much of his time spreading the word.

Moncton: Their 2nd Friends Day, May 11, had 13 visitors from the community. St. John brethren joined them for the day, as they normally do on a quarterly basis. Speaker was Brian Garnett of Camp Wood, Texas (formerly of Kentville, Nova Scotia). The new piece of land purchased in March has been paid for, with a healthy surplus to allow the congregation to develop it into a paved parking area.

NEWFOUNDLAND

Gander: A tiny group of Christians has sprung up in the city. Chad Parsons and another couple have decided to follow nothing but the scriptures. Tim Johnson was invited to hold a meeting there, June 19-24.

NEW YORK

North Buffalo: Dave DiTullio returned safely from his time in the armed services. The 2003 men's Uplift, "Coping: A Biblical Approach," was held May 3 at the Horseheads church.

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message. Our Canadian culture of self and self-interest is making significant inroads into the church. We don't sufficiently encourage our young people to pursue ministry, but rather to look to academic achievement as the basis for their future, attend a good university, get a well paying job.

Many of our young people who do pursue a Christian based education do so in the United States – and oh, so many of them never return to Canada. We recognize that danger in foreign mission fields, and work to establish local schools run by local people so that people stay in their own culture – but why don't we recognize this for ourselves?

I would not say that the church in Canada is dying, but overall it is very ill.

Nehemiah

Let me remind you of some events from another time and place.

After decades in captivity away from the Promised Land, finally remnants of the nation of Israel started returning. During this time, a powerful man in the service of the king of Babylon asked a visitor from Jerusalem for the news. He found out that instead of the joy and faith that should have been present, the remnant were in great distress and reproach. Much of the holy city of Jerusalem was still in ruins. There were no walls for defence. The people round about were actively working against the returned Jews to keep them from becoming a people again. This nation was in trouble – demoralized, persecuted, in physical danger from the people around them. They were in a much worse condition than that in which we find ourselves today.

The man, of course, was Nehemiah. When he heard this news, he sat down and wept and mourned for days – fasting and praying before the

God of heaven.

Nehemiah did more than pray – he also acted. He left his position in the Persian court, and headed to Jerusalem bringing help with him. He was at times afraid, at times in personal danger, at times facing mutiny and tough choices, but he continued to act. Appealing to the Lord and to His promises, and attributing to God the good results of his own actions, Nehemiah was able to bring about a faith and attitude shift in the people in Jerusalem. The wall of the city was rebuilt in less than two months. Social reforms were accomplished. And, through the reading of God's word, a faith revolution took place within the people of Israel.

Nehemiah saw that there were problems affecting God's people. He prayed – and acted by going there himself to help. Nehemiah saw that the people around Jerusalem were getting ready to attack the unfinished city. He prayed – and acted by posting guards (4:9). He saw the fear in the people of Israel – and told them to remember the Lord who is great and awesome, and to

be ready to fight. When he faced personal threats, he prayed 'O God, strengthen my hands', and continued to lead the efforts of the people to rebuild the walls. When the wall was completed, He publicly praised God along with all the people, 'and on that day they rejoiced because God had given them great joy...so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard from afar.

Nehemiah was a man of prayer and great trust in the faithfulness of God. In the entire book of Nehemiah, not a single overt miracle or sign is recorded – but the main thread, weaving through the whole book, is that God is responsible for all the achievements made through His people. Nehemiah was a man who asked God for His will to be done – and he was also a man who knew that God uses His people to accomplish His will.

Is it all black today?

There are many good signs in the church in Canada today – I've intentionally mentioned so far only the challenges we face – but the situation certainly isn't all black, and certainly there is no cause for despair.

I see a resurgence in spirituality among our young people – they want to **know** God, not just know **about** God. They want their relationship with God to make a real difference in their lives and in the lives of people around them. I know of at least one young woman who literally weeps when she sees her friends and acquaintances sinning against God.

There are at least two teams of Canadian young people who are currently engaged in foreign missions for extended periods of time – in Sendai Japan, and in Papua, New Guinea.

I know of University and College students who have arranged their own Bible study groups, and their own accountability groups. I see leaders emerging, in addition to the mutual encouragement to faithfulness which results

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Finally – and most importantly – remember that God is active and working through us. His divine power has granted to us everything we need pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. (2 Pet 1:3)

There is much to do

This is an encouragement to action – a wake up call for those not yet awake to the situation. Here are some things we can do:

Stand on the word of God. Through it, God's power flows. The word of God leads people to salvation – if we change it, if we water it down, then we may be leading people – but it won't be to their salvation. Let's not be ashamed of God's word, but make it known in all its power, so that Jesus will not be ashamed of us, when he returns in the glory of His Father. (Mark 8:38)

Actively work to increase the level of personal ministry and evangelism within yourself, and within your congregation. Remember – God doesn't have a backup plan – we are His plan. We're the ones to whom the treasure has been entrusted, and we are to share it with those who so desperately need it.

Encourage your sons and daughters to think of a career of full-time ministry: preaching, or missions, or planting churches. Find those in your congregation who will love to be able to carry the Word full-time. Let's get the number of 'Preacher Wanted' ads down to zero.

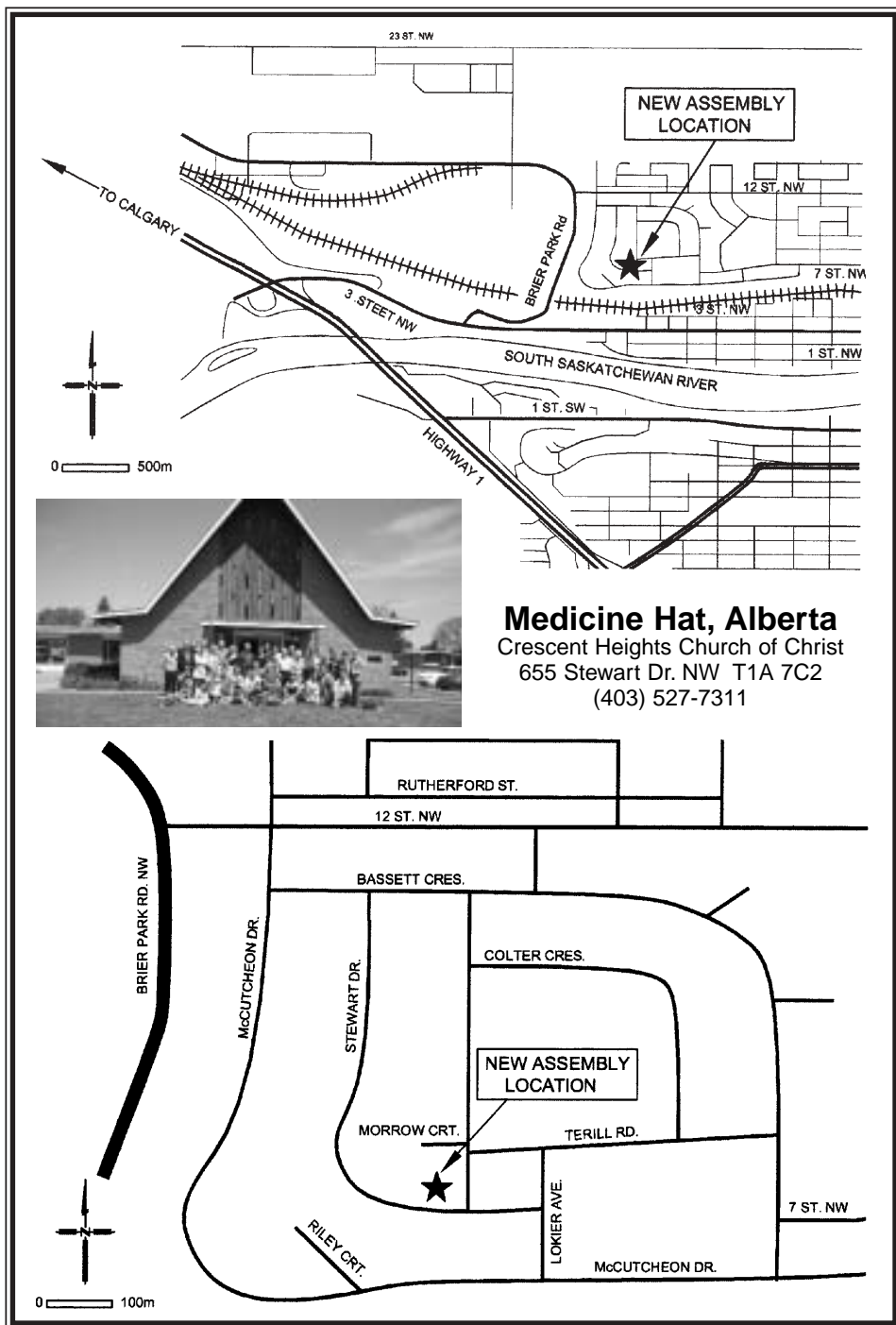
Encourage your sons and daughters to take their post-secondary education in Canada – at Western Christian College, or at Great Lakes Bible College, or at a school where the local church has support for young

Christians during these crucial and vulnerable years.

For those of you in cities where young Christians go to school – work with them to encourage their growth and ministry as Christians – even while they are at school. Our culture places a great emphasis on the academic. There does need to be an emphasis on the academic – but not to the exclusion of living a Christian life in all its dimensions.

Take Jesus' words to heart – look around you and see that the fields are white for harvest (John 4:35). And beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest field. And, once having prayed, take action to make sure it happens. Be like Nehemiah who first prayed – and then acted, trusting that God would work through him and through His people to achieve His purposes.

Waterloo, ON



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have paid. Many mainstream congregations have lost their evangelistic edge. At the same time, reading Kriete's letter, the ICOC has paid a great price as it has moved away from Biblical standards to follow a system controlled by human authority. All who seek to serve Christ need to move toward genuine discipleship – committed and subject to the Lord Jesus Christ – not men, completely obedient to His word, actively sharing the gospel as each one is able and has opportunity, living, working and worshipping in a local, autonomous community of believers characterized by genuine loving relationships.

It took a great deal of courage and conviction for Kriete to write his letter. It is our hope and prayer that he and those willing to listen, will carry these ideas to their fullest extent – to reject all vestiges of any human system or authority and be brought to complete unity and fellowship in the body of Christ. And, we hope that those in the mainstream may discover the passion and fire that come with the gospel of Christ.

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In Romans 6:3–14 Paul explains our death to sin. Romans 6:3 says Christians are baptized into Christ's death. According to Hendriksen it is beginning in verse 3 that Paul makes the case that "to be baptized into Christ implies to be brought into [a] personal relation to the Savior."⁵ Then in verse 4 Paul says, "Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. In this case, Paul seems to talk about our personal death to sin. Cottrell asserts, "When we became united with Christ's death in baptism, our old sinful self was put to death—not by our own will power, but by the power of his holy cross."⁶

It is very clear that Paul says we die to sin at baptism, once we have died to sin we are separated from sin and united with Christ. In 2 Corinthians 6:11–17 Paul urges Christians to come out from associations and life styles that come between the believers and Christ. In Romans 6:1–12 Paul tells us how to do that by being immersed and reenacting the death, burial and resurrection of Christ, not by praying a "sinner's prayer."

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repeat it" is surely true in the case of Israel. "They forsook the Lord, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of Egypt. They followed and worshiped various gods of the peoples around them. They provoked the Lord to anger because they forsook him and served Baal and the Ashtoreths" (Judges 2:12, 13).

The result of all this was, "In his anger against Israel the Lord handed them over to raiders who plundered them. He sold them to their enemies all around, whom they were no longer able to resist. Whenever Israel went out to fight, the hand of the Lord was against them to defeat them, just as he had sworn to them. They were in great distress" (Judges 2:14, 15). God had great power to help when given honour and obedience but he left his people to their own abilities when they turned from him. (It is no different today.)

What is the result of their forgetting God? "Then the Lord raised up judges who saved them out of the hands of these raiders" (Judges 2:16). This cycle is repeated again and again in Judges. Israel would drift, God would send an enemy against them, they would cry out to God, and God would choose a deliverer to bring them out of trouble and back to relationship with him. However, when that leader was gone the cycle would repeat.

It is sad, but it is ever true. Mankind does well and enjoys the good of this life. Dependence on the Lord becomes less important as he forgets that the source of all good things is God. Since the time of man in the garden, mankind has often drifted from God, FORGETTING his benefits. It is surely true that we are always just a generation away from apostasy.

The question: Will you and your generation be remembered for forgetting and drifting or for remembering to not forget?

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son brings joy to his father". I'm sure that Mother is involved in the joy as well. Proverbs 23:24 says, "The father of a righteous man has great joy; he who has a wise son delights in him." Again, you could insert the word mother there.

It is a joy to us to see our children taking their rightful place in the world and starting families of their own. Read Genesis 2:24 to realize that it is God's plan for children to leave home. Did you think this verse applied only to you and the wonderful man you love? Start thinking NOW about the mate your child will have someday. Decide now to be a good mother-in-law. Begin now to pray for your child's "other mother" who is raising your future in-law. She needs just as much help from God as you do.

Remember also the great joy of grandchildren. The Bible even addresses that topic in Proverbs 17:6 where it says, "Children's children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children". Look at Acts 2:39 to be reminded that "the promise (of salvation) is for you and your children and for all who are far off – for all whom the Lord our God will call."

When you are feeling down and wondering if you are doing a good enough job raising your children, turn to Romans 8:29. There we find out that "in all things God works for the good of those who love him".

Do you remember the old clothespin trick? When my toddlers were learning to walk, I put a clothespin in each hand for them to hang on to. They thought I was holding them up, but they were doing it on their own. Spiritually, I gave them a "clothespin" as well. I gave them the B-I-B-L-E and taught them to hang on to it with all their might. I believe it will serve them well in the future.

Are you planning ahead to "love them and then let go, Mom"?

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OBITUARIES

Becky Hibbard Morgan

On January 28, 2003, after a lengthy illness, Becky Lynn Morgan was released from the bonds of this earth and entered into that rest which is prepared for the faithful in Christ Jesus. Becky had suffered from diseases resulting from a bone marrow transplant in 1997 and had been on a respirator for the last 6 months of her life.

Becky was born Rebecca Lynn Hibbard on December 20, 1975 in Kitchener, Ontario to Bob and Beth Hibbard who survive her. She is also survived by her husband Erik, her brother Bob Jr, her sister-in-law Debbie, her nephew Chase, and her two grandmothers Marie Hibbard of Sarnia, Ontario and Louise Smart of Wallaceburg, Ontario, as well as a number of aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A funeral service was held January 31, 2003 at the Mayfair Church of Christ, Huntsville, Alabama with Dr. Gary Bradley officiating assisted by Dick Savage one of the elders at Mayfair. Internment was in Huntsville. A memorial service was held March 1, 2003 at the Fennell Ave. Church of Christ building in Hamilton, Ontario. On that occasion Becky's brother Bobby, her uncle Al, and her dad Bob shared remembrances of Becky's life with those assembled.

Attendance at the funeral and at the memorial service in addition to the content of hundreds of cards, letter, and phone calls the family received, are a testimony to the impact of Becky's life in her short 27 years.

Becky lived most of her life in Hamilton. She attended Great Lakes Christian College, Michigan Christian College, and Harding University before being diagnosed with leukemia in 1995. In 1997, after falling out of remission, she received a bone marrow transplant, her uncle Al being the donor. Becky married Erik Morgan in 1998 and lived in Niagara Falls, Ontario until moving with him to live in his home town of Huntsville, Alabama in 1999.

In Alabama, Becky was instrumental in establishing an internet support group for cancer patients and survivors with members in Belgium, Australia, and the United States. Such was the relationship with those in the group that they visited Becky while she was in the hospital on more than one occasion. At the time of her passing Becky had enough material gathered from patients and patients families to start a book designed to help everybody be more effective as a hospital visitor.

Becky was also very active in the Mayfair congregation, serving on at least two support groups and engaged with her husband in outreach activities, not allowing poor health to restrict her involvement. The group leader of Mayfair's mission trip to Hamilton said, "Everyone on our trip to Canada became a better person because of her influence. Her presence at every meeting and strong determination to be part of the team set an example like none we have seen before". He went on to say, "There are some people who spend their entire lives trying to motivate and inspire others to greatness. There are others whose very lives are an inspiration to us all. Becky was this kind of person."

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Throughout her life Becky extended herself to others, often choosing for friends those who were less popular among their peers. Dick Savage said, "If you knew Becky you loved her. She had a kind of gentle spirit. Every life she touched was made better." In teaching or talking to others about the Lord and His church, she was earnest yet kind.

We will miss Becky's engaging personality – her warmth, charm, wit, playfulness, sensitivity, and overall strength of character. She will be fondly remembered for these things. But most of all, Becky will be remembered by all who knew her for her faith in God, her love for Christ and His church, and her love for others. Her family is comforted in this knowledge and in the blessing she has been to so many. May we all seek to leave such a rich legacy of faith, service, and love.

Bob Hibbard

Rex Alfred Maddeaux

Rex Maddeaux, born March 13, 1957, passed away at Sunnybrook & Women's Hospital in Toronto on May 10, 2003. He had undergone surgery for a second tumour of the brain in March of this year. The surgery was only partially successful, extending his life for only a few more weeks. He passed away peacefully, for which we are thankful.

He leaves to mourn his passing his mother, Blanche of Toronto, father, Russell (Helen) of Nanaimo, BC. Rex leaves three sons, Ryan and Russell, sons of his first wife, Henrietta, and Dylan, the son of his second wife, Melvina. He is also mourned by a granddaughter, Madison, three brothers and two sisters, William (Shirley), Anna (Mervin) Cox, Patrick (Sharon), Joseph (Marion), Charrie (Terry) Glew, and one stepsister, Laurie Gionet, and two stepbrothers, Robbie Yates, and David Yates, a number of nieces and nephews, along with his Church family.

Rex spent most of his life in the Niagara Peninsula but had lived in Toronto the last three years. He was baptized a few years ago at the Linwood Ave Church in Buffalo. He returned to the fellowship at the Strathmore congregation and committed himself to living the Christian life.

Like two of his brothers, Rex was a trucker for most of his working life. He enjoyed his time on the road and made many friends across the country and in the US. One of his interests was auto racing and he competed in races at Merrittville and Humberstone Raceways. He was not a winner very often, but greatly enjoyed the sport.

Rex enjoyed singing and even in the last days of his life could remember many of the hymns he loved. He will be remembered for his cheerfulness. A service in his memory was conducted at the Beamsville Church building on May 24, 2003. Joy for his life was celebrated by a number of remembrances shared by those who knew him. This writer brought a short message reminding those present of the first duty of man, to fear God and keep his commandments.

We pray God will comfort all who mourn his passing.

Max Craddock

Joel Osborne and Jonathan Straker are still in need of support for the mission work in Sendai, Japan. If you would like to find out more about this work and how you can help, you can check out their website at www.sendaimissions.com, or contact the

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PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

CALGARY: (Northside): 803-20A Avenue N.E., T2E 1S1; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; recorded message; 276-8088; Derek Chambers, ev..

CALGARY: 4030 Maryvale Dr. NE, T2A 2S8; (June – August) Sun. service 10 am, (Sept – May) Children's Bible Classes 9:30 & 11:15, Worship 9 & 10:45, Wed. 6:45 p.m. Small Groups (Fri – Mon, eve.) Phone (403) 272-2111; E-mail: info@calgarycfc.com

CAMROSE: 4901-42 St., T4V 1A2; Sun. 9:30, 10:45; Wed. 7; Ted Archbold, ev., (780) 672-1220 (off).

EDMONTON: 13015-116 Ave., T5M 3C9, (780) 455-1049; FAX 454-9545; Sun. 11, 9:30; Wed. 7:00; Kevin Carson, ev. 454-9097; Dave Friesen, ev. 460-4258; C. Eric Limb, Henri Bouchard, Herb Anderson, David Hotchkiss, elders.

FORT MCMURRAY: Centre Boreal School, 312 Abasand Drive.; Sun. 10-noon; Box 5094, T9H 3G2; Billy McMillan, ev. (780) 790-0109.

LETHBRIDGE: 2720 21st Ave. S., T1K 1H8; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7:00; Mike Gray, ev. (403) 328-0855.

MEDICINE HAT: Crescent Heights Church of Christ, 655 Stewart Dr. NW, T1A 7C2; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7; Jamie Lobert, ev. (403) 527-7346 or (403) 527-7311 (off)

RED DEER: 68 Donlevy Ave., T4R 2V8; Sun. 11:30, 10, (evening—call for information); Wed. 7; John Smith, ev. (403) 347-3986 email; <davenportcort@aol.com>

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ABBOTSFORD (Central Valley): #5 – 2580 Cedar Park Place; Sun. 10,11; Tues. 7:30 at address above, Norm Weir, ev. (604) 850-8670 (off); 859-5973 (res). If no answer 852-5052; email: normjen@rapidnet.net; website: http://www.members.shaw.ca/allanjin/cvccc/

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

CAMPBELL RIVER: 226 Hilchey 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 6J4; Al McCutcheon, sec. (604) 792-0046

CRESTON: Corner of 5th Ave. and Cook St.; Sun. 10, 11; 130 5th Ave. N. V0B 1G3; 250-428-7411 (off) or 428-5937.

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

DELTA: Delta Christian School, 53rd & Ladner Trunk Road, Ladner; Sun. 10; Midweek: Call for times; PO Box 18623, V4K 4V7; Darren Williamson, ev., (604) 943-0515 (off)

KAMLOOPS: 1295 Monashee Court; Sun. 10:00; Tues. 7:00; PO Box 2129, V2B 7K5; Dane Bengard, ev. (250) 377-3386

KELOWNA: 1317 Ethel St. V1Y 2X1; Building 250-861-9486, Sunday 10:45 a.m. Worship, 9:30 a.m. Bible Study (excl. July – Aug). Evangelists: Charles McKnight, 250-765-8739; Barrie Forman, 250-764-4313, sonlover@shaw.ca, cell 212-0080; Elders: Wayne Muirhead, 250-861-4008, marwayne@hotmail.com; Ted Windmill, 250-763-8445, edward_windmill@telus.net.

NANAIMO: 1720 Meredith Rd., V9S 2M4; Sun. 10:00, 11:00, Wed. 7:00 meeting in homes, please phone for time and place; Grant Hannan, min. 758-9412 (off.); Les Beamish, sec. 758-6929; cell phone 729-1833.

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

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

PRINCE GEORGE: 4337 Ewen Dr., V2M 5Y8; Sun. 10; For more information contact Grahame Somerville; 562-6708 or Leo Selzer, 964-9102

PRINCE RUPERT: 977 Prince Rupert Blvd.; PO Box 324, V8J 3P9; Sun. 4-5 pm, 3-4 pm; Thurs. 7; Dick Brant, ev. (250) 624-4449 (off), 624-5834 (res)

RICHMOND: 5800 Kartner Rd. V6V 1R9; Call Gary Marrs, ev. (604) 271-6197 or Carlos Castillo (604) 273-0506.

SALMON ARM: 2460 Auto Rd. S.E.; Sunday 10:00; Call for times and locations of other meetings; (250) 832-3828 or 804-4833; Box 51, V1E 4N2; Doug Kendig, John Murrey, Gordon Parmenter and Blair Robers, elders.

SURREY: (Greater Vancouver): 15042 92nd Ave., V3R 5V8; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Ron Beckett, ev., 594-1796.

Vancouver (City Church): Trout Lake Community Centre, 3350 Victoria Drive, Worship 4:30 to 6:15 p.m., Bible Study 6:30 p.m. (mailing address, 483 East 51st Ave, Vancouver, V5X 1C8), Stephen C. Hasbrouck, Sr. ev., (604) 263-3470

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; Spanish services: Sun. 5; Fri. 6:30; Milton Diaz, ev., 432-1749 (res.).

VERNON: 4107 Pleasant Valley Rd, V1T 4M1; Sun. 10, 11; Murray Ververda, ev., (250) 545-5256 (res); 545-6892 (off).

VICTORIA: 3460 Shelbourne St., V8P 4G5; Sun. 9, 10:15; midweek in homes; (250) 592-4914 (off); website: www.churchadmin.sssc.bc.ca

PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

BRANDON: 943 7th St., R7A 3V1; Sun. 10:30; Midweek; call for location (204) 728-0957; Charles Muller, sec. 726-4723.

CARMAN: Main Street S.; Sun. 10, 1:15; Wed. 7:30; Box 955, R0G 0J0; contact Ray Winkler (elder), 745-3226; Bob Norris, ev., 745-6969.

DAUPHIN: 378 River Ave. E. (Corner of River & Bond) R7N 0H8: Sun. worship 9:00 & 10:00; Sun. & Wed. nights call for details; Darin Ashby, min. (204) 638-6321 (off), 638-6025 (res.), Fax: 638-0872; email: <ddashby@mts.net>

MANSON: Bldg. in Manson Village; Sun. 10, 11; Box 2, ROM 1J0; Wilf Rogers (204) 722-2293 or Lloyd Jacobs, (204) 722-2278, elders; Ken Starnes, sec. (204) 722-2085.

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

WINNIPEG (Central): 217 Osborne St. S., R3L 1Z4; Sun. 10 worship, 11:15 Bible School, Wed. 7; Office: (204) 475-6462 Fax: (413) 677-6165 web site: http://www.winnipegchurch.ca; Jim Hobbs, sec. for elders (204) 261-9861; Wayne Turner, ev. (204) 257-7926 (res); wayne@winnipegchurch.ca Chad Cleaire, youth min. (204) 284-6280 chad@winnipegchurch.ca

PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK

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

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

PROVINCE OF NEWFOUNDLAND

ST. MARYS: Meeting in the home of Robert D. Ryan, Main Rd. Time flexible. Call (709) 525-2680 or address Robert at Box 198, St. Marys, NF A0B 3B0

NEW YORK STATE

BUFFALO (Linwood): 2523 Main St., 14214; Sun. 9:30, 10:45, 6; Training Class 5; Wed. 7; John Smiley, ev. (716) 832-7171.

NIAGARA FALLS: 359 14th St., Niagara Falls, NY, 14303. Off (716) 285-6534, Home (716) 886-2871. Sunday Bible study 10 am, worship 11 am, evening 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm. Minister Eddie J. Cornelius. e-mail BROCNFCC@juno.com

NORTH BUFFALO: 350 Kenmore Ave., 14223; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

YELLOWKNIFE: 516 Range Lake Rd., X1A 3A7; Sun. 9, 11; (867) 873-3875. Elders: Doug Ashby, Craig Robinson, Randy Straker; Steve McMillan, min.

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

HALIFAX: 48 Conroy Ave., B3N 2P8; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; ev. (902) 443-9628 (off), Wayne Taylor, sec. (902) 876-7402

DARTMOUTH: 19 Killikee Gate, Dartmouth, NS, B3B 1A7; Neil Prokop (902) 463-3629/430-9543cell, neiliasprokop@hotmail.com. Please call for Sunday worship times and midweek information

KENTVILLE: 177 Middle Dyke Rd. exit 12 off Hwy 101, Sun. 11, 10; Wed. 6; Box 26, B4N 3V9; (902) 678-8881 or Ray Fisher, ev; 582-3457; Toll free 1-866-236-7891

SHUBENACADIE: Mill Village Church, 3613 Indian Rd. 2 miles w. of Shubenacadie; Sun. 10:15, 11; Wed. 7:30; R.R. 1, B0N 2H0; D. Hallett (902) 758-2133; J. Mackey, sec., (902) 758-2633; 758-3215 (off.).

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

AJAX (Serving Durham Region): 1 Cedar St.; Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Call for mid-week information; Box 162, L1S 3C3; Ph. (905) 683-2477 (off); Edward Jermakowicz, ev., (905) 426-8465 res, <e.jermakowicz@sympatico.ca>

AURORA: 15216 Yonge St. S.; (entrance beside Mac Flemming Paints); Sun. 9:30, Wed. 7:30; P.O. Box 71523, L4G 1L9; Contact: Scott & Linda Harvey, (905) 473-5631 or leave message; e-mail <r.sharvey@sympatico.ca> or Clare Preston, (905) 841-2272

BARRIE: 345 Grove St. E. (at Cook), L4M 2R6; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:00; (705) 722-7155 (off.); Claude Cox, ev. (705) 737-2272.

BEAMSVILLE: 4900 John St., L0R 1B6; Sun. 9:30, 10:30, 6; Wed. 7:00; Don Smith, ev. (905) 563-7655 (off); e-mail: <don093@sympatico.ca>

BRACEBRIDGE: 14-4 Manitoba St., P1L 1R9; (705) 645-3356; We worship at home each Sunday.

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) 789-1632 (res.); 792-2297 (off).

BRANTFORD: 267 North Park St., N3R 4L2; Sun. 10, 11, last Sunday of month 6:30; Wed. 7; contact Ray Knight (519) 754-0401; office (519) 759-6630; Jamie Azzoparde, ev. (519) 770-4814 (res)

BRANTFORD: (Costain/Johnson Community Centre) 16 Morrell St., N3T 4J2; Sun. 10 & 11., Wed. 7; call for information on various other mid-week classes; 519-758-5673 (75-U-LORD); Rick Gamble (min.); 519-753-5353 (res.); www.followers.ca or e-mail followers@bfree.on.ca

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

COLLINGWOOD: 494 Tenth St.; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7; C/O Peter Dale, 75 Peel Street, L9Y 3V5; (705) 444-0010 (office)

CORNWALL: 1702 Dover Road. K6J 1W1; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Allen Bojarski, ev. Phone (613) 933-1825; Fax: (613) 933-1879; Emails: churchofchrist@cogeco.ca or abojarski@cogeco.ca; Website: http://home.cogeco.ca/~abojarski/abojarski

FENWICK: 765 Welland Ave.; Sun. 9:45, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; P.O. Box 416, L0S 1C0; (905) 892-5661; email <DonHipwell@AOL.com>

GORE BAY: W. Manitoulin church; (Gore Bay waterfront, past docks); Sun. 10:30; B14, POP 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; Jeff Cobb, ev. (905) 309-1979

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: 554 Helmer Pedersen Drive, New Liskeard; Sun. 10:30; Wed. 7:30; Contacts: Jim Robertson, PO Box 1556, New Liskeard ON P0J 1P0 (705) 647-5488 or Mike Tinney PO Box 702, Haileybury ON 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; Chris Gardner, sec., (905) 388-9174.

HAMILTON (North): YMCA building, 79 James St. S.; Sun. 10, 11 Wed. 7; Joe Sandassie, (905) 389-0714, 286 East 26th Street, Hamilton ON L8V 3E1

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

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

HUNTSVILLE: Huntsville Public Library, 7 Minerva St. E., Sun. 10:30, c/o Dave Preston, (705) 789-7697, 491 Fowlers Rd., R.R.#5, Huntsville, Ont., P1H 2N5. Other contacts: Ken Smith, (705) 789-8292, Steve Watson, (705) 788-2332.

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): 11/4 mi. S. of Hwy. 540; 9:45, 11 a.m. Sun. & 7:30 p.m. Wed.; Les Cramp, ev. (705) 282-0974; Peter Tallman, sec., R.R. #1, Mindemoya, P0P 1S0, (705) 477-4555. email <lcramp@manitoulin.net>

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; David Galloway, ev.; (613) 546-5409 (off.).

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, Tolpuddle 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 Morrirt and Scott Mansfield, evs; (519) 538-1750; e-mail: meafordcofc@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); Stephen Johnson, ev. 905-841-1812, (res) e-mail - Johnson@bible.acu.edu

MISSISSAUGA: Living Waters Christian Fellowship. Rody and Nancy Ostli; 2305 S Millway, Unit 108, Mississauga ON L5L 3P8; Bible study and prayer every Thursday 7:30pm.; Lord's supper offered on Sundays - call for time; 905-608-2508; cell - 647-887-7794.

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: davidlock@accanada.net; WebSite: www.northbaycoc.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.) <osoc@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 Lansdel, ev., (705) 256-1977 (off/res), <r.s.lansdel@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: Jasper 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.

THESSALON: 8 Albert St. off Hwy. 17; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7:30; Eric White, RR 2, P0R 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@strathmorecofc.ca>; Fax (416) 424-1850; Santiago Molina (Spanish) (416) 751-6879, ev, website: www.strathmorecofc.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).

WALKERTON: Victoria Jubilee Hall; 111 Jackson st.; Sun 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Gregory Smith (519) 392-8128; Mailing- RR2 Teeswater, ON N0G 2S0; email- gregory@gregorycsmith.com

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. 7:30; Drew Chapados, ev., 3713 Shinglecreek Crt.; Windsor, N8W 5T8; (519) 250-4407; email: wsidecoc@wincom.net; www.geocities.com/wsidecoc.

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 Westmount 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; Michael Mazzalongo, ev. (514) 694-0994, e-mail mazzalongo@videotron.ca

PLESSISVILLE: Centre Communautaire, André Côté, CP21, G6L 2V6; Sun. 11, 10; Yvon Beaudoin, (418) 653-3493.

QUEBEC CITY: 2980 Veriteuil, Ste-Foy (corner Jean-Noel); Sun. 9:30, 10:30 (French); Wed. 19:30; C.P. 9041 Ste-Foy, G1V 4A8; Yvon Beaudoin, ev. (418) 728-5240; office 418-651-3664.

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

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

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

GRAVELBOURG: 300-2nd Ave. E.; Sun. 10:30, 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: lloydcc@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, S0C 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: <stoncofc@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 Lalonde 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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