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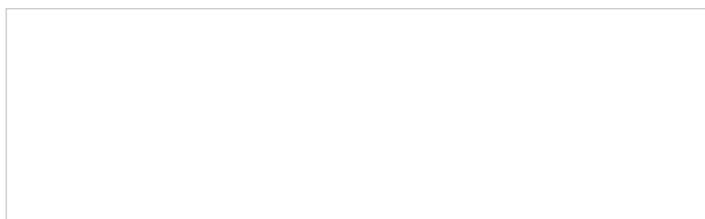
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On Sunday, March 23, 2003 the church of Christ in Edmonton, Alberta doubled her leadership. Four new elders were installed to double the total to eight. Three new deacons were installed to bring



the total to six. The charge to the elders was given by evangelist Kevin Carson and the charge to the deacons was given by long-time elder Eric Limb. Following the morning worship and installation service, there was a leadership luncheon. All the leaders, along with their families, gathered for a meal together and an admonition from deacon Bruce Hoddinott concerning unity among the group.

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The Harvest Field

Geoffrey H. Ellis

The fourth chapter of John contains a premier scripture on evangelism. It describes Jesus engaged in personal evangelism, and it records his “harvest field” urging, in the midst of his Samaritan mission, his disciples to evangelism.

I. The extended description of Jesus engaged in one-on-one evangelism is highly instructive for all who would follow in his steps. First, we are struck with his sense of purpose. Jesus’ sharing his good news took priority over rest, food and schedule. Jesus was surely tired as well as thirsty following his all-day travel on foot from Judea. Yet fatigue did not deter him from his teaching opportunity with the woman he encountered at the well. (“It was the sixth hour,” i.e. 6:00 p.m., the time when villagers would normally come to draw water; John apparently follows the Roman rather than the Jewish system of marking time, cf. John 19:14).

When urged to eat by his disciples returning from the village, Jesus said to them, “I have food to eat that you know nothing about.” Then his disciples said to each other, “Could someone have brought him food?” Jesus intervened, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work” (4:31-35).

It was a three-day walking journey to Galilee from Judea. It would take Jesus and his disciples another two days to reach their destination. Yet

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when the opportunity arose to teach in the Samaritan village of Sychar, Jesus tarried two days before resuming his journey. You and I know how resistant we are to delaying once we

have set our destination and commenced on our travel! May we, in our commitment to evangelism rise above our personal agendas, comfort and continuing needs and accomplish the present task.

Second, we are impressed with Jesus’ ability to transform a chance encounter into a serious conversation. Not only was spiritual truth shared but growing belief was produced. In analyzing the conversation, we shouldn’t be looking for “techniques” to follow. The woman was not just another

“prospect” to be drawn in by “an approach that works.” Rather, Jesus, cognizant of the real person with specific needs before him, spoke to her with openness, frankness and grace. In spite of her low social standing, unstable life and initial resistance to his proposal, Jesus treated her with consideration as one who had both worth and the capability to respond. Our approach should be unique to each person we have the privilege to encounter with the gospel. We should be alert to each particular setting, open to the personality of the individual, and sensitive to immediate needs, and make the appropriate response.

Third, we are moved by Jesus’ posture that grew out of his self-awareness. He was not condescending to this simple woman even as he confessed his messiah-ship. He was not demanding even though he had the authority whereby he could deliver the “living water.” He was not condemning even though he had both the truth about worship and the “goods” that surfaced her moral condition. He knew who he was—he was surrounded with reminders there between Mounts Gerizim and Ebal! Abraham had been there, and Jesus knew he was the “seed” of God’s promise to Abraham. Jacob had been there, and Jesus knew that he was the true “Israel.” Joshua had been there, and Jesus knew that he fulfilled the Law that Joshua had recited for the people. Thus he taught with quiet assurance and warm generosity. Those of us who would teach on his behalf must also know who we are—citizens of the king—and what we are about—commissioned with the good news—and confident in our instruction—teaching in truth and love.

II. The Gospels record three “harvest field” declarations by Jesus in which he urged his disciples to be active in evangelism. The first he presented in Galilee to his disciples as he selected his twelve apostles and sent them forth to the surrounding towns

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Weapons of Mass Delusion (Part 1)

Roy Merritt

There was a time long, long ago when life was really simple. Somewhere in the land between the Euphrates and the Tigris rivers, today's battleground, God had placed a new kind of creature called man (Adam)- male and female. God had given a single prohibition to this happy couple. He had said "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you shall surely die" Gen.2:16,17 NASV.

The clear command was violated when Eve listened to the advice from the tempter who suggested that God was providing an unfair limitation on her intellectual freedom. He said, "You surely shall not die." Eve found three reasons to accept this subtle suggestion. She found the forbidden fruit attractive for food, for aesthetic beauty and for the claim that it would bring enhanced wisdom. The third of these attractions was that she and her husband would acquire a new status with this new wisdom. "You will be like God, knowing good and evil" was an appeal to pride. One's own feeling or experience was made the standard for life's decisions. We know how this incident ended and the tragic entrance of sin into the world.

The Age of Modernism

In the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries modern man tried to respond to life's great questions with a rational search for truth. Questions were asked concerning the existence of God, the nature of truth and the authenticity and inerrancy of the Bible. A great many books were written and innumerable sermons were preached in an effort to provide answers acceptable to the modern mind.

A great thrust of this new enquiry involved the question whether man is a created being or the product of an evolutionary chain. Darwin's "Origin of Species" was a very popular text for those who considered that it gave a rational explanation of man's exist-

ence. Sometimes the evolutionary claim involved God as a "deus ex machina" (god out of a machine) who dealt with the various obstacles to the evolutionary process. Other times an absolute mechanical process was claimed. This attempt to solve man's origin by a rational explanation was part of a movement called Modernism.

The proponents of this new rationalistic endeavour in the same time period were attempting to explain the Bible as the product of man's ingenuity. Tremendous efforts were expended on what was called "Higher Criticism". This involved an attempt to deny the authorship of the various Scriptures, especially the Pentateuch.

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Modernistic critics claimed that Moses could not have written these five books but that a variety of different authors were involved.

Along with the attacks on the authorship of various Scriptures was the attack on the Biblical text itself. This has been termed "Lower Criticism." This involved an effort to reveal discrepancies in various parts of the Bible as evidence of its failure to provide an authoritative guide for modern man. The end results of both Higher and Lower criticism have not been without some practical value for believers. Conservative scholars have furnished the believing Christian with strong reasons for continuing to trust the Bible as the Word of God.

The Postmodern Challenge

We are now living in what many label the Postmodern Age. Its main characteristic is the rejection of all absolutes except the absolute rejection of all absolutes. This places the postmodern individual in a similar mindset as that described for the period of the Judges, "...every man did what was right in his own eyes" (Judges 17:6). This opens a

Pandora's Box of evil delusions. There are many highly educated postmodernists who display the weakness described by the Apostle Paul to the young Timothy as "...always learning and never able to come to a knowledge of the truth" (2 Tim.3:7). Such individuals would not recognize truth if they bumped into it because they do not believe there is absolute truth.

The same Devil who taught Eve to disregard God's instruction in Eden turned up later tempting our Lord in the desert. Here his three suggestions were rejected by One who was determined to do the will of His Father (Matt.4:1 - 11).

As I write, a war is going on to eradicate the threat of weapons of mass destruction. Another war must be directed against weapons of mass delusions. These are more dangerous than the nerve gas, small pox, and anthrax which a ruthless tyrant, in a diabolical fury, might use to kill thousands indiscriminately. In this struggle "...our weapons are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful ...destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God ...".(2 Cor.10:4,5) In another article I hope to describe some postmodern speculations and varieties of delusions.

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“I Have Sinned”

Wayne Turner



Have you followed the New York lawsuit against McDonald's restaurants? The suit was filed last year by a 56-year-old man who claimed, "The fast food industry has wrecked my life." He is overweight and suffers from diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and had heart attacks in 1996 and 1999. This suit appears to be similar to previous suits against tobacco companies, which sought to hold them accountable for the addictive and harmful effects of their products. In a very different, yet alarmingly similar vein, in Los Angeles, a wrongful death lawsuit was filed in April against a record company. The suit alleges that the company, in an attempt to create a "Gangsta Rap" image for Antron Singleton ("Big Lurch"), provided him with drugs to cause him to create an infamous reputation for himself by acting in a very violent manner. In a horrific act, Singleton murdered his roommate, ripped out her lung and ate it.

What these cases have in common is that they are attempts to blame the unpleasant consequences of personal decisions and actions on other people. Blaming others for our actions is a behaviour many people often learn in early childhood. When something happens, the child says, "Look what you made me do." An abusive adult may say this to their victim – a spouse or child – to try to shift responsibility for physically assaulting and beating them. Sometimes church members blame the congregation because their children aren't turning out right.

In the McDonald's lawsuit, U.S. District Court Judge Robert Sweet, in dismissing the case, said that fast food was "not dangerous in any way other than that which was open and obvious to a reasonable consumer." In other words, the consumer cannot eat foods that are obviously high-fat and then blame the restaurant because they gained weight as a result of the food they chose to eat. People are responsible and accountable for their own decisions and actions. The tobacco companies were held, at least, partially responsible because they wilfully withheld information about the extent of the dangers of use of tobacco. The Singleton case is still before the courts. We can only imagine its outcome.

Blaming others is not new. It goes all the way back to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. Adam blamed his sin on Eve, the woman God had given him. And, of course, Eve blamed Satan. God did not accept these attempts to shift blame and held each one accountable for their actions. Ezekiel said, "The soul who sins is the one who will die. The son will not share the guilt of the father, nor will the father share the guilt of the son." (18:20)

The message of personal responsibility and accountability is not popular. No one wants to hear that they have done wrong or that God will judge them for it. To many people, even some who profess to be Christians, the idea of accountability and punishment is harsh and unfair. "We need to preach something more popular and comfortable." Is this what the Lord wants of us? Is this what the apostles and early Christians preached?

To Paul, faithfulness to Christ was the most important goal of

his life. The thought that he would be a man-pleaser or ear-tickler at the expense of telling the whole saving message of Christ was abhorrent. When Paul appeared before Felix, the Roman governor, he told him of "righteousness, self-control and the judgment to come." (Acts 24:25) Obviously, Paul spoke in such a way that the man who sat in the judge's chair was afraid! Paul had dared to tell Felix that there was a higher court that would hold him accountable for his life and actions.

In the religious world today, churches are falling all over themselves trying to attract people to become part of their organizations with positive motivational messages, entertaining services and countless social activities. Is this really the role God has given the church? Are we here to draw people to our activities, programs and services? Or are we here to preach the gospel of Christ? While we must admit that the two are not necessarily mutually exclusive, and that an effective congregational program leads to many opportunities to share the gospel, it often seems that an emphasis on trying to attract downplays teaching about personal responsibility and accountability.

According to Paul, in 1 Corinthians 15, the first point of the gospel is that "Christ died for our sins." This is a reminder that all have sinned and stand accountable before God. We cannot blame any one else. We are responsible to God for our lives. Becoming a Christian is more than just attending church. It means, like the Prodigal Son, taking responsibility for our lives, confronting our sin and coming back to God, on His terms, saying "I have sinned."

How can those who are lost in sin come back to God if they have not been told about righteousness, self-control and judgment to come? If we don't tell them about their responsibility and accountability before God, how will they know their need for Jesus Christ and salvation? If we tell them they are okay, how will they know they are not right with God? If we only tell them what they will like to hear, wouldn't that make us ear-ticklers and man-pleasers? In fact, we ourselves are responsible and accountable to God for what we preach.

May we have the courage to fearlessly and lovingly tell people the truth of the gospel.

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The Kingdom of God and the Kingdoms of Men

Edwin Broadus

Current events prompt thinking about the morality of war, the justification for preemptory military strikes, and how religious faith of political leaders should impact government decisions. I do not propose to answer specific questions about the propriety of attacking Iraq and, if so, under what conditions. Rather, I want to consider as a Christian the relationship between God's kingdom and kingdoms of men.

The distinction between God's kingdom and all human governments is explicit in Daniel's interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar's dream in Daniel 2. Nebuchadnezzar headed the super power of his day, but Daniel said his kingdom was but one of a series that would fall. Finally, God would set up an eternal kingdom, without successor, and "it will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever" (2:44-45). God's intent was not to give the king inside knowledge about the future but to lead him to a humbler estimate of his place in the scheme of things and to remind him his kingdom, though powerful and magnificent, was finite and, like all human endeavors, stood under God's judgment. He, like us, needed to **know the difference between the kingdom of God and kingdoms of men.**

This is elementary, but it is continually forgotten by those who should know better. History is strewn with examples of nations that have co-opted the church for their own purposes. Evil dictators like Hitler try it with state-controlled churches. They know religion cannot be totally extinguished from human hearts, so they subvert religion for their own purposes. Even well-intentioned political leaders invoke God and use religion for national self-interest. Prayerful expressions like "God save the Queen" and "God bless America" are converted into propaganda slogans, particularly in time of war, blurring the distinction between God's kingdom and the state.

It's not surprising government leaders equate their policies with God's kingdom. But why do Christians forget the distinction? Why are members of the most conservative evangelical churches most nationalistic and militaristic and most impressed by national power and prestige? Do they think this somehow furthers God's kingdom? His kingdom is not dependent on government to enforce Christian morality, provide for prayer or keep Sunday a day for worship. We all prefer living under good government with

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leaders of high moral and ethical standards. Such rulers and governments can do of much good. But to equate human kingdoms with God's or to suppose the triumph of God's kingdom is dependent upon the work of human governments is wrong.

We also need to **know the difference between God's purposes and human plans.** Individuals and nations are sometimes aligned with God's purposes, wittingly or unwittingly, for God uses nations for his own purposes. He called Assyria the "rod of my anger" although "this is not what he has in mind" (Isaiah 10:5,7). The Assyrian king had neither the faintest idea nor the faintest interest in carrying out the purposes of God. Ignorance of God's purposes in history is one reason God's designs and human plans are often at odds. Another reason is that governments act in "the national interest," while God acts in the interests of the entire world. Nations seek to protect their citizens, but in doing this they often undervalue lives of innocent people elsewhere. Tragically, even Christians succumb to the temptation of thinking a life in one's own country is more valuable than one in an "enemy" nation.

Abraham Lincoln, president of the

United States during the terrible bloodshed of the American Civil War, recognized "the Almighty has his own purposes." In a private meditation he wrote, "The will of God prevails. In great contests each party claims to act in accordance with the will of God. Both **may** be, and one **must** be wrong. God cannot be **for**, and **against** the same thing at the same time. In the present civil war it is quite possible that God's purpose is something different from the purpose of either party – and yet the human instrumentalities, working just as they do, are the best adaptation to effect his purpose." Lincoln did not suppose that because God has his own purposes he was absolved from his presidential duties, for near the close of the war, in

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Let Go of the Banana!

Linda C. Hammett

Do you ever feel trapped by worry? Unfortunately, I believe there are many of us who are Christians today who fall prey to the devil's influence by worrying far too much. I know that I'm guilty of it. We have all heard it said that most of the things we worry about are things over which we have no control. We can consider the time and energy spent in worrying for these things wasted. If there's nothing we can do to alter the outcome, why bother worrying about it?

One of the most comforting passages in the Bible addresses this very subject. Jesus is speaking to the multitudes in His well-known Sermon on the Mount when He draws their atten-

tion to the topic of anxiety. Perhaps His lesson was focused on this because He knew that this characteristic is very common in people. Beginning in Matthew 6:25, after telling them that no one is able to serve two masters, He instructs His followers to "not be anxious for your life" regarding what to eat or drink or what to wear. He tells us that our life is more important than what we eat and our bodies are more important than what we wear.

We are all familiar with the rest of this passage where he tries to draw our attention to the fact that He is such a loving and caring God that He feeds even the birds and clothes the flowers

without them having to do anything for it. We must know that we are much more valuable than they are.

We are surrounded by the wonders of God's creation—the changing of seasons, the growth of plants, the cycle of life—and yet we somehow miss the important lesson He was teaching in this passage. God is telling us that He is going to take care of us, no matter what!

Many children are afraid of the dark and urge their parents to make sure there's no one hiding in the closet or under their beds

when they go to their rooms at night. We've all heard stories about the boogey man. I heard the father of two young children recently tell about his attempt to reassure his son that there was no boogey man. He said that he used to just look under the bed and in the closet, tell his son no one was there, and then tell him that nothing would happen to him because "I'm here to take care of you". He realized as his son got older that he needed to take a different approach to the situation. So, the next time the boogey man question arose, this dad told his son that he didn't need to worry, that God was there watching over him and taking care of him. He suggested that from then on, whenever he feared the intruder, he should just send up a prayer to God, asking for His watchcare over him. Since then, the son has shown a wonderful example of faith and has done just what his dad suggested. The dad hasn't had to comfort the son in some months.

Adults somehow seem to have a little harder time turning things over to the omnipotent God who watches over us. For some reason, we don't necessarily believe what the scripture says, or at least we don't live as if we believe it. Again, we are trapped by our worries.

There's a story about some scientists who used monkeys for experimentation. They would go to the jungles and try to trap them. Monkeys are pretty fast, and it was becoming increasingly difficult to catch them. Someone came up with a plan. The men would take gourds and, through a hole about the size of a fist, they would clean out the insides of the gourd. They would then place a banana inside the gourd and hang it in a tree. Soon, the monkey would come along, smell the banana and reach into the hole, grabbing hold of the fruit. The problem was that, with the fruit in his hand, the monkey could not get out of the gourd. He wanted to hold onto it so badly that he would sit there and allow the scientists to shoot him with tranquilizers so that they could take him away for experiments. The gourd sometimes had to be broken, because even when tranquilized, the monkey would not let go.

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Are we at all like this monkey? Do we have worries and problems that we just keep tightly grasped in our minds, problems and worries that cause us to have poor health and an unhappy existence? Perhaps we need to commit to memory Matthew 6:25-34 and repeat it daily to help give us the faith we need to be aware of the presence of God in our lives.

There's a children's song that used to be very popular at Sunday School — "My God Is So Big". It would behoove us all, young and old, to remember the words of this song as we face the struggles of life. God is so big that nothing is beyond his capabilities. If we place our faith in Him and live our lives in a way that He has instructed us, we should not have a place in our minds and hearts for worry. God promises, "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you" (Matthew 6:33).

Are you willing to drop the banana? Let go of your worries and place your life in the hands of the Almighty, and

be busy sharing God's love with others.

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An appeal for financial help to provide Bibles for Zambians in their own language appeared on the Woman's page of the February issue. It is a pleasure to report an encouraging response. To this date \$2764 has been received from readers of the GOSPEL HERALD, members of the Tintern, ON and St. Catharines, ON churches and others.

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Two cripples entered the church one day;
Cripples – but in a different way;
One had a body, strong and whole.
But it sheltered a warped and twisted soul.

The other walked with a halting gait
But his soul was tall and fair and straight!
They shared a pew. They shared a book.
But on each face was a different look.

One was light with hope and joy
And faith that nothing could destroy.
The other joined not in prayer or hymn,
No smile relaxed his features grim.

His neighbor wronged him, his heart was sore,
He thought of himself and nothing more;
The words that were read from the Holy Book
Struck deafened ears and a forlorn look.

To one came comfort – his soul was fed;
The other gained nothing from what was said.
Two cripples left the church that day
Crippled – but in a different way.

A twisted foot did one body mar,
But the twisted soul was sadder, far!

Anonymous

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and villages (Matt. 9:35ff). The second he stated in Judea to seventy-two disciples whom he commissioned for evangelism in preparation for his coming to the surrounding region (Luke 10:1ff). "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

The third was given to his disciples at Jacob's well in Samaria. He said, "Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. Even now the reaper draws his wages, even now he harvests the crop for eternal life, so that the sower and reaper may be glad together. Thus the saying 'One sows and another reaps' is true. I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labour" (John 4:35-38).

We cannot overemphasize the significance of the setting for this expanded encouragement by Jesus to

his disciples that they be active in evangelism. It was in Samaria. It was that isolated, marginalized, rejected land, which the disciples were to recognize as the present and ready field for harvesting! Jesus, in effect, had already launched the Samaritan campaign, that he subsequently assigned to his disciples (see Acts 1:8; 8:5ff). The "hard work," i.e. God's persistent work with his chosen people, the prophets, John the Baptist, and Christ himself, preparing for the harvest, was directed not only to the benefit of the Jews but also to the Samaritans and Gentiles. Let us be alert to the implications.

God has tilled, fertilized, and planted and now the harvest time is here. (See Amos 9:13.) God now calls his "fellow workers" (1 Cor. 3:9) to reap the harvest. Our view of Canada is that it is a hard field. Its citizens are diminished by religious nominalism, secular materialism, and a humanistic aversion to Christianity. Yet God's work has been done. His gospel has the power to save everywhere. This

includes Canada. Christ says to us, "Open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest." Indeed, others have done the hard work. This includes our spiritual forebears in Canada. Now we can reap the benefits of their labour.

Whether we are in Samaria or in Canada or in the resistant world anywhere, the power of the gospel to save turns all fields into harvest-ready territories. May we, as attentive disciples who have visited with our Lord for a while at the well, heed both the example and the emphasis of the premier evangelist, Jesus Christ our Lord!

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his Second Inaugural Address, he said, "With firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in...." But he had the humility to recognize he might be mistaken and the faith to acknowledge God's purposes will prevail.

National leaders need similar humility while making the best decisions they know how. Those of us who criticize decisions of those in power also need to recognize we may be wrong and at cross purposes with God. Such humility will help us look honestly at the possibility we, and not merely our opponents, need to repent. Lincoln, when proclaiming a national fast during the war, called upon the people to "recognize the hand of God in this terrible visitation" and to "pray that we may be spared further punishment, though most justly deserved."

In all this, we need to **recognize that God reigns, no matter what happens on earth.** I am amazed how insecure many feel today. They fear terror attacks and fear they will be victims. Perhaps they will, for violence and death are very much a part of the world in which we live and there are no guarantees against suffering. But this does not mean we must live in fear, for faith in God raises us to a higher level.

Those who believe scripture know the final outcome is certain, that Christ has vanquished death, that all wrongs will be made right, that there will be a new heaven and a new earth, and that God will be "all in all." We are part of a "kingdom that cannot be shaken," ruled by the "King of kings and Lord of Lords." God tells us as he did Isaiah in another time of crisis, "Do not call conspiracy everything that these people call conspiracy; do not fear what they fear, and do not dread it. The Lord Almighty is the one you are to regard as holy, he is the one you are to fear, he is the one you are to dread, and he will be a sanctuary..." (Isaiah 8:12-14). This does not mean nothing bad will happen to us, but it means we don't have to be terrified, even by death, for God will bring us through it all. He is our sanctuary.

Habakkuk came to this kind of faith when he pondered the calamities God said would befall his people. Though, as he said, "my heart pounded, and my lips quivered at the sound," he also said, "Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior. The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to go on the heights" (Habakkuk 3:16-19). This is not blind faith, for it rests on the reality of who God is rather than our own understanding and on God's promise that those who are righteous will live by faith (2:4).

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Beamsville: The brethren had their Spring Spiritual Renewal March 29 and 30 with Murray Smith and Peggy Stirman. The GLCC Youth Rally, "Stomping Out the Darkness," was conducted April 25-27. Speakers were Andrew Hill, of Amherst, New York, and Gregory Smith of Teeswater, Ontario. The report from Bill & Wendy Ulrich in Zambia stated that the rains were good and Lake Steve Mann is now full. Pray that the rains will continue, as many people are still suffering from lack of food. An 80th birthday party was planned for Harvey Parker on Saturday, April 26.

Bramalea: Tim Johnson gave a very good presentation to 42 men on "Oneness in Christ," at the men's leadership luncheon at the Milton Swiss Chalet. Patricia Palmer was baptized into Christ on March 27. Brother Gregory Smith, from Teeswater and the

Walkerton congregation, presented his seminar on "Personality Insights: Discover How to Understand Yourself and Others." Each individual attending was given a better insight into his own personality and how he/she could relate to other brethren. We highly recommend it for other congregations. Elder/deacon nominations are being processed. Women in the Secret Sister program are gearing up for another year. Walter Straker reported Sunday a.m., April 6, on their recent trip to Sendai, Japan. Paul and Mitsuyo Mawatari, the Sendai preacher and his wife, plan to be in Ontario from May 13-20. Paul will speak Wednesday, May 14, at Tintern, at Bramalea Sunday a.m. May 18, and at Ontario Street in St. Catharines Sunday p.m. May 18.

Brantford: The brethren are going through the Bible, reading 2-4 chapters per day. Jamie and Bianca Azzoparde were blessed with their first child, a daughter, Hailey Jayde, on March 30. Friday evening teen night has turned out to be a gathering of young people from several congregations and is a great blessing to the congregation.

Fenwick: Fern Haverkamp was baptized February 19. Plans for this summer's vacation Bible school are underway. Devon Bennett held a gospel meeting April 4, 5, and 6. Plans have been made to hold a Bible study once a month at Tanguay Place, a home for people with special needs. The ladies are restructuring their Secret Sister program to encourage more spiritual activities, service activities, and fellowship. Paul Moore has been engaged by the Fenwick church for the summer. Paul has been studying at Great Lakes Bible College. He will work with the youth and those from Port Colborne and Welland will also be welcomed. Also, these three congregations have agreed to have joint Sunday evening services on the fourth Sunday of each of April, May and June - at 6:30 - at Port Colborne, Welland and - at 7:00 - Fenwick respectively.

Grimsby: Graham Holloway was baptized the evening of March 23. The men and women meet for special Bible studies and devotionals. John Mogford, from the U.S., preached for Jeff Cobb on March 9.

Meaford: About 135 young people participated in the annual youth rally February 21-23. Duane Williams, from GLCC, was featured speaker. The GLCC Chorus provided encouragement, and a dramatic presentation by the Pied

Pipers of Ohio Valley in West Virginia was also part of the weekend's activities. Doug and Joyce Franklin and David and Barbara Ellis returned from Cuba. They were well received and brought greetings and expressions of appreciation from the Santiago brethren for the gifts sent to them. They will show a video of their trip. Two young men, Brandon Gilmore and Barrett Moore, have given their lives to Christ in baptism.

Newmarket: Newmarket was the congregation in charge of this year's 41st Training for Service, on Good Friday weekend. The theme was "A Faith that Does," with Earl Greene, Newark, New York, and Paul Shero, San Angelo, Texas, as the main speakers. Darrin Douglas, Niagara Falls, spoke to the teens.

North Bay: Tuesdays the congregation meets for study and lunch fellowship, and on Thursdays for prayer and reading through the Bible. They also have regular Wednesday night Bible study and Children's Bible Hour. Justin Betts, son of John and Monique, was baptized earlier in the winter.

North Hamilton: We wish to thank those who came out on our first scheduled work day. The response was very encouraging and uplifting for all involved. The next date was rescheduled to April 26.

Owen Sound: The church recently led the chapel service at the Owen Sound Lee Manor Nursing Home. The young men's Timothy Class did a wonderful job leading one of their monthly devotionals and plan to do so again in May. 13 of their young people attended both the Sundridge and the Meaford youth rallies. Their youth group meets bi-weekly for fun and encouragement. The 50+ group, "Young at Heart," meets monthly. Brian Thompson attended Freed Hardeman University lectureship. One Sunday morning worship service was broadcast over the local radio station, CFOS 560.

St. Catharines (Ontario Street): Condolences go to the family of Jim Abbs whose funeral was held March 3. A Ladies' Day was held April 12 with topics covering the whole person - spiritually, physically and emotionally. Sharon Osborne collected money for Bibles (\$6 each) to send to Zambia. Sharon and Barkley Osborne left the first part of April for 3 months in Japan. "One Step at a Time Through Grief" was presented April 4 at the Tallman Fireside Room in Vineland.

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ALBERTA

Calgary: Wednesday evening adult classes have been on the study of Mormonism and now we are studying "Restoration Heritage Revisited" on the specific topics of Restoring Principles or Patterns, Women in the Church, History of Music Forms in Worship and Where do we go from here? The ladies class is studying "Living Water for Women Who Thirst". During the Faith Quest (March 16-23) Troy challenged the church to unplug the TV and plug into Great Commandment Love. Some suggested alternatives were: catch up on sleep, play a game with your children, visit one of our "Shut ins", go to a park, make an overdue phone call, take a friend out for coffee, write a letter, read one of the gospels, offer to baby-sit for someone, attend Faith Quest evening relevant to you. A clothing exchange/give away was held on April 12.

Edmonton: We often here about how souls are being added to the Lords church in the mission fields around the world, and that is truly good news for the Kingdom and those souls who are added to it. However, it is not so often that we read about or hear about souls being added to the Lord's church in our local fields that are just as ripe and ready for harvest. In Edmonton the Lord added five souls to His kingdom in the past month. Brian Salter, Ryan and Kimberly Walker, Jason Dombrosky, & Athena Tymofichuk were all baptized in the month of March. Besides that good news, Genine Wilkinson was restored back into fellowship and Graham Cook has again expressed his interest in being noted as fellowshipping with the saints in Edmonton. Tony Coffey and Frank Sullivan were the guest speakers for the Alberta Spring Fellowship. Our annual Men's Retreat was greatly appreciated by those who attended this year. We

talked about taking every thought in our lives captive for Christ. There were many great times of sharing and encouragement throughout the weekend.

Medicine Hat: We are moving! Beginning June 1, our place of meeting will be 655 Stewart Drive N.W. (Corner of Stewart Drive and Black Boulevard) Tentative plans are for a "Grand Opening" on July 13, 2003, with a VBS to follow. We are very glad to have Jamie and Liz Lobert with us. Jamie's work (full time) with this congregation began December 1, 2002. We are always glad to have brethren visit our meetings, and would like if some could move here and help with the work.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Abbotsford (Central Valley): A gala celebration in honour of Gladys (Courage) Waite's 90th birthday was hosted by her children at the Central Valley facility on Mar. 23. Approximately 50 relatives, friends and church family enjoyed comments from son-in-law John Wedler and son Roy. A solo skit by Jen Weir, posing as an old woman, followed the singing of an "elderly" version of "Jesus Loves Me" by a choral group. Raymond Fillion was one of the speakers at the Tulsa Workshop sponsored each year in March by congregations in Oklahoma, and attended by hundreds from other places. Theme of this year's workshop was "The Restful Shelter". Raymond's discourse was on the subject, "God Is Able in Haiti". He and Merle were hoping to interest younger Christians in carrying on the work in the mission school they started four years ago when they are no longer able to do it. Curtis Sr. and Bonnie Freeman were honourees at Central Valley's potluck dinner on March 23. They moved to McKenzie at the end of the month to embark on a new phase of their life as they care for foster children. Jim Hawkins, keynote speaker at the men's retreat, was "held over" to preach for the congregation that Sunday.

Burnaby: Eric Lessman, long-time friend of the late Alfred Clarke, was baptized into Christ on March 23. As basketball coaches of rival school teams, they eventually discovered that they shared a common love of the outdoors and other interests. After his baptism, he expressed his gratitude for the baptismal certificate presented to him, and the warm friendship of the Burnaby congregation. Cherie Nienhuis was one

of several students from the Pacific Academy in Surrey to go to Kibaale, Uganda, for two weeks of mission work in March. Three were baptized while the group was there. The annual "Got Faith?" Youth Rally was held the 11-13 with Jason Bandura of Regina serving as guest speaker. The theme was "Livin' La Vida Loca", which was based on 1 Cor. 1:18. This year 120 young people from B. C. and Washington participated, making it the largest group to attend since its beginning five years ago. Dan, one of our song leaders, and Chelli Morris, former social convener, moved to his home town of Nanaimo in April.

City Church (E. Vanc.): Steve and Marcia Hasbrouck traveled to California last month, visiting family and friends as they made their way to Pepperdine's 60th Annual Bible Lectureship. Invited to be one of the speakers, Steve's subject was "The Wind Is Howling: Influencing a Buddhist Culture Through Christian Literature". General theme for the lectures this year was "Embracing the Call of God".

Delta: We continue to miss Jim Hawkins on weekends as he serves Victoria as interim preacher. Darren Williamson, together with his family, attended the Pepperdine Lectures April 29-May 2. His presentation was on the subject: "Erasmus and the Philosophy of Christ: What A Pre-modern Humanist Can Teach a Post-modern Christian".

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Stratford: The ladies' class has been studying "The Role of Women in the Church;" the men have been remodeling the kitchen area. A special contribution was taken April 13 for a medical doctor in the Ukraine who, according to Rick and Carol Pinczuk, desperately needs hip surgery.

Sudbury: Baptisms since the last report include Rolande Coyle, Sharron Peach, Toni Visenten, Richard Breault, Kistin Walker (who recently moved to Elliot Lake), Jean Maki, and Sandra Rogers. Studies are in progress Tuesday and Thursday nights, in addition to the regular Wednesday night.

Toronto (Harding Avenue): The "Youth Arm Outreach," held a lecture-ship (basically for their young people) on March 8, with about 70 attending. Speakers were from several area congregations, including Jason Joseph and his wife Elaine as featured speakers. "You Can Make a Difference" was the topic. A gospel meeting is planned for May 9-11, with the theme: "Prepare to Meet Thy God," from Amos 4:12. Lawrence Ramsammy is the speaker.

Toronto (Strathmore Blvd.): Edris Caesar, who first contacted the church

during the "Good News Campaign", was baptized on March 28. Forty seven ladies attended the special ladies class on April 12 to hear the presentation by Dorothy Dennis on "I AM", a lesson taken from the Beatitudes emphasizing the importance of truly living with Christ like attitudes. Amy Dietrich was welcomed to the congregation. Devon Bennett resigned as an evangelist with the congregation at Strathmore. He plans to begin a congregation in Scarborough in May.

Waterloo: Keenagers - those 55 and older - had their first 2003 gathering March 14 with 17 present. They had a devotional, a potluck meal, visiting and games. April 16 the congregation hosted a group from Western Christian College. The brethren are preparing for a mission trip to Honduras, July 21-31, which will be spearheaded by Javier Cuarezma and Santiago Molina. Canadian Tire money is being collected to purchase tools to be used in this upcoming trip. Great Lakes Bible College held their short course, "Bible Archaeology," March 31 - April 4 with Dr. Donald Shackelford. Nine students attended. The GLBC graduation exercises and promotional dinner is planned for May 2 at

Carmen's in Hamilton. Guest speaker is Dr. Dennis Jones, president of Heritage Christian University, Florence, Alabama. The annual skating party was held Saturday, March 15.

Windsor (West side): The congregation supports Tim Johnson in Moncton, Yvon Beadouin in Quebec, and Cliff Baird, who translates Bibles for China. Drew exchanged pulpits with Warren Whitelaw of Lincoln Park, Michigan, on March 30. The congregation mourns the death of Jessie

Lyles, whose funeral was March 7. The Vasilevsky family became Canadian citizens on March 26. Sympathy is expressed to Brittany Paulin & family at the passing of her father, Mitchell. Near the end of May the congregation will have its second clothing project. A "Ladies' Morning Out" is planned for June 7 with Connie Tallman of the Rochester church of Christ. She will share "A Recipe for Godly Living." A continental breakfast will also be served.

NEW BRUNSWICK

Moncton: The month of February began with a bad ice storm that cut services short, cut off the congregation's power for a couple of days, and broke many limbs off trees. But some very good news is that a young couple, who had been dis-fellowshipped, has repented and returned to the fold. Another couple befriended by Tim a year ago has asked for a Bible study. The congregation's \$35,000 fund to pay off the land was surpassed and they hoped to begin work on the land in April. Tim Johnson and Shawn LeBlanc attended the preachers' luncheon in Milton, Ontario, in March, and Shawn was able to attend Bible classes at Great Lakes Bible College for several days. He plans to attend GLBC full-time, probably in the fall of 2004. Shawn and Chris Williams are also responsible for youth activities in the congregation. David Hallett of Shubenacadie travelled with them.

MICHIGAN

Plymouth: On Saturday, May 17 (Victoria Day weekend), the church of Christ of Plymouth will host a free job search seminar from 9:30 a.m. till noon. It is being held as a service to the churches and the community, but is also planned as a pre-evangelistic bridge. For information call: 734-453-7630, Ext. 22

NEW YORK

North Buffalo: David Cornfield, who used to preach here, is making a slow recovery from his brain surgery. The congregation's prison ministry continues. Their prayer list includes nine people with whom they are conducting studies.

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The congregation is working on the evangelism program obtained from Greg King and following up on contacts made through his seminar. Simon Hui, wife Shirley, and children visited their home in China in February. They are currently working with the church in Surrey.

Maple Ridge: Thomas James Hornbrook, one of four young men who have been attending the Maple Ridge services on a regular basis since January was baptized on March 19. On April 1, the mother of Amanda Greenslade, who was baptized a few weeks ago, followed her daughter's lead and was baptized. Kathy has been attending the studies conducted by Jamie Brunner for teen girls on Sundays and throughout the week. She is married and has one other child. Nursery-aged youngsters and teens have been present almost every week since the beginning of the year. Efforts to build relationships with these people are continuing on a daily basis. Often the average attendance is double or triple what it was a year ago. Todd Brunner has been leading a study of the Holy Spirit in the Sunday morning class and looking at "The Law" on Sunday evenings.

Prince George: We rejoiced over the baptism of Les Shields in March and the restoration of his wife, Sharon. Brenda Seipert was also baptized. Garth Hilton has a number of other studies in progress. There are now about 20 adults and numerous children attending our services on Sundays. Pete Heiniger, who is now preaching for the church in Modesto, Ca., has arranged to speak to several congregations in the area in an attempt to interest them in the Prince George work and obtain aid with their financial situation.

MANATOBA

Carmen: The Carmen Lectureship was held April 18-20. The key note speaker was Scott Wade of Weyburn, SK. The theme was: Family (God's, Earthly, and Heavenly).

Dauphin: Over 100 ladies registered for the Kenoose Ladies Retreat in February. On February 14-16 the LST teams participated in an Intensive Training Weekend in preparation for this summer. The highlight of the weekend was the multi-cultural worship time on Sunday. Please continue to pray for the two teams as we prepare for the

summer. Grades 9-12 held a lock-in on Friday, March 7th at the church building to praise God while having fun.

Western Christian College: On March 6 Cody Francoeur, one of our high school students, was baptized. From Brandon, Manitoba, Cody is a new student this year. He began participating in Bible studies after his arrival, and has been studying with Eric Wiebe, a grade eleven student, who baptized him. Dave Turner, Michael Coghlin and Matt Goud all assisted by reading scriptures, leading songs and giving prayers of thanksgiving. This act is just another reminder of our purpose at Western: to develop servant leaders and bring people to know Jesus. Please pray for Cody as he begins his walk with God and continues to grow as a Christian. – Deanna Cook

SASKATCHEWAN

Estevan: Cecil Bailey was 90 years old on March 12, 2003. A Celebration was held on March 16 at the Estevan Church of Christ.

MONTANA

Three Forks: Goals for the year 2003 are: 1. Each member grows spiritually; evidence of this will be seen in increased personal evangelism, strengthened unity within the body; more involvement in the various ministries of the church; more visiting and fellowship among members.

2. Evangelism: have 10 baptisms in 2003 and lose none of those saved.

3. Begin small-group studies (this will aid in achieving goal #1).

4. Have all new Christians go through the New Christians ministry within 6 months of their baptism.

5. Begin a youth group/youth ministry once we move into the new church building.

6. Emphasize and strengthen marriages; no marriage break-downs in 2003. We had one of the AIM students, Lon Baker, from Bozeman come to speak for us at the evening service on February 23. On February 11, Daniel Smith baptized his brother, Matt, and his friend, Bruce Phillips into Christ. Daniel was baptized in July of last year, and has been reaching out to his friends and family. In March we received a very good offer on our old church building. The new owner takes over on May 16 and plans to turn the building into a duplex. The proceeds from this sale will pay off most of the construction loan for our new building. On March 23 we had another AIM student from Bozeman, Eugene Ball, come to speak for us in the evening. The next few weeks will continue to be busy as we finish the building and work on landscaping (as weather permits). If you are in the neighbourhood, come pay us a visit—we'd love to share what we have with you. Our new building address is #2 Milwaukee Street in Three Forks. (our mailing address will remain P. O . Box 1066, Three Forks). – David Ford

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Kuwait: Eight soldiers were baptized in the Kuwaiti desert! A pit dug in the sand was lined with plastic and filled with water in order to immerse members of the 3rd Infantry Division north of Kuwait City on March 12 by Task Force Chaplain Capt. Ron Cooper.

Thailand: Sid and Jenetta Allen spent the month of January with their three children, missionaries to Thailand Two weeks with son David Allen and his family in Chiang Mai, the rest of their time in Bangkok with son Steve, his family, and their daughter, Laura, who is into her second year of serving as teacher for the children of the missionaries in their team. While there, Sid, who is a veterinarian, had the opportunity to teach a fellow doctor a quicker and less painful procedure to help a dog with an ear hematoma. The doctor invited him to speak the following Sunday at the oldest church of Christ in Thailand, where he also taught the adult Bible class after lunch at their building. Sid left again for the Far East on April 4th to visit Mongolia, China and North Korea, where he conferred with the sponsors of a for-profit goat farm. His trip to Mongolia was to procure goats for this farm as it expands to

another location. He planned to return to his home in Ft. Worth on April 27th. Sid is an elder at the North Davis church in Arlington, Tx.

Donetsk, Ukraine: Wayne DeDear from Texas arrived in March to help teach this term at the school. One of seven Americans doing a Lectureship on Corinthians the second week of March was Joe Smith, from Stillwell, Oklahoma, with whom Jay Don went to Sunset School of Preaching. They had not seen each other for over 32 years. He is considering coming over this spring or fall to teach a term. We were able to buy a plastic pool and balls with funds given by REACH, and delivered it to the Children's hospital that the school helps on a monthly basis. These children are blind, retarded, and have either Down syndrome or cerebral palsy. This type of pool is excellent for therapy. Our landlord has approached us to help several children who need pacemakers to prevent their deaths. Cost would be about \$500.00 per child. We are planning to meet with their families soon. We went to the "Institute of Artificial Intelligence" to speak to one of their English classes, sharing with them some of our background and songs. We invited them to our English Bible study on Sunday evenings. As this is a way for them to practice their English, we have had several of them visit, making it a good outreach tool for us. Rhett Rogers preaches for the Kubachev congregation every other Sunday and has started a weekly youth class for their teens.

Ethiopia: This country has been taken off the list of those harbouring terrorists. Drought and famine ravaging in large areas of Eastern and South-eastern Africa are causing human disaster worse than any ever seen before. The Ethiopian Water Project newsletter said that they have received an urgent request from this country's government for assistance. The original agreement to drill 25 wells has grown to a much larger commitment. With the equipment in place and 15 successful wells already dug, the EWP can go ahead with drilling at a much lower cost. Because a number of WBS students live in the Kolefe area of Addis Ababa, a fourth congregation has been planted in that city.

Western Ukraine: Late in March we traveled with Liubov Petrova (representing the "A Child to Love" program sponsored by the Christian Relief Fund in Amarillo, Tx.) to help her interview five prospective needy children to be included in this humanitarian aid program. While in Ivanofrankivsk, we visited Svitlana "Larissa" Shkandry and her family to arrange the funding for her badly needed hip surgery which has been rescheduled to take place early in May in

Hungary. Mrs. Shkandry expressed her gratitude to all who responded so quickly to her plea for financial help to enable her to have it. During our visit to this city, we were able to present a valuable diagnostic piece of equipment to the ophthalmological centre at the Regional Children's Hospital as part of the humanitarian work of the Slavic Evangelism Ministry. Finally, our plans for our Christian Medical Clinic in Ivanofrankivsk received a temporary setback when we discovered that existing Ukrainian laws will not allow us to operate the Clinic on the 30% commercial and 70% humanitarian system we had in mind. Ukrainian legal experts are presently investigating other alternatives on our behalf. In the meantime, we have secured the services of a physician/director who will run the Clinic once it is approved for legal operation. - Rick Pinczuk

Sendai Japan: In March, Walter and Shirley Straker had the privilege of visiting their son, Jonathan, and the brethren in Sendai, Japan. Each Sunday between 35 and 40 different people attend services in Sendai, with a high of 20 at any one event. The Sendai team meets with the Mawataris at 10 a.m.; then service is from 10:30 - 12:00. The young men take a one-month turn at leading the singing. Joel Osborne did it while Strakers were there. Brother Mawatari preaches all but one Sunday a.m. per month, with one of the young men preaching the other. After lunch at the building after service, the older ladies meet for their Bible class. After a short break, Jonathan Straker conducts a singing training class where members and non-members learn both English and Japanese songs in 4-part harmony. Following this Jon and David Moon, Ben Berry, Joel Osborne, and Crimsen conduct 4 English Bible classes. Several neighbourhood people come for the singing but more for the Bible classes. At evening service the young men take turns preaching with translation being done by Brother Mawatari On March 23, Rumiko Suzuki was baptized into Christ. Ben Berry describes it this way in his newsletter: "The whole day just oozed with joy and celebration." Five of the young ladies who regularly attend have just graduated from college, and three of them - two of them members - will leave for North America to study: Emi, to Vancouver; Rumiko, to Toronto; and Hanako, to the U.S. The team and the congregation are busily gearing up for a busy summer: Their annual Let's Start Talking seminars; the arrival of Akira Mawatari, who graduates this year from York College, and the arrival of Pam Keese, who arrives in May to spend a year or so as an intern.

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Claude Cox

Halfway around the world we have been witnesses of a war. The advent of modern communications has meant that we can follow it minute by minute, to the extent that information is available. The decision for war has been made by people in positions of great authority and power, people entrusted to make such decisions.

The war divides us as a nation and brings to the fore all the discussions of the past about the meaning of war, justifiable reasons for war, relations among nations great and small, motives, economics, and matters of principle. Communities find themselves divided; families find themselves divided. Canadians find themselves divided between matters of principle (“to act through the United Nations”) and loyalty to our American and British friends with whom we have such strong historical and economic ties (“85% of our trade is with the United States”).

The Christian tradition is also divided on the subject of war. Jesus himself seems to have been a pacifist (“love your enemies as yourself”) but the Prince of Peace emerges out of a violent history. One of the dominant images of God in the Old Testament is that of a divine warrior (for example, Exodus. 15:3) and in the New Testament, in Revelation, with its war imagery, the Messiah, is the “King of kings and Lord of lords,” a warrior riding on a white horse. (Rev. 19) This is imagery with which much of our world easily identifies.

So it is that this “way of the world” is well reflected in Scripture. Very early the faith attracted even soldiers, such as Cornelius; three centuries later the great scholar Augustine set forth the principles of the “just” war: to be a small sect in Judea was one thing, but what happens when Christianity becomes the religion of an Empire?

As the late Canadian Old Testament scholar, Peter Craigie, wrote in his book on war in the Old Testament, modern states exist through violence or the threat of violence. The fact is that our country would be taken over by others, tyrants, if this were possible. We are a small people living in a large, wealthy country. Fortunately we are separated from many of our enemies by wide, cold, oceans and we have the advantage of living beside a big, powerful friend. But we ought to be under no illusions about the political realities of our world. We do not continue to occupy this country simply by being “nice people”.

For Christians participation in wars and our view of war as a solution to conflicts is always lived out in tension between our adherence to the Prince of Peace (“blessed are the peace-makers”) and our citizenship in political entities where freedoms are protected by threat of violence (“accept the authority of every human institution, whether of the emperor as supreme ...” [1 Peter 2:13]). There is no easy answer and there is probably no “right” answer.

So what are we to do? As individuals, as communities, as a country, we hope to act with integrity; to be well informed, judicious, and fair. It is an honourable thing to serve one’s country; it is an honourable thing to try to make the world a better, safer place. Sometimes that entails great dangers; we pray for our own nation and the nations of the world. We have to live together.

Barrie, ON

Sendai, Japan

For a firsthand report on this work, meet and hear Paul Mawatari, the Sendai preacher with whom Jonathan Straker, Joel Osborne, Crimsen Ruhnke, and Ben Berry (the Sendai team) work. Brother Mawatari, who was baptized by Joe Cannon in 1953, will be in Ontario with his wife, Mitsuyo, from May 13–20. His speaking schedule is:

- Wednesday, May 14, 7:00 p.m., Tintern church of Christ.
- Sunday, May 18, 10:00 a.m., Bramalea church of Christ. (Please RSVP if you plan to attend the potluck that follows this service.)
- Sunday, May 18, 6:00 p.m., Ontario Street church in St. Catharines.

The Mawatari's will also be in Bramalea for the evening service Thursday, May 15, at 7:30 p.m.

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OBITUARIES

Janet (Jessie) Liles (nee Brown)

On Friday March 7, 2003 many people paid their respects to the memory of a great daughter of God. Jessie Liles was a wonderful example of a Christian woman and served the West Side church in Windsor for many years.

Born in Bells Hill Scotland on January 23, 1925 she moved with her family to Windsor at a young age and lived the remainder of her life in Windsor. She married Bob Liles and this marriage would last for over 50 years until Bob's passing in 1999. Jessie leaves to mourn her passing: 2 daughters, Carolyn (Dick) Davie, Dianne (Steve) Hoover & 3 sons, Ed, Don & David. Also 1 brother Bill & 1 sister Jean Hamilton as well as many grandchildren & great grandchildren.

Jessie will be sadly missed by her church family in Windsor as everyone will remember her kindness, warm hospitality and wonderful knowledge of the scriptures. Jessie lived her life looking for the city that has foundations whose builder & maker is God. Together she & Bob served the church in many capacities, the last few years of his life as elder & wife.

Because of Jessie's life of faith we are confident that the first words she will hear when she meets Jesus will be 'well done thou good and faithful servant enter in to the joy of thy Lord'.

The funeral services were conducted by Drew Chapados with Steve Hoover leading the singing and her niece Sandra Brown

reading some poems that Jessie had written concerning her family.

Drew Chapados

Mickel Levi Jacobs

Mickel Jacobs passed, peacefully, from this life on Thursday, March 13, 2003 in a Regina hospital following two emergency surgeries on Sunday, March 2, 2003.

He was born on September 15, 1916, at Minton, SK, the 6th son of Lewis and Allie Jacobs. They had immigrated to Canada from West Virginia in 1913 by way of South Dakota, settling first at Colgate, SK., then in the spring of 1916 to Minton, Sask.

Mickel attended Glenncurrren and Jutland schools in the Gladmar/Minton area through the 9th grade. In 1930 he attended the Minton Bible School conducted by Charles Petch and Wilfred Orr. In 1935 he attended the Ogema Bible School with J.C. Bailey.

He was predeceased by his parents, Lewis and Allie Jacobs, brothers, Raymond, Earl, and Clarence, sisters, Louise Andreas and Marian Goud. He leaves to mourn his passing four brothers, Manley and Gilbert of Elkhorn, MB, Allen (Betty) of Burnaby, BC, and Floyd (Marian) of Dauphin, MB, a sister, Evelyn Bowdren of Brooksville, Florida, a sister-in-law, Muriel of Vernon, BC., and a brother-in-law, Ernest Andreas (Joyce) of Edmond, Oklahoma, along with many nieces and nephews and a host of friends everywhere.

"M.L." or "Uncle Mickel", as he was affectionately called by many, will be remembered for his generous involvement and service to his community. He served, often anonymously, his neighbors or others in need. Publicly, he served on the Radville District School Board from 1946 to 1955; on the Rural Municipality of Surprise Valley Council from 1983-1984; and on the Big Muddy Cattlemen's Association Board from 1949 to 1954.

Mickel Jacobs was baptized during a gospel meeting conducted by Brother J.C. Bailey in 1928. Since then, he has been an active member of the church of Christ involved in preaching and teaching in Canada and the U.S. Since 1984, he has been active in the Weyburn Church of Christ.

Mickel was a generous supporter of many missions around the world. He also supported Christian Education and bible camps, specifically through Western Christian College and Clearview Bible Camp. He especially enjoyed helping kids to go to camps and providing financial assistance for many students to attend Western Christian and other colleges.

Recently I heard a man say that if you

want to know what a man believes, you can learn it in two ways: he can tell you or you can observe what he does. Mickel lived by his faith. - For example: For more than 30 years, Mickel traveled from his farm to Plentywood, Montana every Lord's Day to preach or teach a Bible Class. Sometimes weather and road conditions were not ideal. One Sunday morning, during a severe snow storm, travel on roads became difficult. When he arrived at the Regway Customs office on his way to worship, the customs officer on duty greeted him with these words, "I am especially glad to see you here today." Mickel said, "Why is that?" The officer replied, "We, in the office, had a friendly wager this morning as to whether that 'Big Green Machine' pickup truck would show up today or not. I WON."

Scott Wade officiated at the funeral service held March 17 at the Weyburn Church of Christ. Lowell Peterson led the congregational singing and prayers were led by Bill Bell and Roger Peterson with Ernest Andreas presenting the eulogy. Internment was in the Gladmar Cemetery with Allen Jacobs offering committal remarks.

Ernest Andreas

Wesley Jones

Leven Wesley Jones, missionary to Canada in the 1960s, died at his home in Nashville, TN on Thursday, April 10, 2003. He was born at Wingo, KY on November 6, 1926, the son of Johnny and Laidetom Galloway Jones.

He and his wife of 57 years, Beverly Yates Jones, were citizens of the world for Christ. They were active in taking the gospel to Indonesia and Russia as well as serving in their homeland and this country where the Joneses became Canadian citizens. For the past two decades and more Wesley served as follow-up director of the World Christian Broadcasting Corporation, Franklin, TN, and thus was in touch with literally thousands of seekers from China, Russia, and the Islamic world. The Joneses lived in Finland and Russia in the early 1990s.

During their years in Canada where they were well-loved and respected, they assisted in the establishment of the Church of Christ and Grove Park Home in Barrie, ON. Wesley battled cancer during the last eleven years of his life but he intensified his efforts to preach the gospel to the whole world during this period.

A memorial service was held at Wesley's home congregation, the Peagram Church of Christ near Nashville, on Sunday, April 13 where James Vandiver and Jason Allison officiated and long-time friend, Bill Humble gave the eulogy.

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The funeral service was conducted on Tuesday, April 15 at the Greenwood Park Church of Christ, Bowling Green, KY, where Wesley had formerly ministered. Local ministers Kevin Wooten and Bill Brummitt gave eulogies as well as a number of friends, including David Carruthers, St. Catharines, ON who with his wife Loraine, were co-workers with the Joneses in Indonesia.

Wesley is survived by two sons, Galand Jones of Bowling Green, KY and Todd Jones of Seattle, WA, and one daughter, C. Kay Jones Lehnbeuter of St. Louis, MO, two brothers, George Jones of Houston, TX, and James Jones of Buxton, MA; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Geoffrey Ellis

Jim Abbs

On February 28, 2003, our brother Jim Abbs became a recipient of his fondest wish. He entered into that eternal rest, prepared for those who have lived in such a manner that they demonstrate what it means to be prepared to live with the Lord.

After many long months of suffering from a terminal illness, Jim succumbed to the last enemy of all humanity, in his 65th year. He leaves to mourn, his beloved wife, Claire. Throughout the days and nights she devotedly cared for Jim.

In addition he leaves a family consisting of Cathy and husband, Kevin Pickles, Jim Jr., Amy and husband, Allen Shute, Lloyd and wife, Kerri. In addition he is mourned by 7 grandchildren and 5 brothers and 1 sister.

Jim worked at many different types of employment over the years. For a number of years he was employed at Kelsey & Hayes, until he was forced to retire after being injured.

Jim was a refreshing brother in the Lord. His zeal for the Lord, his love for people is testified to by the church in St. Catharines and other places. He was always willing to do whatever he could to help others. Although he experienced terrible suffering, his only complaint was for the trouble he was bringing to others.

He was greatly loved by his family. At the funeral service, sons Jim Jr. and Lloyd spoke moving tributes about their Dad. Son-in-law, Kevin Pickles, spoke of his admiration for Jim in a prayer and scripture reading.

We miss him greatly but at the same time rejoice that he has gone to his "long home".

Numerous men who meet at Ontario St. took part, along with Steve Cordle and Murray Smith.

BOOK REVIEWS

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Inspired Preaching, A Survey of Preaching Found in the New Testament by C. Richard Wells & A. Boyd Luter, Broadman & Holman Publishers, Nashville, Tennessee, 226 pages, \$ 34.75 Cdn.

This is an outstanding book on the topic of preaching in the New Testament. It states "Christ's marching orders to his church" at the end of the first Gospel (Matt. 28:19,20), better known as the Great Commission, are structured as an imperative with three related participles.

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There was high excitement in Meaford in 1884 when "Elder J. A. Harding, (Disciple) of Kentucky debated Rev. T. L. Wilkinson, (Methodist) of Brantford, Ontario." Brother Harding was a well known preacher and educator in the U.S. and is recognized as one of the founders of what is now David Lipscomb University. The 6 day debate was stenographically reported and published in book form in 1886. The title is, "Debate on Baptism embracing Mode and Subjects."

An exact reprint of the original has been published in paper binding by brother Perry Cotham of Grand Prairie, Texas. He has done this because he feels that it is a valuable and needed book that should be available to the brotherhood. His introduction, giving extra information about brother Harding is included. With 406 pages, it is reasonably priced at \$14.95 USD.

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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): 75 MacNab Street; 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 Eford, 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, POP 150, 377-4555. email <ljcramp@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)

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@acncanada.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 phone 705-742-5349 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: 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@scoc.ca; website: www.scoc.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, 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., Santiago Molina (Spanish) (416) 751-6879, 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

VAUDELEUR: 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 Glenelg 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 11a.m.; Gregory Smith (519) 392-8128; Mailing- RR2 Teeswater, ON N0G 2S0; email- gregory@gregorycnsmith.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: wsidcoc@wincom.net; www.geocities.com/wsidcoc.

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; <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 Verreuil, Ste-Foy (corner Jean-Noël); Sun. 9:30, 10:30 (French); Wed. 19:30; C.P. 9041 Ste-Foy, G1V 4A8; Yvon Boadoin, ev. (418) 728-5240.

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 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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