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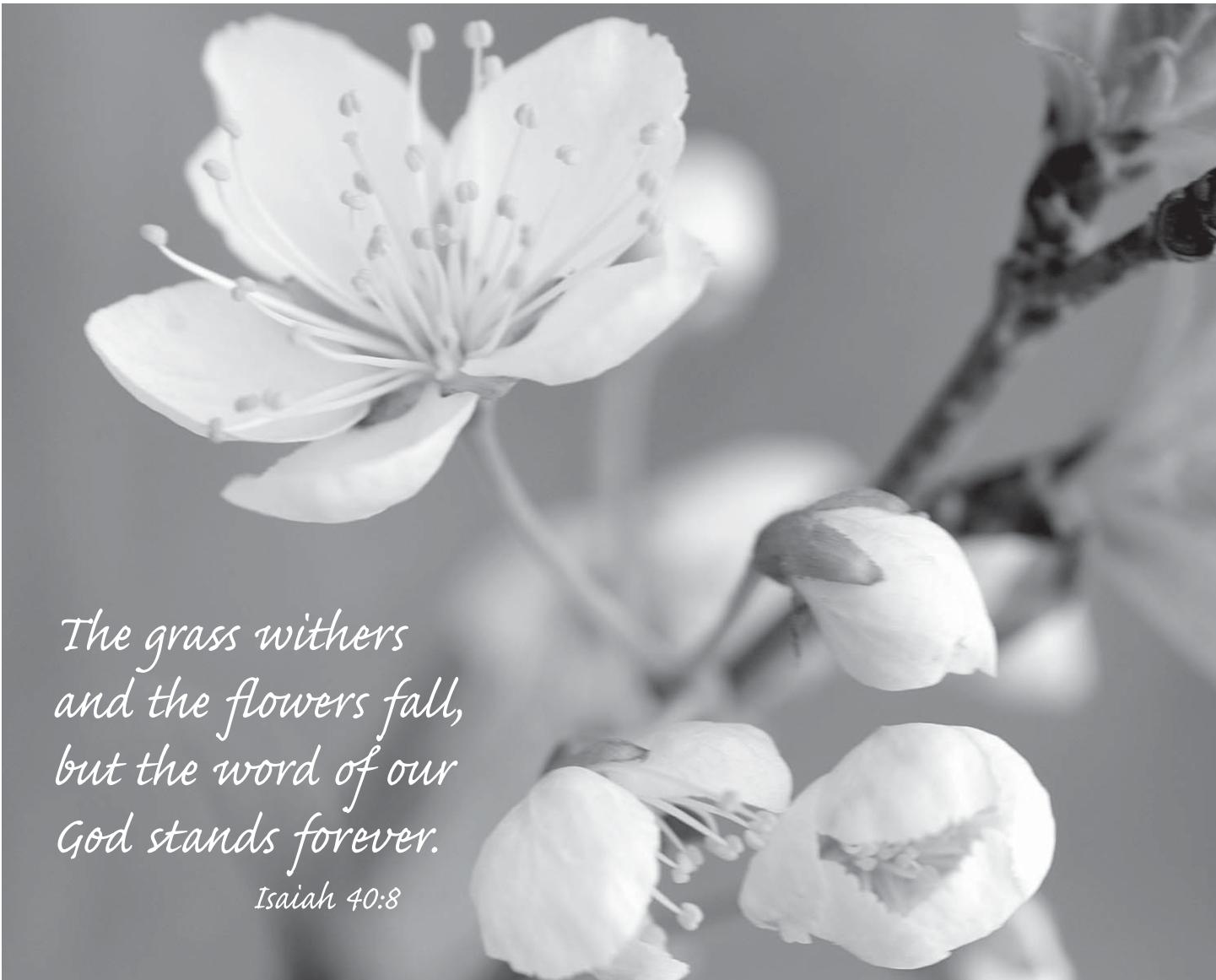
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*The grass withers
and the flowers fall,
but the word of our
God stands forever.*

Isaiah 40:8

A Jailer Finds Jesus

Richard Kruse

Paul and Silas met a slave-girl who was controlled by a demon. Paul, in the name of Jesus the Messiah, freed the girl from the control of the evil spirit, thus angering the girl's owners who were using her for financial gain. Paul and Silas were arrested for their Christian activity, unjustly scourged and thrown into the inner cell of the jail.

Prisons of the Roman Empire had two parts. An outer ring of cells, which received some light and fresh air from a window. The inner prison, where the most dangerous prisoners were held in stocks, had no windows. When the door was shut, there was neither light nor fresh air. In that darkest part of the prison, where it was hot, humid and full of foul odours, Paul and Silas were without food or water and had good reason to complain and be angry. Their bodies were held in stocks but their spirits certainly were not. What were they doing? They were praying and praising God!

If you were the jailer or one of the other prisoners, what would you think of Paul and Silas? Would you think that they and their message were very strange? Would you think God would let such bad things happen to these men? Can you picture the amazement of the prisoners when they heard songs of praise to God coming from the inner cell which held the two believers? The other prisoners must have known that these two men were in serious trouble. They were locked in the inner prison. Perhaps they knew of the beating that the two had received. But whatever they might have known of Paul and Silas' confinement, they certainly knew that it was not normal for them to be rejoicing and singing praises to God. Prisoners who have been as cruelly and unjustly treated as these men would not be singing hymns of praise at midnight!

God's servants may be locked in, but God cannot be locked out! Suddenly the songs of praise were interrupted when the prison began to shake. An earthquake, strong enough to push the door posts back and permit the doors to swing open, separate the stones and allow the chains and stocks to come loose, freeing the prisoners. Earthquakes were common in that region and thousands could be killed when stone buildings were shaken apart. Normally, such a strong

quake would have demolished the prison and many prisoners would have been killed. But this earthquake was different. It was from God. Were the prisoners so surprised that they had no thought of escaping even though their chains fell off and the doors were open?

The jailer indeed was surprised as well as terrified. (He had gone to sleep, confident that Paul and Silas were fastened securely in the stocks, with no chance of escape.) He awoke and rushed to the prisoners. He saw the doors open. He immediately concluded that the place was empty, that all had escaped. He knew the law of the empire said that if a prisoner escaped, the jailer would be killed in payment for his carelessness.

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ness. Therefore, he took up his sword and was about to kill himself. But Paul, intervened in a loud voice, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!" Surely the jailer was amazed beyond words! Here was further evidence of God's hand at work. Not only had the building not collapsed in the earthquake, not only had every door been opened and every chain released, but the prisoners had remained in the jail! They could have fled the jail slipping away into the night. Yet Paul declared to the jailer that his prisoners were all present.

"The jailer called for a light, rushed in, and fell trembling at the feet of Paul and Silas. He led them out and asked, 'What must I do, sirs, to be saved?' 'Believe in the Lord Jesus', they said, 'and you will be saved - you and your family.' Then they preached the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. At that very hour of the night the jailer took them and washed off their wounds; and he and all his family were baptized at once. He took Paul and Silas up to his house and gave them some food to eat. He and his family were filled with joy, because he now believed in God" (Acts 16:29-34 Today's English Version). The jailer knew that a miracle had caused the doors to open and the prisoners' chains to fall off. He asked, "What must I do to be saved?" Saved from what? A person who needs to be "saved" under-

stands he is in some kind of trouble. For example, a drowning person needs to be saved from the water. The jailer needed to be saved from his sin.

The same is true of each of us. It does not matter who we are or how good we try to be. Without God we are lost in sin. Do you realize that you, like the jailer, need to be saved from your sin? To be saved from his sin, the jailer was told "Believe in the Lord Jesus". To "believe", as used in the Bible, does not mean that you agree that someone or something is correct. The word "believe" means "to put your trust in something". For example, you can say that you "believe" that a plane can take you from one nation to another. This is NOT what the Bible means by "believe". But when you get on that plane and trust your life to it to take you to the other nation, then you "believe" in the way that the Bible uses the word. To "believe" is to put your complete trust in that which you are sure is correct. To "believe in the Lord Jesus" is different from believing Jesus. If you believe Jesus, you do no more than accept the fact that what He says is true. If you believe IN Jesus, you accept Him and all that He stands for in complete confidence and trust. You would be ready to trust His word. You would also be ready to trust yourself and your life to Him.

We encourage you, as Paul encouraged the jailer, to believe in the Lord Jesus the Messiah. That is, to commit all of your life into His hands and into His direction; to accept Him as the Lord of your life. The jailer immediately proved his change of life by his deeds. He washed the dried blood from their backs. He was baptized. What a time of rejoicing for the jailer and his family, as well as for Paul and Silas! With joy they sat down in the home of the jailer to eat together as brethren. Notice that only after the jailer had showed his repentance and was baptized does the Bible say that the jailer was full of joy "because he now believed in God". Show at once, as the jailer did, the change of direction in your life and be baptized. Pray: "O God, I have sinned and need to be saved. I am truly sorry for my sins. I believe in the Lord Jesus the Messiah. Give me the courage to confess my faith to others and to be baptized, in Jesus' name. Amen."

Toronto, ON

Being Relevant

David Dunn

Christians are often accused of being irrelevant. We build our lives on ancient truths and stake our future on a first century religion. Many of those who reject Jesus and His teaching do so, not because they are convinced it is wrong, but because they believe it is irrelevant. The question for them is not, "Who is Jesus" but "What does He mean to me?" What can a first century religion possibly offer to modern man who has conquered space, surfs the Internet and has mapped the human gene?

It is tempting for us, in our rush to be modern and relevant, to become unbiblical. We should rightly seek ways to understand the modern mind and contemporary culture. By so doing we are in a better position to relate our message to our world. But we are in danger of placing undue emphasis on being able to relate and in so doing of moving away from Biblical truths which

man finds hard to accept.

Take the cross for example. Paul told the Corinthian Christians that the cross was a stumbling block to the Jews and foolishness to the Greeks (1 Cor.1:23). Has anything changed? Is the message of God dying on a cross any more reasonable or acceptable to modern man than it was to those to whom Paul preached? Should we

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alter the message so that it is more palatable? And for our gain in relevance, we would suffer the loss of the gospel's power. For as Paul said, it is the gospel, with all its seeming irrelevance, which has the power to rescue us (Rom.1:16).

Perhaps an option for many of us is

to retreat into our own little Biblical world with all of its 'insider' religious language and forget about being relevant to the world around us. We have successfully traversed the mountain of irrelevance to a pleasant oasis of Biblical understanding. What does it matter if others are oblivious to its pleasures and dying in the desert.

However, for those of us who have taken on the challenge of following Jesus, neither conformity through changing the message nor escapism from the world's needs are options. Our challenge is to remain faithful to the message while finding ways to make it heard by those around us. We must work hard at listening to God's Word and in speaking to the world so they can understand. We must be both Biblical and relevant if we are to obey Jesus' command to preach the gospel to the world.

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EDITORIAL

Meddling

Wayne Turner



There is an old joke that tells of a Southern preacher who was going through a list of personal habits that he believed sinful. As he included things like drinking, dancing, and smoking, one older member, known for his very straight-laced lifestyle, loudly said, "Amen!" However, when the preacher added chewing tobacco to the list, the man cried out, "You've stopped preaching and started meddling." Preachers are always more popular when they speak about other people's sins, rather than our own (or don't talk about sin at all). We can even imagine a similar setting in the time of the prophet Amos as he speaks against the sins of Israel's various neighbours, including Judah. We can just imagine the "Amens"... until he turned to the sins of Israel. We all dislike having someone point out our weaknesses, inconsistencies and sins.

One of the greatest dangers for us as Christians comes from the culture or environment in which we live. The sin around us can become so common and familiar we are no longer able to identify it and to see its seriousness. We become desensitized. In our thinking we accept the sin as normal and may even defend or legitimize it. In some cases we may even support and adopt it.

Last month's incident in the National Hockey League (NHL) offers an example. In a game between the Vancouver Canucks and the Colorado Avalanche, Todd Bertuzzi, of the Canucks, attacked Steve Moore. Fighting and violence in hockey are nothing new. Bertuzzi punched Moore in the head from behind. Then, as Moore fell to the ice, Bertuzzi was on top of him and pushed his head into the ice. Moore was knocked unconscious, suffering a concussion and two fractured cervical vertebrae, a potentially career (not to mention life) ending injury.

Many people have decried the action. The NHL has suspended Bertuzzi for the rest of the season and the playoffs, with the possibility of further sanctions next year. Vancouver police are investigating the possibility of charging him with assault. And, certainly, Moore has the option of suing him in civil court. However, the NHL is asking the legal authorities to back off and allow the league to police itself. Experts in sports law suggest that it is unlikely that Moore will sue. And, there are those asking why the big upset. Violence is part of hockey (or professional sport). They suggest that the only reason that people are upset is because of the injury, not the action. One columnist, decrying the reaction against Bertuzzi, asks, "Has anybody actually paid attention to how many times in an NHL game players scrum, punch, push from behind, face-wash, ambush and blindside each

other...?" (What about the hacking, slashing, spearing, etc. that are euphemized as "stick work?") In other words, such violence is an acceptable part of hockey, and sport.

In Canada, hockey is sacred. "It is 'our' game." Many Canadian church members endorse and support the NHL. (One might even wonder if some give more of their money to this entertainment than they do to the Lord.) They may, on occasion, voice objection to the unnecessary violence, but continue to eagerly watch. Is there anything inconsistent here? Do we ever consider what we are also being asked to accept? Is a sport marked by a culture of violence, intimidation and retaliation consistent with the Prince of Peace? How can those professing to know Christ sit in the arenas or in front of their televisions and cry out for violence and revenge? Our goal, as Christians, is to be like Jesus. Can we honestly say that we believe Jesus would condone such violence? Or perhaps we should consider the greater question of how the sports and entertainment industry, as a whole, are affecting and shaping us as Christians.

The Bible is certainly not against sports. Many of its images use sports motifs. The single-minded training and self-discipline of an athlete is an important model for us. Similarly, Paul notes that an athlete cannot gain the crown unless he competes according to the rules. We have much to appreciate and learn from sport. A clean, well-played, skilful game can be a joy to watch. However, we also need to be aware that within the culture of sport, there are also attitudes and actions which are neither consistent nor compatible with Christ.

In North American culture, sport is a sacred cow. Much of life and entertainment are based on it. Many people unquestioningly are drawn under its influence, without realizing its effect. Perhaps it is time for us to remember the words of Mark Twain, "Sacred cows make the best hamburgers."

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The Passion as Witness

Michael Mazzalongo

In the book of Acts we read repeatedly about the power of the Holy Spirit being displayed in mighty ways. Men spoke unknown languages by His power (Acts 2:1-4) and others were struck dead for daring to lie to the Holy One without fear (Acts 5:1-11). In our teaching on the topic of spiritual gifts, we also speak of the end of the age of miracles at the close of the apostolic era and in so doing deprive ourselves of the witness that the Spirit continues to make in other contexts.

Most discussions concerning "miracles" usually devolve into a semantics exercise wherein the exact nature of what a miracle is becomes foremost and the idea of power is left aside. And yet the two are inseparable since the miracle and the power behind it are one.

I am persuaded that from what we can see in the New Testament, the period of time where God's power operated directly or was mediated by human beings in order to produce supernatural results has ceased. The witness requiring these displays and the manner in which they were distributed have been superseded by the more powerful and effective witness and transferring ability of the New Testament record. This said, however, does not mean that the powerful witness of the Holy Spirit is not still in evidence in great and small ways today continuing to testify about the wonder of God and the person of Christ.

We are amazed that a few Jewish men received the power to speak languages unknown to them in order to preach the gospel to several thousand people in Jerusalem after the resurrection of Christ. And so we should

be since this witness of God's power is unmistakable.

But we should also be amazed at more recent demonstrations of that same power. Take, for instance, the current witness of power displayed in the incredible rise of actor Mel Gibson's recent movie, The Passion of Christ. This event does not qualify as a miracle (in the end it is a movie, not a healing) but the fact that

...it doesn't have to be supernatural to create an effective witness.

a fairly Biblical account of Jesus' death and resurrection is told from a true believer's perspective without a trace of irony or condescension is simply amazing. That it was crafted using the very best artists and expertise money could buy and released to similar levels of inter-

est as any Hollywood blockbuster is even more amazing. And if this isn't enough to amaze one in these cynical times, that this movie continues to generate editorials, commentaries, debates, front page stories in newspapers and magazines all over the world is almost unbelievable granting that everyone already knows the ending and the movie is in languages that few if any movie goers speak. Now, for those of us who get our religion from the Bible and not movie houses, this even can be seen as a witness of the Holy Spirit's power in our day and we should rejoice in it.

Let's be straight about this. Mel Gibson was not the subject of divine or direct inspiration. But his use of God's divinely inspired text unleashed a witness of the Spirit's power not seen at the international level since the sudden and total fall of communism around the world.

We deprive ourselves of great joy and encouragement when we refuse to acknowledge the Holy Spirit's witness in our lives today. The Passion movie is a good example of God's power making something happen – something that mere men couldn't make happen no matter how hard they tried. It doesn't have to be a miracle to be powerful; it doesn't have to be supernatural to create an effective witness.

In the end, Mel Gibson's movie is, at best, a phenomenon for the one that does not believe. But for those whose personal sins caused that horrific death recreated on film, it should be remembered as a powerful modern witness from the Spirit that our faith in Him is not in vain.

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Committed to the Flames (Part 2)

Donald Perry

The Reformation in Scotland is not as well known as the reformation in England and on the continent. Wyclif's work in England and his influence on the continent is highlighted in the reformation history. Luther in Germany is well known for his call for reform of church doctrine and practices: his 95 Theses nailed to a door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg; and his courageous stand against the corruption of the church of his time. He stood before the most powerful and influential assembly in the world at that time. When given an opportunity to recant, he answered, "Unless I am refuted and convicted by testimonies of the Scriptures or clear arguments... I cannot and will not recant anything, since it is unsafe and dangerous to do anything against the conscience" (page 237, A History of the Christian Church, by Lars P. Qualben, Thomas Nelson and sons, 1942). John Calvin of France and Switzerland, and John Knox of Scotland and Geneva are well known names related to Christian religious institutions and doctrines current today. I would like to acquaint you with two or three Scottish Reformers who were so committed to their convictions that they were committed to the flames.

Patrick Hamilton was living in St. Andrews, Scotland in 1525 when the Parliament passed the Act against Lutheran books. He had studied in the University of Paris where he received his M.A. degree in 1520. On the 9th of June 1523 he was made a member of the faculty of St. Andrews University, and on the 3rd of October 1524 he was received into the Faculty of Arts. While in Paris he witnessed keen discussion and much excitement over Luther's doctrines. When he was accused of being "inflamed with heresy" and summoned to appear before the tribunal, he fled from Scotland and went to Germany. There he met Luther and was present at the inauguration of the first evangelical university on the 30th of May, 1527. He was honoured in being the first man after the erection of the university to put forth a series of theses to be publicly defended. These were later translated into English from the Latin. They were

the earliest doctrinal production of the Scottish reformation. In it he distinguished, very important at the time and today, "the nature and office of the Law and of the Gospel" —

The Law showeth us our sin.

Rom. iii

The Gospel showeth us the remedy for it. John i

The Law showeth us our condemnation. Rom. vii

The Gospel showeth us our redemption. Col. i

The Law is the word of ire. Rom. iv

The Gospel is the word of grace.

Acts xx

The Law is the word of despair.

Deut. xxvii

The Gospel is the word of comfort.

Luke ii

The Law is the word of unrest.

Rom. vii

The Gospel is the word of peace.

Eph. vi (page 13, D. Hay Fleming, The Scottish Reformation, Scottish Reformation Society, 1927)

his self-sacrificing devotedness" (page 14). Paul's statements, so full of strong feelings, in his letter to the churches of Galatia, may help us to understand the commitment of Hamilton and other reformers: "I am astonished," Paul wrote, "that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you by the grace of Christ, and are turning to a different gospel — which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned!" (Galatians 1:6-8 NIV).

Hamilton returned to Scotland in the autumn of 1527. He began to speak openly. Many gave ear and he came to have a great following of all sorts of people. By the end of January he was invited to St. Andrews, and at a conference there, was encouraged to propound his views. Left at liberty for a month he taught and disputed openly in the University on the doctrines and rites of the Church. At last he was arrested. At his trial, beginning at ten o'clock on Saturday morning on the 29th February 1527-8 in the Cathedral, he boldly defended and explained the doctrines he had taught. He was condemned and at mid-day was led to the stake. "The arrangements had been hurriedly made; the faggots were slow to kindle; and it was not till six o'clock on that Saturday evening that he was reduced to ashes. During the long and weary time of his agony he showed no sign of anger, no desire for retribution. The last words he was distinctly heard to utter were: — 'Lord Jesus receive my spirit! How long shall darkness overwhelm this realm? How long wilt Thou suffer this tyranny of men?' His death created a profound impression throughout the country" (page 16). The persecutors had thought to stamp out heresy by the terror of a fiery death, but they were to learn that it now spread like wild-fire.

Persecution increased. Some followed the adage, "Those who fight and run away, may live to fight another

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He explains:

"Whosoever believeth or thinketh to be saved by his works denieth that Christ is his Saviour, that Christ died for him, and that all things pertain to Christ. For how is He Thy Saviour, if thou mightest save thyself by thy works, or whereto should He die for thee, if any works might have saved thee." (Ibid.)

Fleming observes, "The Christianity of the middle-ages had been petrified into a sort of legal ecclesiasticism. The Reformation was primarily the re-action of Christianity as Gospel against Law. Men who had patiently performed penance, and hoped to derive benefit from the merits of saints and martyrs, must have been amazed by many of Hamilton's statements, and by the tone and tendency of his teaching. Unconsciously he opened up his inmost soul, and revealed the secret of

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day." Others faced the flames with courage and died for their convictions. Alexander Alane, a canon of the Priory of St. Andrews had undertaken to reclaim Hamilton from his heresy. He was unsuccessful in that, but he accepted the new views. He was harshly treated and imprisoned and finally escaped to the continent. Alexander Seaton, the Prior of the Black Friars in St. Andrews and Confessor to the King, escaped to England in 1531, because the doctrines he outspokenly taught, gave offence. Henry Forrest, a Benedictine monk, was brought to the stake in St. Andrews, in or about 1533. David Stratton and Norman Gourlay were hanged and burned, in 1534, near the Rood of Greenside, between Leith and Edinburgh. These examples show that prosecutions for heresy were very numerous during this time. Many more could be added.

The good work of the reformation received a great boost from the teaching and example of George Wishard. It was on the 1st of March 1545-6 that Wishard suffered martyrdom. He had taken his M.A. degree in 1534-5. He taught Greek and the New Testament.

Summoned for heresy in 1538 he fled to England and afterwards went to Germany and Switzerland. In 1543 he was back in England, and taught as a regent in Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. From one of his pupils he was described as of "tall stature, black-haired, long-bearded, comely, courteous, lowly, glad to teach, desirous to learn, modest, temperate, fearing God, hating covetousness, and extremely charitable" (page 21). He returned to Scotland between 1543 and 1545. For a time he preached in Montrose, then in Dundee until forbidden. He returns to Dundee to minister to the sick when he heard that a "most deadly form" of a plague had broken out there. "They are now in trouble," he said, "and need comfort, perchance this hand of God will make them now to magnify and reverence that Word, which before— for fear of men — they set at light price" (page 21). One day at the close of his sermon a priest, said to have been bribed by the Cardinal, tried to kill him; but he protected his would be assassin from the enraged crowd. Attempts were made to draw him into an ambush. He continued to preach in a number of

places. John Knox wanted to accompany him to Edinburgh but Wishart forbade him. "One is sufficient for sacrifice!" he said. Before midnight the house where he was staying was surrounded and he was handed over to the Earl of Bothwell. Against the promises of the Earl he was lodged in the Cardinal's dungeon at St. Andrews by the end of that month, January 1545-6. A month later he was tried in the Cathedral and was condemned to suffer at the stake.

The piles were prepared in front of the Castle and cannons were in readiness lest any attempt at rescue should be made. "There is good reason to believe that cushions and hanging tapestry were provided for the Cardinal and his associates, which they might luxuriously gloat over the dying agonies of the victim. With a rope round his neck and a chain round his waist, the martyr was led to the stake. Fleming reports in quotation marks his remarks: thrice he repeated the words— "O, Thou Saviour of the world, have mercy on me. Father of Heaven, I commend my spirit into Thy holy hands;" Then he urged people not to be offended at the Word of God because of his torments — "Consider and

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behold my visage," he said, "ye shall not see me change my colour. This grim fire I fear not; and so I pray you to do, if any persecution come to you for the Word's sake; and not to fear them that slay the body, and afterward have no power to slay the soul." Then he prayed for his accusers and murderers – "I beseech Thee, Father of Heaven, to forgive them that have of any ignorance, or else have of any evil mind, forged any lies upon me: I forgive them with all my heart. I beseech Christ to forgive them that have condemned me to death this day ignorantly." The executor asked forgiveness. He kissed his cheek, saying— Lo! Here is a token that I forgive thee: my heart, do thine office." Several of the old accounts speak of bags of gunpowder having been attached to his body, and of the pain which he endured when these were ignited. "And by and by he was put upon the gibbet and hanged, and burned to powder" (page 24). Then on the 29th of the following May a handful of determined men seize the castle of the Cardinal and mercilessly put him to death (page 24).

John Knox was urged to enter the pulpit but he did not feel that he was called by God nor ordained by the church. With further pressure he finally "ascended the pulpit." His hearers, including not only common people but dignitaries of the Church and of the University, were amazed. The French fleet arrived. Knox and others were taken to France. For nineteen weary months he had to endure the unspeakable hardships of a galley slave. After his release he laboured five years in England, and then for some time to English exiles in Frankfort-on-the-Main, and at Geneva. He returned to Scotland in 1555. He preached and administered the Lord's Supper in many places. But when he was cited to appear before the clergy on the 15th of May 1556, he obeyed the summons but the diet was deserted for the time. When his congregation in Geneva insisted on his return he left Scotland in July. After his departure he was again summoned before the clergy, was condemned in absence, and burned in effigy.

At this time the regency of Scotland was transferred to Mary of Guise, the widow of James the fifth, and mother of Mary Queen of Scots. She urged Archbishop Hamilton to get rid of heretics in his diocese and throughout the realm. Some time in 1558 he was sitting in judgment on Walter Mill, an old decrepit priest of more than 80 years of age. When it was demanded that he recant Mill replied, "Ye shall know that I will not recant the truth, for I am corn, I am not chaff; I will not be blown away with the wind, nor burst by the flail, but I will abide both." When he was to be burned at the stake for heresy, no citizen of St. Andrews would sell a tar barrel to burn him, or a rope to tie him to the stake, and so he was bound with the cords of the Archbishop's pavilion. "On the 28th of April, he was conveyed by armed men to the pile. Boldly and faithfully did he deliver his last testimony, while he stood on the coals which were so soon to reduce him to ashes; and out of the ashes, as Foxe the great martyrologist has said, 'sprang thousands of his opinion and religion in Scotland.' His death, indeed rang the knell of the Papacy in this land (page 28). (Part 3 to follow: Ministerial Education in the Reforming Church.)

Beamsville, ON

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Reminder:

In order to be published in the following months' news, each congregation's information should be sent to Walter Straker before the third last Tuesday of the month.

ONTARIO

Beamsville: Ladies' Day discussion group met February 19 with Diane Perry leading the discussion on the book of Ruth. Olwen Belton was honoured with a potluck as she moved to the seniors' home in Hamilton. In a report dated March 3 from Papua New Guinea, Art Ford wrote: "It is wonderful to see the change that has come in the past 17 years since we left the work here. We see signs of good things being done in the name of the Lord in all regions of the country. This week I am teaching in Mt. Hagen. Almost 100 church members have gathered. They seem hungry for the Word." The GLCC Youth Rally is planned for April 23-25, with Samson Ling, of Huntsville, Ontario, as guest speaker on the theme: "A Life of Sacrifice."

Bramalea: Lyndon Hosein, 12-year-old son of Linda, was baptized Sunday afternoon, February 15. Josh Lourenco baptized Andy Jewett on March 10 in Beamsville. Derek Czeban spoke Saturday, March 13, to the combined group of men and women after lunch at the Harding Avenue Youth Lectureship on "It Is Easier to Bear It in Your Youth." Walter Straker attended the ACU lectureship forum at which members of the International Churches of Christ and mainline Churches of Christ met. They discussed past problems, the present situation, and hopes for the future to at least recognize each other as brethren again.

Brantford: The men had a special dinner and study the evening of February 8. Don Smith conducted a spring meeting there March 26-28, with the theme: "Confidence in Christ." Viola Jones recently celebrated her 90th birthday.

Burks Falls: The Church in Burks Falls has recently begun a web directory on which they hope to list information concerning congregations across Canada. Go to their website at www.churchesofchrist.ca to get information and/or to upload information from your congregation. It is a nice looking website and the brethren are to be commended on their efforts.

Cornwall: Meaghan Mattiuz and Mark Duperron, were recently added to the church. The congregation now numbers 16 members

with 12 under 30 years of age. Many of their new members have family to reach, which is a tremendous opportunity and responsibility. The church now puts out a weekly bulletin. If you would like to be put on the mailing list, contact them. Joel Bojarski preached at Ajax on February 29 and March 7.

Fennell Avenue (Hamilton): The brethren welcomed Eduart Rezda into their fellowship from Albania. Gentiana was very pleased to have Eduart arrive, after a very long wait. On Saturday February 14 the ladies had a brunch at the building with Shirley Straker, from Bramalea, as guest speaker. The GLCC chorus sang at the evening service Sunday, February 15. A Bible Bowl on the book of Genesis was planned for March 28 at 2:30 p.m. The brethren are studying the book of Job on Wednesday evenings.

Grimsby: The congregation's Bible Bowl took place March 28. Plans are being made for the summer's Vacation Bible School. James DeStaphanis recently baptized Dwayne Desormeaux. On February 22, the congregation provided a chapel service for the Bethesda Group home. The congregation installed elders, Bruce Minter and Fred Toohey, on March 21.

Guelph: Kozoh Stonefield died suddenly on March 2 after an aneurism, heart attack, and stroke. He is survived by his wife, Mavis (Bailey) Stonefield. Geoff Ellis and John Bailey conducted the funeral on March 7 in Waterloo.

Meaford: Hats, gloves, mitts, and scarves were collected and sent to orphans in China. On February 5, Doug and Joyce Franklin, and their daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and David Ellis, left for Cuba. They took money for the church in Santiago, as well as health and personal hygiene supplies and educational and crafts materials that the Meaford congregation had collected. Supplies were also collected for the Breakfast Club at Meaford Community School. On February 5, a come and go reception was held at the Meaford Long Term Care Centre to honour Emma Whitfield's 93rd birthday, and Martha Whitfield's 89th birthday. The annual Youth Rally was held February 27-29 on the theme: "In Moments Like These." Guest speakers were Darrin and Tina Book, Mark Kennedy, Scott Mansfield, and Sue Cramp. On March 4, Scott Gordon, a GLCC student, was baptized by Scott Mansfield in Beamsville. On March 7, the first 2004 preacher exchange took place when Gordon and Dorothy Dennis from Vandeleur came to Meaford, and Randy and Lois Morritt went to Collingwood.

Newmarket: On February 21 the men had a prayer session followed by breakfast. On February 22, the congregation held its annual meeting after a potluck dinner. The week of March 8 several students from Abilene Christian University came to help the work in the city.

St. Catharines (Ontario Street): The ladies quilt every Tuesday afternoon making quilts for the community. FriendSpeak classes are underway with a total of 13 students registered. John Clayton plans to be with the

congregation April 23-25 for a "Does God Exist" seminar. Jean Graham, a long-time member of the congregation, passed away on March 6, after a lengthy illness.

Sundridge: In July, Jacquie Reaburn was baptized at Strawberry Point camp. Chad Preston's baptism took place in August at the annual campout at Restoule Provincial Park. At the December ladies' class, several boxes were prepared for shut-ins and people living alone. A potluck was enjoyed the last Sunday in January followed by a congregational meeting.

Toronto (Strathmore Blvd): April 9: Training for Service, 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Good Friday, Cawthra Park Secondary School, 1305 Cawthra Road, Mississauga, just south of the QEW. Peter Murphy is guest speaker on the theme: "Body Building." Also, a special study lead by Peter for elders, deacons, preachers, and their wives is planned for 7 PM at the Strathmore building on Saturday, April 10.

Waterloo: Bible College Preachers' Day, April 5, 9 a.m. - noon. "What's Old and New in the Gay Movement?" with Michael Mazzalongo at the Swiss Chalet on Market Street in Milton, just off Highway 25. Dutch treat. Garry Nutt, long-time member at Waterloo, and part-time Great Lakes Bible College student, passed away suddenly after service Sunday morning, February 15. He survived by his wife, Lilly Nutt.

West Hamilton: A group from Sunset in Lubbock, Texas, was with the congregation the week of March 15. They gave public talks on: "The Existence of God," "Who is Jesus," and "Is the Bible God's Word?".

Windsor: On Sunday morning, February 22, the 5-8 year olds sang at a special children's singing before Sunday school. Mark and Sandra Galvin took several teens to Winterfest in Tennessee the weekend of February 20-22. On March 2, the congregation planned to watch "The Passion of the Christ" movie. Vacation Bible School, on the theme, "Treasures of the Nile," is planned for July 20-23.

QUEBEC

Verdun (Montreal): The "In Love for Life" marriage enrichment seminar averages 80 in attendance on Sunday afternoons at the Verdun building. Many of these are members from the community, along with members of the International Church of Christ congregation. Darrell Johnson, a co-presenter, is a member there. This seminar is a joint effort by both congregations to begin having fellowship following the recent developments in the ICOC movement. The Verdun congregation planned to welcome an elder from the Choctaw, Oklahoma, congregation that supports the Mazzalongos. Brother Bob Chilton, an experienced song leader, will lead the congregation in worship during his time in Montreal. He will also film the English version of "In Love for Life" for US churches that wish to use the series. The GLCC chorus will perform in Verdun in early April.

NEWS

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

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Abbotsford (Central Valley): A number of ladies from the Monrovia, Alabama church have been here to help with VBS and Ladies Retreat programs over the last few years. Therefore, the Weirs reporting trip down in February has become like a meeting of old friends. The church expressed great interest in the Fort Ware opportunity, since it will involve taking the gospel into unknown territory. Three lessons, taught by Corinne Freeman, on Jesus leaving his comfort zone led to studies on the "Freedom of Obedience" at the Wednesday morning ladies class. Jen Weir is the teacher.

Burnaby: Bev McClure initiated a luncheon meeting for seniors in all of the Lower Mainland congregations. Known as "The Young at Heart", they are meeting once a month at a restaurant to renew acquaintances and stay in touch. John and Lorelei Clelland gave up their Middle school class to be able to devote time to a new group focusing on encouraging and serving others. Consisting of young people from Grade Eight to University, tasks performed will include helping to set up before, and washing dishes after potlucks, aiding in decorating for special occasions, making posters, baking and packaging cookies when needed, painting classrooms, cooking meals, and/or occasionally assisting in younger Bible classes. Burnaby has added material about the "The Passion of Jesus the Christ" to the website at www.SBChurch.ca. Kirk Ruch has also produced printed booklets of the same material for those who meet at S. Burnaby on Sunday mornings and in midweek home groups. In addition, people may post questions to ThePassion@SBChurch.ca if searching for direct help. Allen and Betty Jacobs started Richard Roger's video study of Revelation in March.

City Church: The Saturday Night Bible class that has been running for two and a half years is growing again. A young man who is an active Buddhist (attends temple every Saturday) has asked if he can join the class. The morning Intensive English class has 17 students studying three times a week. I am also presenting a Bible lesson and Lillian Feng, former university professor, interprets the story for the students, all of whom are in their forties and up. The oldest is 78! The Wednesday night satellite course on Daniel was finished the last week of February, and we are now studying a 24-week course in the book of Revelation. While going through some rough times is quite normal when planting a new congregation, we have recently had the regular attendance of 20 people, many of whom are not yet born into Jesus. We don't encourage folks to come to worship until they know enough to be aware of what worship really is. One couple, not yet Christians, were planning to stay home one Sunday recently so the husband could study for a big exam. However, his wife told him, "It isn't just for us to get something out of being with others. They get something from us and so it is important for us to be there." They were at worship. What if all of our Christians had that thought! Can one person make a difference? Daniel did. Daniel understood the prophecy of Jeremiah, repented in ashes on behalf of the nation and God returned the captives to Israel. What if some

of us who claim to be strong Christians took it upon ourselves to pray and repent on behalf of our nations, whichever nation that might be? Could we not believe that God would do wonderful things for that very nation we pray for? How about our churches? Would we be willing to repent on behalf of some of our very lifeless, dying congregations, that God would give our people new life? Do we believe it can happen?

- Condensed from report by Steve Hasbrouck

Deep Cove: Jay Don Rogers informed us that a city in BC is contributing vitamins for our project of helping to supply two large hospitals in Donetsk with much-needed equipment, medicines, and clothing. He also provided us with the name and contact number of a church in Texas who is working to fill 10 containers for shipment. It has formed a non-profit group which has enlisted funds from a government agency to pay for the shipping cost to Donetsk. Therefore, we have decided to gather what we are able to here to add to their shipment.

Delta: Darren and Melody Williamson hosted a group from the Delta church to see the movie, "The Passion of Jesus Christ". After the film, they went to the home of Larry and Rose Waddell to discuss their reactions.

SASKATCHEWAN

Gravelbourg: The Congregation rejoiced as they witnessed two young ladies baptized into Christ. Norma and Amy Brown, sisters by birth, are now sisters in the Lord! We also welcomed Sarina Bell, Timothy Bell's new bride, to our congregation as she made it known that she looks forward to being an active part of the church here.

MONTANA

Helena: A report from Greg King states that his preaching a series on "A Road to Recovery" has brought an increasing number of people to their assembly. They had 138 on February 22. The following week, 160, the first week of March 188, and were expecting over 200 the following week. As they have only have 170 chairs, they had to scramble to fit in more, and figure out how to make a smooth transition to two services without losing momentum. There were five baptisms the first week of March, and the new believers have been bringing at least three friends each Sunday. A new commercial resulted in 10 unbelievers enrolling in the five week "Relationship with God" course. Greg also has a "CELEBRATE Recovery Ministry" going that is bringing in new people from the community.

Gospel Herald

WEBSITE IMPROVED

Recent changes have been made in the Gospel Herald Website, including an on-line catalogue for use in ordering materials from the bookstore. (Orders can be phoned, faxed, or e-mailed to the bookstore.)

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Marriage Commitment

Betty Choate

In this age of immorality, broken marriages, "no fault" divorce, what can the caring person do to ensure that his/her marriage is durable, made of strong enough stuff to last through the years and all the challenges that will come with those years?

Some would say, "Build your marriage on **like-mindedness**." Certainly, if two people have similar values, enjoy similar things, and have personalities that are much alike, they should be able to move along smoothly toward their life goals.

But in growing through the changes of life, sometimes people themselves change so drastically that a mate can be "outgrown" or left behind.

Others would suggest that a strong marriage must be built on love. Yes, love – in all its many aspects of nurturing and cherishing – love is an important factor.

But sometimes love that has flourished also dies. Can the marriage survive?

Someone else has wisely said that most marriages today lack total **commitment**.

If a man and woman make a commitment to the marriage from the beginning, determined to subordinate their own wishes and self-interests for the welfare of the marriage, it is most likely that such a relationship will grow stronger and sweeter with the years.

But there are occasions when for one reason or another, one partner or the other either ceases to put the commitment first or ceases to "deserve" that degree of unswerving loyalty – and so, the marriage may become endangered.

The weakness with all of these priorities in the husband/wife relationship is that they are built on human-to-human behavior. And the problem with that kind of foundation is that humans fall short of perfection, and humans act and react in relation to each other.

Like-mindedness is a wonderful asset to any marriage, as long as the likeness remains. **Love** is a wonderful asset as long as both remain lovable, and as long as both cherish and nurture the other. **Commitment to each other** is a wonderful asset, as long as they remain mutually committed. But since it is not uncommon for one marriage partner to behave in such a way that a negative and ugly response is aroused in the heart of the mate, then a marriage that is dependent on one or more of these factors may break up in stormy seas.

What is the basis of a strong marriage? I believe it is **commitment to God**. Does the answer seem unlikely? Consider these thoughts:

In contrast to the human-to-human

relationship, this is a human-to-God relationship, which means that one element does not change. He is an absolute, One on whom we can fix our lives and know that He will remain constant.

Therefore, fixing our lives on Him, what does He require if the human-to-God relationship is to be maintained? He requires our **love** ("You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." Matthew 22:37).

He requires our **obedience** ("If you love Me, keep My commandments." John 14:15).

Within the framework of that love and that obedience to His commands lie all the rules regarding human relationships. He makes it clear that in order to maintain a living relationship with Him as His children, we must be obedient to His rules regarding fellow human beings. Husbands must be faithful in their marriage or forfeit as well their relationship with God.

So, in such a marriage, built on an enduring commitment to God, if the human-to-human likeness dissipates, God's requirements of mutual consideration as outlined in 1 Corinthians 7:1-5 remain in force and must be obeyed, if the relationship with Him is to remain intact.

If **emotional love** ship-wrecks because of human-to-human failure, God's command to the husband in Ephesians 5, to "... so love his own wife as himself..." still applies, and the husband must be obedient, if he is to have God's approval.

Likewise, "... let the wife see that she respects her husband..." controls the attitude of the wife in the human-to-human relationship, if her relationship to God is to remain intact.

Colossians 3:24 explains: "And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord..." When a human's commitment is, first of all, to God and then to human relationships – husband/wife, parent/child, neighbor, business partner, whatever they may be – God is both the basis and the control factor for attitudes, words, and behavior, even on the human-to-human scale. The **eternal commitment** to Him safeguards us in our daily dealings with each other.

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The Congregation in Diriamba-Jinotepe

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OBITUARIES

Ray Larimore Bailey

Ray Bailey was born on December 16, 1928. His parents, J.C. & Myrtle, received a special surprise that day because Ray arrived with a "womb-mate".

Ray grew up in a family with two older brothers, Norman and Stan, his twin Roy, two younger sisters, Marie and Mavis, and one younger brother, John. Later in life, Ray was pleased to welcome three more sisters into the family when his parents adopted Carol, Debbie, and Margo.

Ray's father, J.C. was a minister and this meant that Ray had the experience of living in several different communities, as he was growing up. Being born in Radville, SK, and living there for the first two years of his life, he moved with his parents to Ogema, then back to Radville, then to Meaford, ON, and then back to Radville by the time he was 16 years of age. He must have liked Saskatchewan... and southern Saskatchewan in particular, because that was where he would spend the rest of his life.

On October 15, 1949, Ray married Ruth Peterson. To that union were born two sons, Winston and Wendell, and two daughters, Pat and Sharolyn.

Ray had many different interests. He loved the farm and spent most of his early years involved with agriculture. Later in life he taught "driver's education" and no one will ever know how many people driving today were influenced by him in their driving skills. But driving skills was not all that he taught to those young people for he has a genuine concern for their lives as well as their driving ability. He developed a special relationship with those young teenagers as he taught them, and they remembered him because he cared. In the last days of his life, Ray was taken by ambulance to the Regina General Hospital for tests. When he entered the emergency room his attending E.R. nurse was one of his former students. She recognized him and he recognized her and even in poor health was able to recall incidents from her driver training and recalled precisely how to get to her parent's farm.

Ray has a fondness for children. He took great delight in his grandchildren and even greater delight in his great grandchildren. But Ray was not selfish in his affection toward children. Many children at church and in the community responded to his attention by affectionately calling him "Grandpa Ray" or "Uncle Ray". He took great pleasure in teaching the young boys to shake hands and

treated the young girls like princesses. Ray was not a highly educated person by the world's standards, but he had an amazing mind that stayed sharp and attentive even in his last hours. Ray had a keen interest in the world around him. He wrote weekly articles for newspapers in southern Saskatchewan for more than 35 years, dealing with everything from religion to politics to home cooking! Ray's concern was always for the well being of the common person and his writing reflected the thoughts of a man who cared.

Ray passed away on January 23, 2004 in Weyburn, SK at the age of 75. He is predeceased by his parents and his two older brothers Norman and Stan. Ray is survived by his wife of 54 years, Ruth; his sons: Winston (Jean) and Wendell (Dina); his daughters Patricia (Rene) Bellavance and Sharolyn (Denis) Bellavance. He is also survived by 11 "super-kids" (a name Ray gave to each grandchild); Jackie, Josie, Lisa, Chad, Paul, Jennifer, Serena, Jarrid, Matthew, Joshua, and Jory: four "super,super-kids"(his title given to the great grandchildren); Morgann Ray, Mackenzie, Raya, and Wesley. Also surviving are five sisters and two brothers. Ray also leaves many in-laws, aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews, nieces and special friends who mourn his passing. He will be missed by all.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, January 28, 2004 at the Church of Christ, Weyburn, SK with Scott Wade and John Bailey officiating. Interment followed in the Laurier Cemetery, Radville, SK.

Contributed by Ruth Bailey

Sharon McCutcheon

On Saturday February 7, 2004, Sharon McCutcheon passed away suddenly from a massive stroke. Sharon Elaine McCutcheon was born at St. Thomas, Ontario on September 2, 1939, the daughter of the late Victor and Wilma Howard. She was educated in St. Thomas and worked there as a secretary, then as an office manager at a high school. For many years she served as a cub master for the Boy Scouts of Canada.

Sharon and Alan met on a train and were married on May 2, 1970. This union was blessed by two children - daughter Carol and son Cameron. The McCutcheon's lived for some years in the Surrey/Langley area in B.C.

Her "new birth" took place in December of 1970. The family has lived in Chilliwack, B.C. for the last number of years.

Our dear sister was predeceased by her parents and her sister Linda J. Fox. She leaves to mourn her passing her loving husband, Alan; daughter, Carol; son, Cameron;

son-in-law, Tony; brother, Wayne Howard, St. Thomas; many friends, relatives, and brothers and sisters in Christ.

A memorial service was held for Sharon on February 13 in Sardis, B.C. The writer officiated, Alan Jacobs read an obituary and John Foreman led the singing. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Ron Beckett

Paul Garry Nutt

Garry Nutt passed away suddenly at church on February 8, 2004 shortly after the conclusion of the worship service. He was in his 53rd year. Garry had been a member of the Waterloo Church of Christ for over twenty years where he was well known and appreciated for his readiness to serve.

Garry was born in London, Ontario on July 9, 1951. He married Lilly Fenn of Aylmer on August 2, 1985. Garry was an avid Bible student. He studied in several Bible colleges including Briercrest, Emmanuel, and Great Lakes Bible College. Even while working fulltime, he enrolled regularly in classes. He received his Bachelor of Religious Studies in 2001 from GLBC and was working toward his BTh.

Garry was kind and concerned for the needy and regularly engaged as a volunteer in community services. His passing is mourned by his wife, Lilly, his mother and step-father, Jean and John Pimperton of London, his brothers Larry Nutt, Chris and David Mitchell and Charlie Pimperton; by his sisters, Pam Hartlieb, Lynn Ryan, and Patti Pimperton; by the Fenn family; by his many nieces, nephews, and cousins; and as well by many brothers and sisters in Christ.

The service was conducted by the elders of the Waterloo Church of Christ at the Waterloo church building on February 13.

Geoffrey Ellis

Edith (Russell) Williamson

Edith Williamson departed this life in Owen Sound on Sunday, February 8, 2004. She was born in Owen Sound on Jan 21, 1915, the daughter of Mary Edith Schular and Sidney Pearce. She attended elementary school, high school and business college in Owen Sound. In January of 1934 Edith was married to William Russell. Throughout their marriage, they worked as a team buying old houses and remodeling them. This was in the St.Catharines/Hamilton/Welland area. They also owned two small businesses.

For approximately the first 25 years, Edith was a stay-at-home Mom, as was common with women of her generation, looking after four active children, Calvin, Mary Jane, Lynda and Kathy.

It was in 1959 that Edith had a brain aneurysm. As if her own health problems were not enough, during this time her husband Bill was fighting cancer. He lost the battle and went to be with his Lord in April 1961. Even though Edith's brain surgery was a success, there were physical side effects which were obstacles with which she had to deal for the rest of her life. Nevertheless, she was faced now with the challenge of entering the work world, because now she was a single parent with three daughters still at home. Edith began her new career as a salesperson in department stores in St. Catharines, then became a school secretary in St. Catharines and after a while moved on to work in the Water Works for the City of St. Catharines.

Edith married Eric Williamson in the early 1970's. Eric was introduced to the Church, committed his life to the Lord, and remained faithful until his death in the 1980's.

Edith did not always enjoy good health as a result of her brain operation and in 1997 suffered a major stroke that left her seriously impaired. She was left with considerable difficulty in communicating. From that point on, Edith lived with family. The family celebrated her 89th birthday with her not long before her death.

Whoever you talk with about Edith, there are some things that stand out. She was careful about her appearance. Her hair had to be "just so." What she wore had to match. Someone commented that "she was a meticulous dresser and housekeeper." Edith had a gracious spirit and a ready smile. Some of her friends commented, "She was a classy lady and we already miss her beautiful smile."

She was concerned about and devoted to her family. But the interest was not confined just to her family. I am told she treated her children's friends as her own children. Edith had a strong commitment to the Lord and His church. Gordon Stewart remodeled a house for the Russells on George Street in St. Catharines, and it was while living there that they became friends with Murray and Vennie Miller. Through that friendship Bill and Edith came into Christ. Her friends in St. Catharines wrote: "We all remembered Edith's great love for the Church and her loyalty and love for the teachings of Christ... she was always interested in seeking lost souls for Christ." Edith loved to worship and wanted to be present whenever the church gathered. Christian fellowship was important to her.

She was generous with what she had and interested in helping the church and good works. Her friends commented: "We could

depend on her to help where she could. Even from her small monthly income, she always had a little gift for those who were a part of her life. She was also an encouragement in her giving to young and old if they were going to be doing work for the Lord." Edith was an encouragement and an encourager. She did not allow some adverse events in her life to turn her from the Lord or to embitter her. We will miss her warm spirit and sweet smile.

Edith is survived by her son Calvin and wife Rose Marie Russell, daughters Mary Jane

Garrow, Lynda Russell, and Kathryn and husband Cecil Harris. Also by 10 grandchildren and brother Sidney and Beatrice Pearce, and sister Joanne and Frank King.

The service was conducted at the Vineland Chapel of the Tallman Funeral Homes on February 12, with internment in Pleasantview Memorial Gardens. Grandsons Dan and Bill Russell led singing, Calvin spoke regarding his mother, and Walter Hart shared some lessons to be learned from her life.

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Internet Worms

Wayne Turner

In March, two email worms, "Netsky" and "Beagle", reached nearly epidemic proportions with some very frustrating results. If you use email, you need to read this. It is possible that at some time in the past weeks you received at least one message with a worm. Your computer may be infected and may be sending out one or more of these worms to others. (Some people have received over twenty infected emails in one day!)

It appears that there are some people within our fellowship whose computers have been infected with one or more worms. Without their knowledge, their computers have been sending out infected emails. When dealing with the subject of internet viruses and worms, we need to remember that they are created by malicious people to take advantage of other, unsuspecting people and use them to create trouble.

Basically, a worm is a program that comes as an email attachment. As long as no one opens the attachment, it remains inactive. Therefore, the first rule is not to open an attachment unless you are expecting it and know what it is.

With email, a virus or worm comes in an attachment. An attachment is a file (a picture, document, program, etc.) that is being sent along with the email. The attachment name appears on the email, often like a link that you just click on to open, or in the case of a virus or worm, to activate. When the "Netsky" or "Beagle" worms are activated, they search through the hard drives on the computer to find email addresses. Then, they replicate themselves by sending out messages containing infected attachments to every address that was found. Unfortunately, this does not just happen once. Every time the infected computer is started, another batch of infected emails is sent.

Second, these worms "spoof" the address of the sender. Normally, when an email is sent out, the computer automatically inserts the address of the actual sender. The "Netsky" worm randomly insert email addresses from those it has found on the computer into the outgoing messages. If it sends out messages to 1000 different addresses, there may be 1000 different return addresses. People have been getting angry about receiving these messages and blaming anyone whose address appears as the return address. Most likely, the infection did not come from their computer. The only thing you can reasonably assume is that your email address and the address identified as the sender are both on a third person's computer, and it is this third person whose computer is infected. Please do not blame the person identified as the sender. You may never know the identity of the person whose computer was sending out the infected emails. In recent weeks, infected emails

have spoofed addresses from many church members, congregations and even schools.

"Beagle" spoofs the domain name of the receiver. This makes it look like it is an official email from their email server. Illustrating is easier than trying to explain. Let's say that your email address is `yourname@mydomain.ca`. Emails infected by "Beagle" will identify the sender as something like `administration@mydomain.ca` (or `staff@`, `management@`, `noreply@`, or some other official sounding address). The message will often say that there is a problem with your email or account and that you need to view the attached file.

What To Watch For

There are some things that can help you spot these. First,

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be wary of all unexpected and unknown attachments, even those that seem to come from your friends. Remember that "Netsky" will spoof their address so you will trust the email as coming from a friend.

Sometimes, the subject line will help. With "Netsky", the subject line varies. However, it usually begins with re: to suggest that this person is replying to a previous email from you. Remember that viewing the email is harmless. The problem is opening the infected attachment. After re: there could be any one of a number of things: document, your document, word document, your bill, your account, your music, your picture, your product, file, excel file, etc. The message is often the best clue. There will be some need to open the attachment for more information. With "Netsky", the message is usually just "Please have a look at the attached file." "Beagle" will have a longer message, usually about a problem with your account or email, with the need to see the attachment for more details.

The attachment may have many names, all sounding quite harmless, but often end with .pif or .zip.

The problem, as I mentioned earlier, is that there are some people in our fellowship who have infected computers and do not know it. I have received infected emails that listed (falsely) return addresses from across Western Canada – church members, congregations, and even WCC as the source. (I have even received emails that I supposedly sent to myself, which shows how "spoofing" works.)

What Can You Do?

1. Buy a good antivirus program like Norton or McAfee

2. Keep it up to date. The Norton subscription service isn't cheap – it's about \$20-30 US per year. But, it is worth it. In the last few years, Norton has set up its program to automatically update itself, so you don't even have to think about it. Virus definitions must be current. Every day, people are creating new viruses and worms. The staffs at McAfee and Norton are investigating, studying and trying to create defenses for them as fast as they are discovered. A program bought a year ago may be able to deal with everything created before it was purchased. However, without being updated, it may be useless against the newer viruses and worms.

3. Set the program is checking incoming (and outgoing) emails. Set it to automatically delete any infected attachments. Norton will replace these attachments with its own attachment that will identify the name of the attachment that was deleted and what virus or worm it contained. Checking and cleaning incoming email will protect your computer. Checking outgoing emails will protect others.

4. Make sure that the program is doing regular, weekly scans of your computer.

5. If you think you have one of these worms, or just want to be sure, removal tools are available at the Norton AntiVirus website at <http://securityresponse.symantec.com>. Instructions on how to use them are available on the website. They are easy to download and use.

6. If you need to, don't be afraid to ask for help. Most congregations seem to have at least one resident computer person. If you don't know who to ask, please feel free to contact me: wayneturner@shaw.ca.

Winnipeg, MB

BOOK REVIEWS

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Down In The River to Pray, Revisiting Baptism as God's Transforming Work
by John Mark Hicks and Greg Taylor,
\$14.95 (U.S.)

This is an outstanding book on the topic of baptism. Although having only 280 pages it covers the topic in a commendable way. We have not had many studies that cover the subject in such a complete fashion.

The authors state "We envision twenty centuries of teaching and practice on baptism as a river flowing through time. Christians through time have wrestled with what baptism was intended to be in the life of the church, for ethics, and for an understanding of what happens before, during, and after the event of baptism in the life of the believer".

There is much controversy on this

subject. Many of our religious neighbours believe that we over stress baptism. We certainly need to renew our understanding of this subject.

This book will greatly help us to that end.

Uncovering the Bible's Greatest Mysteries by Alton Gansky,
Broadman & Holman, Nashville, TN. 244 pages, \$14.99 (U.S.)

The author has been described as a writer of "Christian X-files." He is fascinated with mysteries and the unexplained. However he is also a strong believer in the inspiration of the Bible and the need for applying it to our everyday lives. His desire is "to start a fire of curiosity and create a new, vital interest in the Scriptures." He cites Psalm 25:4,5 and Proverbs 25:2 as

encouraging this urgency in searching the Scriptures.

He writes "Each chapter is broken down into small sections to make study and teaching easier. At the end of each chapter dealing with a mystery is a series of questions meant to prompt thought and discussion."

The book covers a great number of "Bible Mysteries" in a most interesting way. We read about giants, strange critters, "That brass Thing", earthquakes, darkness, fire from heaven, sin on the slither, wild weather, bad guys of the gospels, the unrecognizable Jesus, and the wrong way prophet.

He asks if the televangelists are justified in their use of holy water, prayer cloths, etc to gain financial support. The answer comes in the understanding of the purpose of miracles. Miracles authenticated the teaching showing that the message was true and that the prophet had been called to do the work of God.

This book will greatly assist the reader in understanding the place of miracles in the Bible and in refuting the many false teachers who have misused the topic for their own gain.

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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 pm. Small Groups (Fri – Mon, eve.) Phone (403) 272-2111; E-mail: info@calgarycofc.com

CAMROSE: 4901-42 St. T4V 1A2 Sun. 10:30 am. Wed. 7:00 pm 780-672-1220 (off).

EDMONTON: 13015-116 Ave., T5M 3C9. (780) 455-1049; FAX 454-9545; Sun. 9:30, 11:00; Wed. 7:00 class at the building & CARE groups in homes. Kevin Carson, ev 454-9097; Dave Friesen, ev 460-4258. Elders: Herb Anderson, Henri Bouchard, Vern Hibbard, David Hotchkiss, Walter Hreczuch, C Eric Limb, Peter Ross. www.edmontonchurchofchrist.org, email: church5@telus.net.

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; <davenportcoc@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/cvcoc/

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., Kelowna BC, V1Y 2X1; Building 250-861-9486, Sunday 10:45 a.m. Worship, 9:30 a.m. Bible Study (excl. July – Aug.). Evangelist: Barrie Forman, 250-764-4313, sonlover@shaw.ca cell 212-0080; Elders: Wayne Muirhead, 250-861-4008, marwayn@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.

PRINCE GEORGE: 4337 Ewen Dr.; Mailing Address: PO Box 2437, V2N 2S6; Sun. 10; For more information contact Grahame Somerville 562-6708, Leo Selzer 964-9102 or Office (250) 562-0502.

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)

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 Murray, 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.sscoc.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, R0M 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 Celaire, youth min. (204) 284-6280 chad@winnipegchurch.ca

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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.

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

SARDINIA: Rt. 39, (1 mile west of Rt. 16), Sun. 10 & 11, Wed. 7 PM, mailing address: PO Box 186, Sardinia, NY, 14134, Glen Mueller, ev., (716)-496-5143, Cell (716)-560-6304, gmarsar@adelphia.net

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

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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, BON 2H0; D. Hallett (902) 758-2133; J. Mackey, sec., (902) 758-2633; 758-3215 (off.).

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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); Malcolm Porter, (905) 668 3346 res,

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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)

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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) 933-2464; 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, LOS 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. 10:30, 11; Wed. 7:30 (phone for location); c/o 25 Keys Crescent, N1G 5J7; David Azzoparde, sec. (519) 821-9179.

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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.

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

KINGSTON: 446 College St., K7L 4M7; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; (613) 546-5409 (off.); e-mail: kingstoncfc@aol.com; associate preacher, Gordon Gibson.

KITCHENER SOUTH: Kitchener City Hall (Learning Room) 200 King St. W.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30 in homes; Julian Smith, sec., 6 Nipigon Pl., Kitchener, N2B 3N5, Ph: (519) 742-8626. Other contact Hugh Pitcher, Ph: (519) 669-5263.

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

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

NEWMARKET: 230 Davis Dr.; Sun. 9:45, 11:00, 6:30; Wed. 7:30; Box 21581, 13Y 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 Ostl; 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 Darren 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@acnacanada.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., Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Thurs. 7; Brian Thompson, ev., (519) 376-6702 (off.); 372-2155 (res); e-mail: <osccoc@bmts.com>

PETERBOROUGH: The Board Room., Parkway Place Mall Lansdowne St.W. Sunday: 10 & 10:45 Mid-Week Study contact Peter McPherson at 705-742-5349 or Fred at 705-741-4031.

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 Midweek meeting in homes. Call for location. (519)782-4902.

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), (519) 542-4108 (res).

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 Whiffeld, sec., (705) 949-7612, <rwhiffeld@sympatico.ca>.

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

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

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

STONEY 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 Priesthall, sec. email: emailus@sccoc.ca; website: www.sccoc.ca

STRATFORD: 478 Brunswick St., N5A 3N6; Sunday Worship 10:00, Wed. Bible Study 7:30; voice mail (519) 273-5280; Larry Hoover (519) 271-9545; Paul Dale (519) 273-9063 email: pauldebdale@sympatico.ca

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

SUNDRIIDGE: Hwy. 11 N.; Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; P.O. Box 927, POA 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 Eglington); Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7:30; Michael Hilborn, sec., mhilborn@rogers.com; 63 Campbell Ave., M6P 3T9; (416) 489-7405 (off.).

TORONTO (Scarborough): Scarborough Y.M.C.A., 230 Town Centre Court; Sun. 9 a.m., 10 a.m.; (Mailing Address: PO Box 47011, 300 Borough Dr., Scarborough, ON M1P 4Z7); Devon Bennett, ev., 905-686-2486, cell: 416-522-6237, Fax: 905-686-0612; e-mail: devon.bennett@sympatico.ca

TORONTO (Harding Ave.): 47 Harding Ave., M6M 3A3; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7; 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 Dwmoh (416) 462-3616; Jean Volcy (416) 267-6820, Elders; Max Craddock, ev. (416) 461-7406, e-mail <mmax@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.; Canterbury Hall, Trenton; Tues. p.m. in homes; P.O. Box 22049, Trenton Centre, Trenton, ON K0V 6S3; M. McDonnell (613) 969-0741; Ron Moore (613) 392-1530

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, NOC 1H0; (519) 986-2143. Gordon Dennis, 240 Elgin St. N., Box 274, Mount Forest, NOG 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 NOG 2S0; email- gregory@gregorycnsmith.com

WELLAND: 72 Summit Ave., L3C 4G6; 11, 10, Wed 6:30 pm, call 905-732-2465 for alternate locations; David Steward, 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: wsiddec@wincom.net; www.geocities.com/wsiddec.

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, H12 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; Silvia Caddeo, ev., 387-6163 (off.); 337-9344 (res.); email: <caddeo@sympatico.ca>.

MONTREAL (English/French/Ashante/Ghanian): 598-5 th Avenue, Lachine; Sun. 10, 11, 6:30; Wed. 7:30 (English); Fri. 7 (French); PO Box 66 Westmount Station, H3Z 2T1; (514) 606 8777.

MONTREAL (Verdun - English/French): 503-5th Avenue, Verdun, QC H4G 2Z2; (514) 765-8919; English Sun. 10, 11; Wed. 7; Michael Mazzalongo, ev. (514) 694-0994; email: Mazzalongo@videotron.ca French; Sun. 11, 10; Wed. 7; Roger Saumur, ev. (450) 635-5105; email: rogerssaumur@sympatico.ca

PLESSISVILLE: Centre Communautaire, André Côté, CP21, G6L 2Y6; Sun. 6 & 7 pm; Yvon Beaudoin, (418)728-5240; email: ybeaudoin@oricom.ca

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

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

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

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

GRAVELBOURG: 300-2nd Ave. E.; Sun. 10:30; Box 507, SOH 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, SOH 2T0; (306) 476-2516.

LLOYDMINSTER: 56 Ave. and 47 St., Box 88, S9V 0X9; Sun. 9:30, 10:30; Rolland Bouchard, ev.; (780) 875-4056; email: lloydco@telus.net

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

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

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

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

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

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

SASKATOON: Sunday, coffee & fellowship 9:30, Worship 10, Wed. 7; Office: 343-7922; Bob Parker, ev. 343-7884; Outreach: Bernard Krogsaard 373-3651; location & mail, 134 Cardinal Cres. S7L 6H6; Fax: 343-1589; e-mail: stooncoffice@sasktel.net

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, SOG 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, SOA 0X0; Contact Merle Nelson for more information; (306) 745-2311.

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