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Top-notch musicians in Calgary

Calgary, AB – Music is the language of the soul. To cease the use of music in our everyday lives would be to commit a suicide of the senses. Try watching a movie with just the subtitles. Imagine worship in your local church and remove any sound other than the spoken word. Imagine not touching the soul with a stirring melody, a haunting lyric, an infectious rhythm. Music is life!

Gospel Music Association Canada Week (GMAC) exists to embrace the role of music in worship and the church. The training sessions with music giants like Randy Stonehill, Jon Mays, Robert Sterling are here to help sharpen the tools of music creation and to help writers, singers, players raise the bar in their musical expression.

Wednesday evening, October 27, will kick the celebration off in a worship night with some of Canada's most influential worship leaders. This event is free for all to attend and a way to join in one voice in a meaningful time of worship.

GMAC Cross-Canada Talent Search has helped launch the careers of a number of artists, and this year are anticipating another quality showing of up-and-coming singers, songwriters and performers. Prizes this year include entrance into the Nashville Competition, a \$2,400 Duncan Acoustic Guitar, \$2,000 cash to both the writer and performer to help make a musician's life a little easier. If you have a desire to pursue music, join the talent search and see what will happen!

The finals for the competition on Saturday, October 30 will be a free concert with the top finalists, other surprise top-selling recording artists, and the audience-voted winner that will be announced at the end of the evening.

ShowCases will take place around Calgary on Thurs-



— photo by Peter Fleck

Former Juno winner Greg Sczebel finds himself among the top contenders for the 32nd Annual Covenant Awards taking place at Calgary's First Alliance Church on Friday, October 29. The Salmon Arm, BC singer-songwriter is pictured performing at Deerfoot Mall earlier this year. On the strength of his latest CD, *Love & The Lack Thereof*, Sczebel garnered eight nominations as the Gospel Music Association Canada announced its slate of nominees on September 15. Only popular rockers, Starfield, secured more nominations with nine. But Sczebel still stands a chance of equaling their tally when the nominees for the final category of Video of the Year are unveiled at the beginning of October. Sczebel's radio hit, *Causin' A Commotion*, is vying for Song of the Year, Recorded Song of the Year and Folk/Roots Song of the Year. He's also competing with Starfield, Matt Maher, Manafest and Newworldson for Artist of the Year honors. Among Albertans, Edmonton's Junkyard Poets top the list with five nominations and the band also has the potential for an additional video nod. A complete list of nominations and ticket information for the national Christian music awards show is available at www.gmacanada.ca.

day, October 28 with Canada's top Christian musicians. Don't miss this free opportunity to hear some inspired, anointed talent.

The Covenant Awards Show on Friday, October 29 will be the summit of Canada's award winning musicians. Including Greg Sczebel, Jon and Tim Neufeld from Starfield, and more. This event is for all those who enjoy listening to music, as well as those who make it, and is a high-energy packed evening with non-stop musical inspiration.

If you are a singer, songwriter, musician in your worship team or band, come and be a part of the event, network with other artists, and join the community of those who make Christian music your passion. If you are a person who loves music, you need to see what God is doing in the lives of our fellow Canadians through the various events.

Support the arts that support God's work. For more information visit www.gmacanada.ca.



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Find freedom from addictions

Teen Challenge program produces

by Lisa Hall-Wilson

Matt Wolbaum is married, self-employed, owns his own home, and regularly attends Bonavista Evangelical Missionary Church. But he wasn't always such an upstanding citizen. Matt grew up in Regina raised by a single mother. Repeatedly abused by a babysitter and haunted by the void left by an absent father, Matt turned to popping pills, drinking and smoking pot at a young age. Despite attending church throughout his youth, Matt increasingly chose to numb his pain more often and with harder drugs throughout his teen years.

His drug use began as a way to have fun and forget, and in a very short time addiction ruled his life. He moved to Alberta to outrun his addiction, but his problems followed him.

Matt entered Teen Challenge Alberta, a one-year faith-based drug and alcohol program, in 2004 and recommitted his life to Jesus two days after entering. He graduated in 2005.

Today, Matt Wolbaum lives in Calgary and works building house foundations. He credits many things for the way he's turned his life around. For Matt, the lessons he learned during his time in Teen Challenge continue to help

him stay clean today. "Memorization of Scripture, Bible reading and prayer. The one-on-one counselling that led to dealing with all the struggles that led to the alcohol and drugs. I take all that into my day to day life."

Since graduating, Matt settled into the church community that made an effort to connect with the students in the

Teen Challenge program. "It's a very family-oriented church that is a healthy place for someone like me to go to."

Matt first credits God's mercy and grace for the freedom to continue living drug free, but other significant relationships in his life that foster accountability and acceptance have been influential in those positive choices as well. "My wife is a big help in helping me stay sober and clean. She is a great encourager, a great person to lean on

and someone to share each and every day with, whether it's good or bad. Family and friends are a great help and support. People who know my past also know that prayer is something I need. It all helps."

Matt often shares with people about his past struggles with addiction and how Teen Challenge gave him the faith foundation he needed to find freedom. His advice for those watching a loved one spiral downward because of their substance abuse: "Prayer and tough love are two main things that got me to clean up my act." For Matt, having to face the natural consequences for his poor choices helped motivate him to reach out for help.

"Addiction is not the way to live your life. Allowing God to work in you will give you a chance to live your life the way you always wanted to. He is the only one who can take you out of that horrible lifestyle."

For those who may be trapped in addiction right now, Matt's message is that there's always hope. There's no wrong that God can't forgive.



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C. S. Lewis Bible to be released

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (ANS) – The C.S. Lewis Bible slated to be released in Oct. 2010, offers one of the most respected Christian thinkers as a companion to a reader's reflection and study of scripture. Clive Staples Lewis (1898-1963) was one of the intellectual giants of the twentieth century, and arguably the most influential Christian writer of his day. He was a Fellow and Tutor in English literature at Oxford University until 1954, when he was unanimously elected to the Chair of Medieval and Renaissance English at Cambridge University. That was a position he held until his retirement. "The C.S. Lewis Bible offers a unique way for readers to reflect upon important Biblical passages," said Mark Tauber, senior vice president of *Harper One*, publisher of the C.S. Lewis Bible. "By pairing Lewis' writing with Scripture, this Bible offers readers the opportunity to

gain fresh insight into Lewis's writings, his own spiritual journey, and to the scriptures themselves."

Pastor Bike perseveres despite persecution

HENAN, CHINA (ANS) – ChinaAid is reporting that during the trial of house church Christians Liu Yunhua and Gao Jianli, Pastor "Bike" (Zhang Mingxuan) and his wife, who had come to see the trial, were detained by the Public Security Bureau. "The passionate evangelist, known for riding his bike across the country on missions of encouragement, has been detained, arrested, and interrogated countless times over the past 10 years in his efforts to strengthen house church Christians. He is the Chairman of the China House Church Alliance," said the ChinaAid story. "We ask Christians worldwide to join us in prayer for their protection and encouragement," a spokesperson said.

Happiness connected to thankfulness

by Teresa Neumann
Time magazine recently pub-

lished a report on the "Science of Happiness." The report began with a challenge put forth by University of Pennsylvania psychologist Martin Seligman in 1998 to his peers in which he suggested that rather than focusing on what troubles their patients, mental health practitioners should focus instead on what will make them "flourish." As a result of his research, Seligman reportedly found three components of happiness: pleasure, engagement [in life], and meaning. Of those three, he insists pleasure is the least consequential. "This is newsworthy," he said, "because so many Americans build their lives around pursuing pleasure. It turns out that engagement and meaning are much more important." Most interesting in this secular-based article were some of the conclusions and suggestions the researchers made to help people become "happy" could have come straight out of the Bible. Psychologist Sonja Lyubomirsky of the University of California at Riverside is studying the effects of keeping a "gratitude journal." According to the article, "she has found that taking the time to conscientiously count their blessings once a week significantly increased subjects' overall satisfaction with life over a period of six weeks, whereas a control group that did not keep journals had no such gain."

Scripture Union announces new President

Toronto – Rev. Dr. Lawson Murray is the new President of Scripture Union Canada effective September 1, T.V. Thomas, Chair of the Board of Scripture Union announced. He has been in full-time ministry for 21 years and the past three years has served as National Director of Scripture Gift Mission Canada. Scripture Union Canada is one of 140 National Scripture Union ministries worldwide. Scripture Union works with churches to do children's ministries to promote Bible engagement of all ages.

Ooops!!

Last month we reported the Calgary Leadership Prayer Breakfast, otherwise known as the Mayor's Breakfast, was to be held on October 21. In fact, the correct date should be **Wednesday, October 20**. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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That reminds me of a story...

by Peter McManus

I can still recall the smell of my grandfather's apartment from when I was six years old. From the aging bananas sitting on the dining table to the delight of having some Digestive cookies doled out to my brother and me. But most of all, the smell of the ribbon on his Royal typewriter evokes the most vivid memories.

His apartment was in downtown Edmonton, not far from the Hotel MacDonald. My older brother, Cameron, who was all of eight years old at the time, would get on his bicycle and ride along the busy 82nd Avenue (now Whyte Avenue) and I'd be following on the bus. By myself. Of course, the year was 1959 and life was much simpler then, without the worry of being kidnapped or abused. We would go to the brow of the hill in front of the hotel and play hide-and-go-seek, and ended up doing somersaults down the hill.

Our grandfather would let us write letters on his typewriter, showing us how all the keys and levers worked until we



mastered it. That got me started into the world of journalism, knowing things like indents, tabs and yes, even double spacing between sentences, which now is considered a typographer's irritant (speaking from experience).

I was proud of my grandfather, my mom's dad, learning that he spoke seven languages fluently, and he would tell us the

hardest language he had to learn was English. Born on the small, Biblical island of Chios (or Kios), he travelled extensively around the world. Born Nicholas Carnerie, he went by the name Charles, from which I derived my middle name.

Immigrating to Canada, he worked for Canadian National Railway (CNR) but also played a key role as an interpreter in the court system dealing with the thousands of immigrants coming into Canada.

Recently, my mother gave me the typewriter I used to play on. It still smells the same as it did over 50 years ago, instantly taking me back. When my son and one of his friends came over recently and saw it displayed on the counter, they asked what it was. I had the privilege of showing them, as my grandfather showed me, how to work it, complete with the imitation of eating corn-on-the-cob with the sound of the little "ding" when you came to the end of the page and then when you applied pressure to the 'return' lever, how it made that clicking sound.

Now all I have to do is find me an over-ripe banana and some Digestives and sit down to write my next column.



Through a Glass, Darkly

by Tim W. Callaway

"When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace." — Jimi Hendrix

Now that 9/11 has passed and the Baptist pastor in Florida has resumed taking his medication, this might be an apt occasion to call for a "Read the Koran" day.

Such a notion flies in the face of certain popular impulses in modern Christendom, of course. There is no shortage of professing Christians who advocate retaliation and other public relations measures along the line of "an eye for an eye." But, hey, even the cantankerous Apostle Paul once enjoined Christ-followers to "as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone" (Rom. 12:18). Methinks there are many who have yet to begin tapping into that noble directive.

Living up to this standard St. Paul delineates to the Romans may well be the toughest thing God calls us to today. This week. This month. This life. Down deep, we'd really prefer to throw, ahem, sand in peoples' faces.

Thus my recommendation regarding the Koran. It's a bold injunction along the lines of "love your enemy" advocated by one some consider a failed revolutionary of yesteryear. Nonetheless, I propose the chances of understanding our Muslim neighbors even a little bit better improve in accordance with the extent to which we apply due diligence in reading and wrestling with what they consider their sacred text.

For starters, why should Christ-followers expect Muslims to respect let alone read our sacred text if we refuse to extend them that courtesy? And, just to be clear, reading the Koran will not cause blindness.

Some will immediately dismiss my musing as nothing more than kow-towing to political correctness. Actually, I like to think it's more than that.

"Blessed are the peacemakers," Jesus said, and I'm going to assume he articulated such for purposes larger

than a politically correct agenda.

I suggest Christ's words reflect his firm conviction that those who claim his name should be prepared to be far more than mere reactionaries when it comes to matters of promoting peace in this world. In brief, I believe Christ calls us to be initiators of the peace motif in the fullest sense. That is, we don't treat people on the basis of how they approach us. Nor do we respond to them in accordance with how they treat us or on the basis of whatever sense of national pride we believe they have violated.

Individually and collectively, the Christ-follower's motivation for dealing with those who mistreat us must ultimately be based in embracing the distinctly Christian values of advancing peace and love. At times the advancement of these virtues may require aggression although the longer I live the stronger I believe such occasions are not nearly as frequent as we assert.

Given the realities of the multi-cultural/multi-faith society we find ourselves living in Canada today, it seems to me that basically we have two options. We can resist the realities of the 21st century in this regard at every turn. Alternatively, we can better prepare ourselves to "give a reason for the hope that is within us" by intentionally familiarizing ourselves with the history, customs and affinities of Canada's increasing immigrant population. True, the effort involved doesn't jive with our culture's love-affair with "sound byte" solutions. Nevertheless, some of us still adhere to the tattered conviction that "disciple" has a direct correlation to the term "discipline."

In other words, before you burn that Koran, read it. Who knows, you just might discover why, just as in reading parts of the Bible, there are disparate and occasionally ominous interpretations that arise.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Dear Editor,

The Government of Alberta has long supported the abolishment of the long gun portion of the national firearms registry.

Our priority as a government is to support police efforts to make our communities safer, and we believe this registry has not contributed to this goal in a meaningful way.

As such, we view the long-gun registry as an ineffective use of taxpayers' dollars; dollars that could be better used to combat serious and violent crime. Registering long guns does not prevent their use in the commission of crimes.

Under the leadership of our Premier, the Alberta Government supports a comprehensive approach to the prevention, awareness and enforcement of crime through innovation and cooperative solutions, which includes actions to strengthen legislation to better handle firearms offenses. We feel that this is the best way to make our communities safer and make a real impact on reducing serious and violent crime.

Signed,
Hon. Alison Redford, Minister of Justice
Hon. Frank Oberle, Solicitor General

Dear Editor,

Callaway tells the story of Cordell who "looked past your faults and embellished your attributes."

"Let's get together soon" were Cordell's last words to me," writes Callaway and then added, "One day soon I'll keep that appointment. I can hardly wait."

That statement made me shudder. What is it with religious people and a death wish. Proverbs 18:21 tells us "Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and

those who love it will eat its fruits."

In his book *The Tongue – A Creative Force*, Charles Capps writes, "Man was created in the image of God and His likeness. There was creative power that flowed out of the mouth of God and you were created in the image of God. Then according to the Scriptures and what Jesus said, you have the same ability dwelling or residing on the inside of you." If we want to live long, prosper, and be in good health we must speak only faith filled words.

When I found the book I discovered I had placed two newspaper clippings in it. One from 1997 the other from 1999. The first article was about a teen who was murdered by eight other teens. Her uncle is quoted as saying, "I used to say to her, these people are bad. You're either going to jail, or you're going to get killed."

The other article was about a young boy who was killed at a church picnic just hours after telling his mother he wanted to meet God and wanted to go to heaven.

Phil Callaway's foolish words are no laughing matter.
Wes Epp
Calgary, AB

Dear Editor,

Not really sure why I'm even writing this letter, but the sum total of various Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) incidents is fundamentally disturbing.

A pattern is emerging that would raise large, blazing red flags in a recovering addict's life experience. 492 Tamils – any percentage of which may be Tigers – landing at Esquimault while Canadian officials watched the whole voyage. Islamic terrorists in Ottawa. "Honour killings" a Mari Usque ad Mare. Increasing advocacy

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How Ready Is the Harvest?

by Keith Hazell

John 4:35-38 "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 the 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." (NIV)

Today we can see the ripeness of the Harvest. In the Western world there is total moral breakdown, imminent economic disaster on the doorstep, destruction of the family and family values. Disasters worldwide are pressing governments to provide solutions to human need beyond anything in our past history. Political correctness stifles any expression of clear principals of life and living. These things are an indication of the ripeness of the crop. Government and social agencies struggle to address urgent issues in a way that would be relevant and helpful to these problems. But the needs of people are not being met by governments, social agencies or formal religion.

In Luke 10:2-3 He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves."

Ingathering is not a result of church programs that attract the waiting Harvest through their doors. We call this "attractational Christianity" and it extols the virtues of "the church," giving information about seating, air conditioning, child care, and parking facilities. By this approach we move matches from one box to another, but rarely cut down trees and make our own matches.

The smell of Harvest is producing "workers," who are prepared to leave the comfort of religious activities to be in the "field."

What used to be defined as "The Social Gospel," decried as "unspiritual and works oriented," places people in the field where the crop is found.

Ingathering will come when we leave maintenance and micro management of our churches, and expose ourselves to the world and the harvest. We will find ourselves in the marketplace being Christians rather than trying to make people Christians through commando raids on "enemy territory."

I was recently in a church in the UK on a Sunday morning when some teenagers stood up and described their activities on Saturday. They had prayed, gone out on the street with prophetic words, and interacted with non-Christians. They had started to "smell" the fields.

Young adults are arranging "hangout" nights in a "third place" not a traditional church building. This is a step toward finding answers to life's questions, without being pestered and battered with big Bibles in the process.

Mothers holding "Mom & Tots" mornings are seeing people relating to the "real church" (the people of God) long before they ever attend a church gathering.

Others give time to relief agencies at their own expense to express the Love of Christ to those who have not heard his Name.

Retired Seniors visit Senior Citizens homes – a rich opportunity to spend time with contemporaries, and add meaning to the last segment of their lives.

The "smell of Harvest" is meant to draw us to the fields, not to bring the fields to the doorstep of our barn.

Many, who are being touched by these kinds of ministries, are far from ready to attend church on Sunday and not interested in "religion." Should the church be changing for them? How ripe is this Harvest? A neighbour arrived on my doorstep asking, "Would you have a Bible I could borrow?" Her father was visiting and had left his at home. She said "I already knocked on three doors on the street and no one had a Bible." I gave them a modern version of the Bible and learned that her father was a Hindu who had been led to Christ by a missionary 50 years ago.

This lady recently came back and explained how she tried several religions without satisfaction. Last week she told me she was willing to accept a copy of that modern version of the Bible for herself, "because it's easy to read." She mentioned she would like to attend church with me if I would please invite her!!!

Can you smell it? The intoxicating smell of a Harvest waiting to be reapedbut it won't come running to our barn and may not be happy if we bring it there for storage.

Keith operates as a prophet in the Body of Christ. He makes his home in Lethbridge and is an active member of Mosaic Christian Fellowship. He is the president of Antioch International Christian Resources. You can reach him through www.antioch.org and at www.mosaicfellowship.net.

Who will elect your mayor?

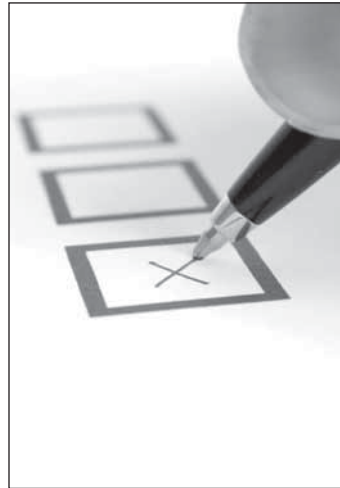
by Brian Rushfeldt,
Executive Director
Canada Family Action Coalition



You're not going to vote – it's a waste of time - you say! Then who will elect your mayor? People with your values or with very different values.

Christians tend to be disengaged from "political" workings of society. That is not in line with what I believe Scripture asks of us. God speaks of being an influence, letting our light shine, testifying of truth, and praying for leaders. I suggest He has given us the gift of choosing our leaders – titled democracy. He even says 'when the righteous rule people rejoice, but should the wicked rule people will moan.' Is that a surprise?

Civic elections are a time local leadership is chosen – often by less than 40 per cent of eligible voters. And what is the belief and conviction of those voters? One can tell after the election by scrutinizing the person who they elected. Does that person understand and confess



truth or are they the wicked? Do they lead from a foundation of righteousness and justice or are they steeped in humanism, selfishness and immorality? Learning that after the election is too late.

It is my opinion that the Christian community has an obligation to invest a few minutes to investigate who the candidates are: what

they believe – is their character moral or immoral – are they persons of integrity or dishonesty – do they know truth and fact or act from theory or philosophy? Do they have any public service experience, will they act in the best interests of those who pay their salaries or themselves? Do they put faith in God or in man?

Most candidates will reveal some of these characteristics through their public debates, their literature and their websites. If they have not revealed them then they ought to be questioned.

Thirty, maybe 40 per cent who vote understand the other 60 per cent will have no say, therefore it is easier to have their favourite candidate elected to office. The engaged have amplified influence when the unengaged stay home. How long does it take one to find information on the candidates, go to a poll and vote for the person of good character? I estimate with today's media and electronic medium about 30 minutes. That is the best use of 30 minutes in a three year election cycle that I can think of.

Mayor, aldermen, school trustees – all public offices paid for by you – require the support of someone to get elected. Prayer, financial help, volunteering and voting is needed to support good candidates. I encourage you to find out about the people running for office in your ward. What have they done publicly? What do they believe NOT just what do they say. Ask people who might know them and see what kind of behaviour they exhibit in private life. Scrutiny on a personal level will reveal more about them than any political statement they make.

Often I hear, "it doesn't matter who gets elected, they do what they want and don't represent us anyway." I fully agree. That is what happens when we elect men and women with faulty character to rule us.

Who elected them? The answer – those who voted and those who did NOT vote. The no voter plays a significant part in putting those, whom we later complain about, in office.

So you do vote – even if you stay home on election day.



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for Sharia law in the True North Strong and Free with gushing government approval. And, of course, the theatrically-loud and bombastic protestations of the legal advocates who made it all possible crying, "We can't do anything. Our hands are tied!" Yes. With your own bright red "power-ties."

The recovery person recognizes an administration which has torn its own spiritual guts out and is looking for something to fill the hole. In the addict's own life this rejection of the spiritual would be the capitulation to resentment that ushers in a full and usually fatal relapse as he returns to his enslaving drug of choice to fill his own empty place. Similarly with an administrative group except the dope is power.

Having jettisoned Love as their prime motivator, they look for a "successful religion" to take His place. In secular circles, "successful" means "well-armed, well-funded, ruthless and psychotically authoritarian." Who's more "successful" than Radical Islam, eh? The new nation's national anthem could be Tina Turner's, *What's Love Got To Do With It?*

Seriously, I don't like the smoky smell of this country's possible future. I love this silly place. For the first time in my life I could wish my perceptions were dead wrong. How about it: any "Old School" prophets out there that can set my mind at ease?

Sincerely,

Guy Plecash
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To the Editor:

An untimely message

British atheists Richard Dawkins and Christopher Hitchens get a lot of ink and media attention for their often declared mission to disprove the existence of God. One can look in vain for even one note of positivity, hope, or encouragement in the grim message they obviously feel the world needs.

In a time when people are looking for some light at the end of the tunnel Dawkins and Hitchens would quench all such hopes with words the fruit of which are despair, hopelessness and a purposeless existence.

In a world that is becoming increasingly negative with global threats of war, famine, pestilence, terrorism and a dozen other dark pictures I could readily mention it seems the last thing we need is more negativity to add to the misery.

Happiness is not a quality one readily associates or observes with atheists. They say misery likes company and Dawkins, Hitchens and the atheists around the world seem hell-bent to prove it.

On the other hand I personally know scores of "people of faith" who live happy, meaningful and purposeful lives as they seek to serve God and humankind. These people not only believe in God but they believe He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him and have proved His faithfulness over many years. I am happy to be counted in their number.

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Last spring, I accompanied my grandson on a school field trip to the zoo. While we were ooo-ing and aahh-ing at the animals, I received and responded to a text message from my husband. One of the other volunteers, a much younger and hipper mom, watched over my shoulder and said to me, incredulously, "are you texting?"

And I, a much older and equally hip mom, replied "yes." "Well... good for you!" she responded, perhaps pleased that a member of the plus-50 generation was embracing new technology. I probably would not be texting, like many of my peers, if I didn't still have teenagers at home. They have a way of forcing you to keep up with the times by making fun of you if you don't.

Reaching out, even via your thumbs on an iPhone, is so important and sadly, harder and harder to do as we age. Many seniors have community and church connections that keep them engaged, helping to maintain a healthy outlook on life and a reason to get dressed in the morning. Yet there are those who lose touch with friends, live far from adult children and spend lonely days watching television. When they need something fixed or help with daily essentials, they may hire someone – too proud to ask a neighbour or church member and too afraid of looking feeble in the eyes of acquaintances.

With those types of people in mind, the Whitehorn 55 Plus Group and the Northeast Support Group, comprised

of many Chinese-speaking seniors, teamed up to form a Fair Exchange Program.

It's based on the Time Banks concept, popular in the U.S. and Britain. The program was initiated by Calgary Family Services and funded by a federal New Horizons grant. Hours spent volunteering are all tracked.

A "matchmaker" takes requests from people in the community. For example, if you needed your fence repaired, the matchmaker would find someone with those skills and send them out. After that, you would owe time to the bank. You don't have to give time to the same person who helped you. Your skills could be put to good use in another capacity.

Organizer Liz Tapley of the Whitehorn 55 Plus group told me that this spirit of reciprocity makes it far easier for people, especially seniors, to ask for help.

"There are opportunities to share past experiences and talents – everyone has something to contribute," she said. "We have socials on a regular basis to meet each other. Most people don't like to have a stranger come into their home to do things, at least, on a volunteer basis. Getting together helps us to get to know one another."

I just love this solution-based thinking. Is it counter to Christian belief that we should not expect anything in return for our good deeds? Perhaps. But if a program such as this helps people maintain their dignity while assuring them that their lives are still of value, more power to them. It sounds like a program churches could organize on a more formal basis, too.

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Making Life Livable Part 8 – Desensitization

The continuation of a series on wellness that started last year

As we contemplate the end of winter, the thought of freezing winds, snow and ice being replaced by the fresh smells and scenes of spring put a new hop in our step and get us thinking about the great times ahead in the summer. Unfortunately not everyone looks at spring this way. Some battle the foreboding knowledge that it will be a time of great suffering for them – a far cry from the "joy" of spring.

One chronic sufferer actually called it the "Joys of Spring Sickness" and went on to say, "I have another sinus infection. Aside from being excruciatingly painful, it's quite gross, really frustrating and exacerbated by all the pollen in the air. My head is pounding and I actually think my forehead might explode."

Allergic rhinitis, more commonly known as hay fever, is caused by pollens of specific seasonal plants and by airborne chemicals and dust particles inhaled by people who are allergic to these substances. It is characterized by sneezing, runny nose, itching eyes, headaches and more. It is particularly prevalent from late May to the end of June; however, it is possible to suffer from hay fever all year long.

Calgary-area based Naturopath/Phytotherapist, Robert Kish, has spent years helping people achieve wellness and he understands the pain and frustration caused by many allergies and sensitivities.

"Our world is becoming more polluted and our food

sources more contaminated with pesticides and herbicides, so much so that people are becoming more sensitized," Kish observed. "Many people today are chemically sensitive and sales for medications for allergy relief are skyrocketing. Some experts say up to 50% or more of our grocery foods are genetically modified. The genetic modification of our foods can aggravate some sensitive people."



Naturopath/Phytotherapist Robert Kish.

Kish employs a method of immunotherapy using extremely small doses of allergens to desensitize people from their allergies. It has been seen to be effective for inhalant and allergic reactions (environmental, gluten, dairy, etc.), chemical sensitivities, collagen vascular problems, depression, Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) and hormonal imbalances. "We have a painless, needle-free, fast and easy way to free people from their allergies," Kish stated.

Using the very latest technological equipment and attending annual seminars to stay current, Kish employs a number of corrective therapies including: computer wellness analysis, live cell fractions therapy, live blood microscopy, low-level laser therapy, iridology, clinical kinesiology, homeopathics, allergy desensitization, electromagnetic testing, ion cleanse therapy, applied neurology, basic cranial nerve testing, emotional stress release, pH balance testing, pain and injury management and a computerized analysis gathering up to 5,000 pieces of information from the body.

"From a naturopathic viewpoint, allergies are often associated with weak adrenal, immune, and digestive functions," Kish said. "Natural treatments are used to support and improve those functions and to alleviate the symptoms. For seasonal allergies, beginning natural treatments 1-2 months before the season starts can help reduce the severity of

symptoms."

"People sensitive to airborne allergens may also be sensitive to certain foods," Kish continued. "Identifying and removing those foods from the diet can greatly improve their health."

One Airdrie, AB family brought their seven-year-old son to see the Kishes because of his allergies.

"Ever since day one he's been colicky and has had sinus problems," the boy's mother reported. "This has been ongoing. We've been looking for answers for years."

"We went through all the allergy testing," she said. "We tried it all until our son's doctor said, 'Why don't you try something different? Why don't you try Robert Kish?'"

Kish tested the child and recommended he be put on a series of supplements.

"When we got him on the supplements, that very weekend his nose cleared up," the happy mother said. "His breathing improved dramatically and is at about 95-97 per cent today."

"It's worrisome thinking what's wrong with your child," she said. "And it's wonderful to see the change in our son. Our family and friends have seen a great improvement in him too. I'd recommend the Kishes. They're just wonderful."

Whatever the allergy or sensitivity, Kish is willing to tackle it head-on and he, along with his wife Margo, do so prayerfully.

"All I want for anyone who comes to see me is that they will properly absorb the nutrients they need for their healing, through God's will, to take place," Kish noted.

Robert J. Kish, Phy.D., N.D. (Phy.)

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Christian's challenged to make poverty history

Ottawa, ON – The theologian Walter Brueggemann said that to be in history is to be in a place somewhere and answer for it. As we live at this unique point in history in which it is possible to deal with extreme poverty, we need to answer well.

The Millennium Development Goals, which the United Nations initiated, are an historic response from our world governments. They also require an equally significant response from the worldwide church as we hold governments to account on delivering on these promises. Micah 2010 is a special campaign to focus on our promise to the poor, ten years after nations around the world committed to halve global poverty by 2015.

When Micah Challenge was launched at the United Nations building in 2004, the Rt Revd. Njongonkulu Ndungane, Archbishop of Cape Town, said in his opening address, "The Millennium Development Goals are the most comprehensive and ambitious commitment that the world has ever made to combating the evils of poverty.

It is God's challenge to us to be His agents of hope in this hurting world."

The challenge is not only to understand the time but also to rise effectively to the prophetic task. The apostle Paul would have used the word 'kairos', the opportune time. Whether we are placed in the global South or North, all of us have a significant role to play in developing effective advocacy and build a broad platform for strategic action.

10.10.10 is a day that will further enable us to 'answer well.' October 10th provides us with an ideal setting to give an account of the hope that we have. It enables us to creatively display something of God's heart for the poor as an integral part of the Gospel. And it reminds the world that the global church is alive and well as they hear the sound that will rise from believers in over 40 nations.

Micah 2010 involves us all – people from every nation, tribe and generation.

For more information about 10.10.10 and Micah Challenge in Canada, visit www.micahchallenge.ca or email info@micahchallenge.ca.

Money Sense

Bread economics 101

by Tom Lipp

Recently I was in southeast Calgary, so I thought I would stop at the Bread Basket on 52 Street. I bought eleven loaves for \$11.09. Nine were carefully selected of the high quality multi-grain double wrapped Mc-Gavin's bread normally selling for over three dollars. Two were whole wheat pita pockets. They were all about 1-2 days from the due date and would soon be in our freezer.

Normally my wife bakes at home with freshly-ground flour for maximum nutrition. We just love the taste of home baking for most of our baked goods, but every now and then we like to give the home bakery (mom and the gals) a break. So I took my items and gave the cashier my money along with a coupon which would give me \$5.00 off my next purchase. I figured a savings of 66% by buying more than ten, on a staple item such as bread combined with a future savings of another almost 50% is very good economics. Actually it's outstanding!



Depression era breadline.

I casually asked the cashier, "How's business these days?" She said it was slow. Hours had been reduced. I replied that everything had slowed down in Calgary compared to the super hot economy of 2005-2007. She said, "Yes but you would think that as layoffs increased and as finances decreased more people would shop for good quality, low-cost bread. Some of these specialty items cost over three dollars each, and here you can get them for a buck. Why don't more people come here when money is tight? They still shop across the street at Sobeys and can pay three times as much for the same baked goods." She was right. I replied that my parents had trained me to shop carefully.

When we arrived in Canada money was very scarce. Wise purchasing was absolutely critical to our financial success.

Recently the stock markets around the world dropped almost three per cent in one day. With interest rates being about one per cent in most of the G8 countries, it would take three years to recover that loss. What is going on with our crazy economic systems? Let me ask a more relevant question. Why don't people shop more thoughtfully? Some do. A good friend of mine told me how his newly married daughter and son in law were committed to building their house debt-free. They were very patient while shopping – an almost new Jacuzzi hot tub for \$200 (albeit a weird colour) and lighting fixtures for the entire two thousand square foot house for only \$140. Where? Kijiji! It's like the old Bargain Finder. Oh, but stooping while shopping, well, that's hard on the ego. Indeed. That's precisely the point. As Christians we live victoriously only by the grace of God. We must remember that God

gives grace to the humble.

I believe we are heading for more sideways markets. The professionals call it "range-bound" markets. It sounds more impressive, but it doesn't communicate well, since we don't know in which direction the markets will be "range-bound" – up, down or sideways?

If markets improve drastically, we will cope, guaranteed. On the other hand if housing and financial markets continue to go down or sideways then we must improve our shopping skills. And that applies to much more than just buying bread, but bread is a good place to start.

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Gala event for women to benefit Haitian orphanage

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Resonate!, named for the impact felt after event organizers viewed images from the aftermath of the Haitian earthquake that left over 500,000 orphans struggling for survival, will be held at Rush Restaurant in downtown Calgary on Tuesday, October 5. Over 100 female entrepreneurs, thought-leaders and industry experts are expected to attend and event organizer Drew & Associates has set a goal of raising \$30,000 to send directly to Gods Littlest Angels Orphanage.

Many of Calgary's most influential women will be gathering together for an evening filled with dynamic speakers, purposeful networking and a firsthand report of the children in Haiti. Attendees will be treated to Rush's amazing appetizers and cocktails as they meet other inspirational women in business, share resources and are presented with insight from speakers to maximize their business growth and success.

Drew, founder of Drew & Associates International and principal event organizer, believes passionately in helping women to stand in their own power as impactful members of the business community.

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Operation Mobilisation

Retired evangelist still making an impact

by Peter Fleck

Calgarians are being given the rare opportunity to hear "the Charles Finney of missions" next month.

The founder of one of world's largest mission organizations, Operation Mobilisation (OM), 72-year-old George Verwer will be sharing his passion for global evangelism during a breakfast meeting at Gateway International Church on November 7 from 7:30-9 a.m.

"Wherever he goes," event spokesman Allen Derksen said of Verwer, "he has that impact, just like Finney did with revival. And his is the revival of missions. It's about getting the job done."

A veteran missionary and pastor, Derksen began his career with OM and has come to personally know and appreciate Verwer.

"If you're the kind of person that just wants your regular diet of Christianity and what you're comfortable with, you may not be attracted to George," Derksen explained. "But if you want to hear a barn burner, if you want to hear somebody really, really passionate about missions and world evangelism and the Lord, and living what you believe, then he's a treat. He's just a treat. You'll never forget him."

Founded in 1961, OM now boasts a force in excess of 5,500 missionaries active in more than 110 countries. Literature evangelism has been at the forefront of the mission. Yet in India which accounts for about half of OM's

global outreach, it has planted just over 3,000 churches and operates close to 100 schools mostly for lower class Dalit children.

Stepping down from the helm of OM in 2003, Verwer continues to aggressively travel the globe motivating people to complete the task of world evangelization.

"His appeal is to every age," Derksen said, but added Verwer's impact has been especially profound among young people.

Verwer personally came to the Lord at age 16 after hearing Billy Graham speak at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

"He had already lived a colourful life by that point," Derksen said. "He was a wild kid. He was not anywhere close to living for the Lord."

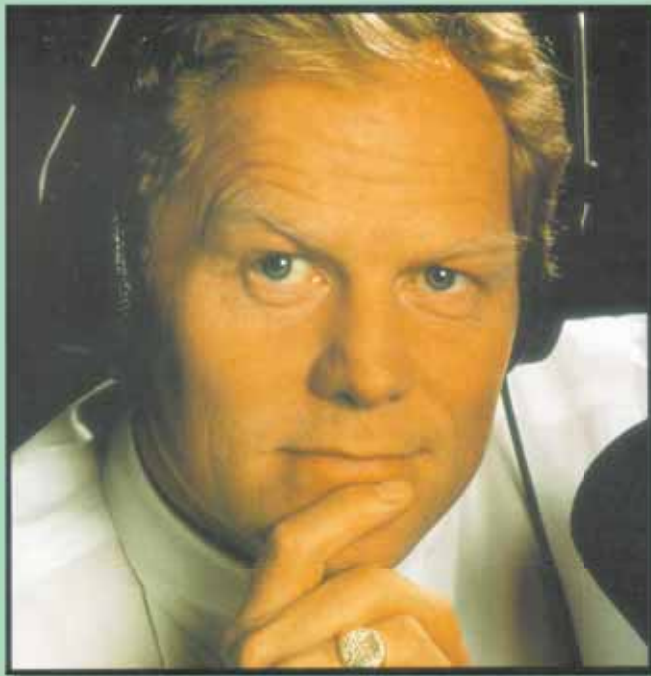
Yet Derksen elaborated,

"I don't think he's a person of contemplating any level of normalcy or mediocrity in anything. Anything that he does, he does with all his heart. So when he became a Christian, it was like, okay, let's read what's in this Bible and let's live it. And one thing that was in the Bible was reaching the world for Christ. And so he said, if that's what it is, then let's go do it."

There is no charge to hear Verwer, but people can donate towards the cost of breakfast. To help organizers prepare enough food, those coming are urged to give advance notice by emailing missions&outreach@cschurch.ca.



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Depression episodes gain momentum over time

by Laurie Ching

Clinical depression is a major health issue in Canada, since as many as 25 per cent of Canadian people will at some point in their life experience depression. According to the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, the guidelines used by mental health professionals, depression is characterized by sad or depressed mood most of the day, nearly everyday or loss of interest or pleasure in most things the person typically enjoyed for at least two weeks. Other symptoms include weight loss or weight gain, changes in appetite, difficulty sleeping or sleeping too much, trouble concentrating or making everyday decisions, feeling fatigued, feeling worthless or guilty about things you have or have not done, and thoughts of death or suicide. A person may be diagnosed with depression if they are experiencing sad or depressed mood and/or loss of interest or pleasure and three to four of the other symptoms listed above.

Part of the burden of depression is that many people who suffer from this problem have many different episodes across their lifetime, and the risk for future episodes increases following each additional episode. After experiencing one episode of depression an individual is at fifty percent risk for having a second episode. Following a second episode of depression the risk for a third is sixty percent, and following a third episode the risk for a fourth is seventy percent.

Researchers at the University of Calgary are working to understand why individuals tend to experience more than one episode of depression, and explain why risk for a future episode increases with every consecutive episode of depression. Researchers in the Depression Research Lab are conducting a study which looks at the relationship between how people think and feel depending on their history of depression. These researchers are trying to understand how the relationship between how a person thinks and feels changes after they experience an

episode of depression. Understanding how this relationship changes can help them figure out how to reduce risk of depressive relapse, and decrease the chronic burden of depression.

Researchers in the Depression Research Lab are looking for volunteers to help them better understand the relationship between thoughts and emotions in people who

have experienced depression in the past. If you are an adult between the ages of 18 and 65 who has experienced at least one previous episode of depression, but are not currently depressed and would like to participate in this research study, please contact Laurie Ching at 403-455-5963. All inquiries will be kept confidential. This study has received University of Calgary ethics approval.

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Race for mayor of Calgary

by **Tim Callaway**

The economic slow-down combined with allegations of excessive spending and rumors of possible incompetence at city hall in recent years have contributed to a baker's dozen plus of candidates competing for mayor of Calgary as the October 18 civic election approaches. In contrast to the 2007 vote when incumbent mayor David Bronconnier was virtually unchallenged, this year's campaign initially attracted close to eighteen candidates representing vocations as diverse as chicken farmer, TV news anchor and academic.

Although some who aspired to obtain the mayor's chair either dropped out of the race early or failed to meet the September 20 nomination deadline which required a \$500 deposit along with one hundred supportive signatures, the contest still remains a crowded field. In an effort to assist voters in the city's community of Christ-followers determine which mayoral candidate deserves their X on the ballot, *City Light News* attempted to contact the front-runners. Following, in alphabetical order, is an indication of the results of those attempts and an overview of what was learned in the process. Regrettably, Barry Erskine's last-minute candidacy made it virtually impossible to reach him before press time.

Craig Burrows

CLN did not receive a response from Mr. Burrows to our two requests for an interview.

Bob Hawkesworth

Bob Hawkesworth arrived in Calgary from Saskatoon at five months of age. A self-identified "preacher's kid," the multi-term Calgary alderman moved here when his father accepted the call to pastor the now disbanded Heath Baptist Church (Baptist Union of Western Canada now Canadian Baptists in Western Canada) in Inglewood.



Initially elected to aldermanic office in Calgary's Ward 3 in 1980, Bob served two terms before turning to provincial politics upon winning Calgary Mountain View for the Alberta NDP. As a Member of the Alberta Legislature from 1986 until 1993, Hawkesworth represented the inner-city constituency in Edmonton thereby acquiring a fundamental understanding of the key interplay between provincial and municipal governments. Among other significant accomplishments, Bob is proud to have worked with community leaders in 1989 to ultimately preserve Nose Hill as a park for Calgarians to enjoy for years to come.

Addressing the Calgary Evangelical Ministerial Association (CEMA) on September 16, Hawkesworth observed that the English terms "communion" and "community" originate from the same Latin root word. The significance of such, he suggested, is that in both the local church context and the broader community, we are "to live together in obligation." Accordingly, Hawkesworth sees a significant overlap between the life of a congregation and the life of a city and believes the two spheres have much to learn from each other.

Noting that in the last ten years Calgary has experienced a population growth roughly equivalent to the size of Saskatoon, Hawkesworth stresses that Calgarians find themselves at a time in history when we need to seriously re-evaluate precisely what our obligations to one another truly are as residents and neighbors. In his view, part of the answer in practical terms is that Calgarians need to intentionally dialogue regarding "how to better work with common purpose and develop a sense of being part of something larger than ourselves."

A Hawkesworth administration at city hall, he says, would thus be one that declares "non-profit organizations and the work that we do at the city in support of non-profits as essential services." Whereas we rightly

regard police, firehall and garbage collection services as essential, the middle-aged politician proposes that building community must also be recognized as essential. "All that we do with the non-profit sector such as Family and Community Support Services, seniors' services, affordable housing, low-income transit passes, Kids-at-Risk, etc." Hawkesworth says, "must be viewed as essential services." "Imagine a city and imagine a province both committed to not just addressing homelessness but eliminating it altogether," he states. "That won't become a reality if we think it is merely one of those after-thoughts or "nice to haves." We must make such an essential purpose of our city."

His strong convictions in this regard, Hawkesworth affirms, are a large part of the reason he does not support the expense entailed with the proposed tunnel near Calgary's airport. "Sure, it'd be nice to have," he allows, "but it's half-a-billion dollars. We don't have it! What is going to be tossed off the bus when borrowing for such necessarily becomes a part of the city's operating budget?" The interests and initiatives of the non-profit sector will be among the first things to be cut, Hawkesworth fears.

Barb Higgins

CLN did not receive a response from Ms. Higgins to our two invitations for an interview.

Jon Lord

Like Hawkesworth, Calgary entrepreneur Jon Lord has served at both the civic and provincial levels of Alberta politics – as a two-term alderman during the Al Duerr year and as an MLA when Ralph Klein was premier. He is quick to point to his track record when asked why the electorate should give serious consideration to his candidacy for mayor.



"I believe I've demonstrated over the past thirty years at the local, provincial, national and even international levels, that I deeply care about Calgarians," he avers. Lord points to his experience as a small-business owner, community activist and global market financial advisor to substantiate his claim that he brings to the mayor's race more experience in the "hands-on" financial sector than any other candidate.

"Being mayor of Calgary is no entry-level position," he quips. "I'm a business owner and have been at city hall before so I know how to "take stock" of the city's finances and quickly get on top of them. Calgary's next mayor needs to be someone who can bring an entrepre-

neurial track record combined with the necessary political experience."

To be sure, Lord brings a boatload of impressive credentials to the mayoral race. In 1983 he opened Casablanca Video in what is now Marda Loop, a revitalized business and residential area in southwest Calgary. His presence in that community enabled him to play a leading role in the ultimate revitalization of an older neighborhood experiencing significant decline. "Marda Loop was one of Alberta's first successful business revitalization efforts in an urban context," Jon boasts, "and today the area is an attractive place to live, do business and enjoy arts and culture."

Lord was a participant in the Calgary Homeless Foundation prior to Wayne Stewart's (see below) involvement in that organization. "I made it a point to identify with the reality of homelessness by disguising myself as a "street-person." I literally spent several nights roaming the streets of this city in an attempt to feel something of what the homeless feel," he notes.

He has served as a member of the internationally-acclaimed Poverty, World Job and Food Bank, an organization whose efforts earned a letter of recommendation from Mother Teresa. "Back in the mid-'80s, before people had heard of micro-businesses or micro-loans," Lord explains, "World Job and Food Bank introduced that initiative in various places and witnessed the success rate of small businesses double. We were ahead of our time and remain properly proud of our accomplishments in that respect."

Long-time Calgarians will recall the prolonged controversy that surrounded talk of modernizing Victoria Park where the Stampede grounds are located and the early-90's concerns about what was then known as Electric Avenue. Lord was a strong leader in obtaining action on those issues which had been debated for years. "Have you driven through Victoria Park lately," he asks, "or do you ever hear Electric Avenue in the news anymore? My record as a doer and not just a talker speaks for itself." Lord suggests that voters of Christian faith need to recognize that one of the major causes for the recent global economic crisis has been the collapse of ethics. "Many of us learned about ethics at church," he says. "Well, not as many people are going to church these days, so those who are need to use their votes wisely to ensure that the candidate they support has a proven track record not only of success but of having attained that success in an ethical manner."

Ric McIver

"Many Calgarians may be unaware that city council begins every meeting with a prayer," points out the transplanted Ontarian who has served as an alderman for several years now. "God, author of all wisdom, knowledge and understanding; we ask that truth and justice will prevail in all of our judgments. Amen." Ric McIver recited to CEMA. "It's a good tradition," he added, "and something I'm proud of and believe we need to maintain going forward as a city. It sets the right tone and sends the right message."

"My vision is to make Calgary the business heart of Canada," McIver declared. "I believe such is very important to the future of this city, the quality of life we enjoy here and, frankly, works hand-in-hand with the work you do as evangelical ministers. For example, being a business-friendly city does a lot of things for families, enabling them to look after themselves and provide for their own. There is no greater dignity than having worked hard to provide an opportunity for future generations not only to survive but to succeed."

"There's only two kinds of people in the world," McIver continued, "seniors, and those that hope to be. Accordingly, we need to ensure this city is both friendly and affordable. That's why we need to look after business and look after the way we spend money too. One of the things that keeps me awake at night," Ric confided, "is thinking

Calgary is a crowded field

about seniors on fixed incomes who are having a hard time paying the bills. One of my main objectives as mayor will be to make sure we don't take away any more money from citizens than we do. We must never lose sight of those for whom an extra \$10 a month on their tax bill means a great deal. Recycling is great, but when the city introduced it, I heard from a number of seniors saying "\$8 a month expense is two meals less a month I get." These are the tough decisions facing whoever wins this thing."



In response to the concern that social programs are often among the first line items to be cut or trimmed by fiscal conservatives, McIver responds that should he be elected mayor he will ask himself every day regarding which expenditures give the greatest benefit to the most people. "Some days that might translate into more buses, another day social services, on yet another day it might be the police service or a local arena. It's about setting daily priorities to make sure we're giving the best value to citizens with the resources we have."

McIver hastens to clarify that his perspective on social services has evolved over the years. "I value social services today more than I once did and take some credit, frankly, for insisting that the social services sector show us precisely how a dollar spent today can save four or five dollars spent on police services down the road. I give full credit to the social services people for answering the bell on that. And outside the city budget realm, I truly believe that the social services are essential to saving significant expense to our justice system whether it be in numbers of police officers needed, court time or jail space."

Those Calgarians who follow municipal politics, of course, are well aware McIver has earned a reputation as an outspoken critic of the current administration's perceived eagerness to spend significant dollars as a favored solution to past challenges the city has faced. In defense of his record, McIver notes he considers himself a realist and tries to bring that perspective to the job every day. "You bet I'm troubled when I learn there were five individuals in this city last year that each consumed over a hundred thousand dollars in ambulance services. Although that's no longer a city budget item, surely we should be able to do something for those five people at far less public expense. Social services belong in context and in balance. They are very important, yes, but nobody gets a free ride."

Naheed Nenshi

"I love this city, grew up here and made a conscious decision to return to Calgary," responds Naheed Nenshi to a query regarding his motivation in running for mayor. "In short, because of some of the work I do as an instructor at Mt. Royal University and a commentator for the Calgary Herald and the CBC, I'm frustrated. Scores of citizens here are way ahead of council on significant issues. Council simply isn't keeping up, so I'm not sitting back anymore."



Nenshi, a graduate of Queen Elizabeth High School, the University of Calgary as well as Harvard University, served clients all over the world while working with MacKenzie and Com-

pany in Toronto. He then established his own consulting firm replete with international clientele and was working on a contract with United Nations when he made a decision to return to Calgary in the early part of the new millennium to be near his father whose health was failing.

As if in anticipation to a question regarding his religious faith, Naheed proudly affirms that was raised Ismaili Muslim. "It's often said," he suggests, "that people of religious faith are committed to family values. That's certainly a part of my heritage and remains so to this day."

What about Christians who fear voting for a Muslim? "Hmm," he chuckles, "I know you would agree with me that given some of what we see and hear taking place in Christian circles today, I would certainly hope most voters aren't supporting a candidate merely because he or she is purportedly a Christian. The fact is that there is no monolithic entity known as Christianity or known as Islam – both faiths are home to people that represent a broad spectrum on the socio-economic or political scales. My hope is that every candidate in this election is evaluated by voters primarily on the merits of his or her stance on the key issues facing residents of Calgary in the latter half of 2010."

"The mayor of Calgary today has to be a face for all the community," indicates Nenshi. "I certainly don't represent the Muslim perspective no matter what if for no other reason than that it's myopic to think there is only one Muslim perspective on the issues before us in this campaign. I strongly believe people of different faiths have more in common than what divides them and we need to proceed accordingly."

"For example," he continues, "I applaud the work of evangelicals at The Dream Centre every bit as much as I affirm the work of Ismailis in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity. Getting beyond what divides us is by far the better approach in my estimation."

When asked about the issues people of Christian faith should keep in mind come October 18, Naheed is succinct.

"There are many matters that should concern all Calgarians, regardless of their adherence to any faith or to no faith," he responds. "In my conversations with the electorate, what I'm hearing most is that residents believe city council is broken and not spending either time or taxes wisely. Calgarians are asking for initiatives that reflect a broader sustainability. They want their political leaders to pay as much attention to environment and social issues as is given to matters of financial import."

"Calgary needs to become a better place for small businesses to begin and develop. I believe that is ultimately the engine of all prosperity. Rather than being a regulator, city council needs to adapt the role of problem-solver. I'm perplexed when I talk to a restaurant owner who's been waiting two years to obtain the necessary permit to add a patio to his business."

Nenshi believes economic development results not when people follow jobs but when jobs follow people. "For that reason," he states, "I want to improve Calgary's record on attracting the best entrepreneurs from around the world who will stay long after any particular boom has come and gone. The evidence shows that those are the kind of citizens who fuel the arts, culture, sports and recreation, what I call "the sticky issues" of this election."

Wayne Stewart

He holds an impressive array of academic credentials yet most who know him hasten to describe Wayne Stewart as a most effective practitioner. Indeed, his track record boasts an astounding roster of involvements at both the non-profit and for-profit levels.

"There are several very qualified candidates running for mayor of Calgary," Stewart readily acknowledges. "For me, the operative question therefore is: who can truly get the job done? I think the best evidence of future performance is the record of past experiences and accomplishments that each candidate brings. Voters therefore

need to inquire regarding such of each candidate they're considering voting for."

Born and raised on a farm, Stewart says he learned early the importance of both a sense of responsibility and the value of community. "When something went wrong on the farm," he relates, "we didn't call for another study or appoint another committee, we merely got together and got things done." It's a premise Stewarts says has served him well throughout his career – "just get things done!"

Graduating from university with a degree in chemical engineering, Stewart spent twenty-seven years in the private sector and earned an MBA to assist his career in the energy industry. Nevertheless, he maintained strong ties with the non-profit sector and obtained additional degrees in political science, religious studies and philosophy as evidence of his keen interest in and commitment to charitable organizations. A member of St. Laurence Anglican Church in southwest Calgary, Wayne also studied theology at schools like The College of Emmanuel & St. Chad in Saskatoon and The Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, MA.

"I've led and managed large organizational units in both the private sector and the non-profit sector," Stewart advises, "and I know how business works having managed complex organizations through good times and times of significant transition. After graduating from Shell in the early '90s, I've spent the last nineteen years in community work as head of such organizations as The Calgary Foundation, Home Front (addressing domestic violence) and The Calgary Homeless Foundation." In 2004 Stewart spent a month as a volunteer teacher in Uganda with the International Christian Medical Institute.

After more than forty-five years of leadership in business and non-profit sectors, Stewart states he has yet to be over budget or not deliver a project on time. "I have no intention to change that as mayor of this city," he grins. "When I get involved, things get done. When I commit, I deliver." He firmly believes he has an obligation as a Christian to honor the principle articulated in the Gospel of Luke that requires those who have been given significant blessings, to give them back. It's a maxim that has served Wayne and his wife of forty-five years ("my own Martha Stewart," he smiles) very well.

As for issues in the current campaign that ought to be of significance particularly to Christian voters, Stewart agrees with Calgary Herald city columnist Don Braid who alleges that our city has become a less caring place in recent years. "We need a mayor who takes this charge seriously and proposes to aggressively do something about it," Wayne responds. "I believe that my combination of Christian knowledge and background together with my experience in both the business and non-profit sectors warrants the support of many in the Christian faith community on October 18."

Wendy Lowe, Executive Director of The Calgary Crisis Pregnancy Centre, knows the Calgary evangelical community well. She is forthright in publicly identifying the candidate she is supporting for mayor.

"I think the church has awakened to the issue of social justice," she told CLN following the CEMA luncheon. "If you go into the voting booth and cast your ballot solely in the interests of keeping your taxes low, I think you're contradicting the importance Jesus attached to the matter of being a good neighbor."

"Wayne Stewart is a devout Christ-follower who has the education, the experience and the practical "know-how" to create a better Calgary for more citizens. He will ensure "the least of these" will receive as much attention at city hall as the concerns of taxpayers who live in Mayfair."

A day in the life of surviving a heart attack

by Bryan Norford

Thursday, September 2, 2010: Heart Attack Day

Last night I had a heart attack. But it was thoughtful, waiting until about 11 pm, when roads are empty for a few minute EMS response. Significant pain across my chest heralds its onset and confirms my self-diagnosis. The pain subsides by the time the paramedics arrive – symptoms always do when you see the doctor! Soon paramedics have me hooked up to numerous tubes and wires for heart and blood checks and intravenous needles.

The pain is bad. It reappears at home and again in the ambulance ride to the Lethbridge hospital. I break out into sweats and some dizziness, emitting groans commensurate with the pain. The pain reappears again in the hospital; each time the pain is worse than the previous. But morphine will have to await preliminary tests and medication.

Eventually, a shot of TNK – the clot buster – eases the heart blockage and the pain.

Now stabilized, an ambulance is waiting for a trip to Calgary Foothills Hospital coronary unit. The usual two-hour trip from Lethbridge to Calgary takes ninety minutes, lights and siren proclaiming the urgency! Eventually ensconced in a coronary ward I'm subjected to a repetition of tests plus others. As I close my eyes, it's about four am. The day starts early. At six, I am again punctured, stethoscoped, ECG'd; blood pressure and blood oxygen checked. Finding veins for needles proved to be a prickly search; I already have various bruises and swelling from abortive attempts. Veins in my old hands usually stand out like mountain ranges, but, it seems, have retreated to hide from the probing needles. Finally secured to the bed with numerous cords, tubes and cables, I have to use the urine bottle, something I'll never get used to.

It's a day of waiting. An angiogram is scheduled to check

arteries to my heart this afternoon. Nurse says to "hold lunch." But due to a misunderstanding, I eat some, to be suitably reprimanded by my nurse shortly after! However, in the end it doesn't matter as I don't get called for the angiogram until after five. By that time, it is "hold supper!"

But a bright spot in the day, Ann, my wife, and Joelle, our granddaughter-in-law, turn up just in time to see me wheeled out. Still not allowed to leave my attachments, my bed is trundled to the operating room, where I shuffle onto the operating table. Once there, I learn this is possibly one-stop shopping; if the angiogram shows repair that is possible immediately, it will be done.

The angiogram finds a 90 per cent blockage in a major blood vessel to the heart. Angioplasty threads a stent from wrist to heart, opens the artery and places the stent. The doctors performing the angioplasty praise the quick Lethbridge response, saying it was critical to minimal heart damage from the attack.

The whole process takes only one hour, and on returning to my room, Ann is waiting. Apparently, the news of my heart attack has sufficiently concerned our daughters,



Recovering in the hospital after his recent heart attack, 74 year old Bryan Norford is sharing a good laugh with his wife Ann.

who are flying in from Montreal and New Zealand to see me. They will also help care for us when Ann has hip replacement surgery next week!

I am deeply indebted to the Alberta health Care, EMS, doctors and nursing staff for a quick response, procedures and recovery. Within 24 hours I have had my heart attack, swift local reaction, a fast trip to Calgary, and an angiogram and angioplasty to open a clogged artery. Tomorrow, I will be transferred back to Lethbridge hospital for a couple of day's recuperation. Then back to what passes for normal at the age of 74!

Sorry I'm late: I was raising a family

by Ann Norford

Did my reason take flight when deciding to go back to school at 63? That's a good question. A decade later, having completed my BA degree in Political Science with distinction and made front page news, I can say my reasoning skills have really taken off!

A number of universities across Canada offer free tuition to students over 65 years. Seniors living on fixed incomes love bargains, and the opportunity to earn a degree, free of charge, is a priceless opportunity.

At 63 years, it was not going to be a snap; a whole new skill level is required, particularly computing. Because learning is an adventure requiring enthusiasm and excitement, the time and hard work invested is hugely rewarding.

Moving to Lethbridge for work and family, the picturesque University of Lethbridge set astride the magnificent coulees lured me. With two years to qualify for free tuition, I enrolled at Lethbridge Community College. Initially, I registered in a single course to ensure my ability to stay the course.

My advisor at the College was amused by my dissatisfaction with 80 per cent grades; most students came to her with 60 per cent grades! But she did help me achieve 90s. A professor of English gave me a meagre mark for my use of clichés in a paper, *The Failure of the Charter*, but gave me 10 out of 10 for content. I learned the importance of building friendship with the professor and she learned that I was opinionated but relevant. But then, I was old enough to be her mother!

Having wet my feet with some history, politics and writing, and receiving honours in my College Certificate, I gained confidence for the university adventure. Conventional wisdom states that polite

company never discusses politics and religion. But they are the only two subjects worth talking about, because both dictate much of our lives.

Don't worry; this article is not about either, at least, not explicitly. However, this basic truth is the reason I returned to university in my old age, eventually fascinated by Political Theory. The study of the Great Books – including the Bible – provides moral and spiritual ballast in the stormy seas of 21 century contradictions: our economic prosperity and our search for a spiritual purpose; between our assertion of limitless personal freedom and our craving for community.

I am grateful to the University professors for those readings and writings which have stretched my thinking and enriched my soul, not forgetting the dense red scrawl on significant papers that kept me coming back for more.

Besides, I learned some useful trivia. My Neuroscience class taught me even an old brain can change! More dendrites and synapses might ward off of dementia, and living with purpose assists in living longer.

Why did it take me so long? I have a life: travelling for family, short term missions and writing. At my age, there are also setbacks. A broken wrist just prior to a final exam resulted in a grade point tumble; two rotator cuff surgeries and a bunion surgery kept me out of circulation for a while!

Was it tough at times? While waxing eloquent most of the time, occasionally I complained to my offspring. Their response? "Mom, you don't have to do this!"

So what am I going to do with my degree? Well, I'm certainly not saving it for a rainy day! I shall continue to do what I love – read, write and respond to the issues of the day.

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CELEBRATIONS

October

20 The Calgary Leadership Prayer Breakfast presents its 41st Annual Leadership Prayer Breakfast with the Mayor on Wednesday, Oct 20, 7:30 - 9 am at The Westin Calgary – Grand Ballroom, 320 – 4th Ave SW. Guest Speaker: Lorna Dueck is the creator, host and executive producer of Listen Up TV. For tickets or info call Vidette Heller – 403-863-1582 or email info@calgaryprayerbreakfast.com. Cheque, Visa or Mastercard accepted.

29 & 30 Annual Reformation Celebration. Guest speaker is Dr. Alan Strange, Associate Professor of Church History at Mid-America Reformed Seminary. Theme: Renewal Through the Means of Grace. Friday from 7:30-9:00 PM and Saturday from 9:00am til noon. Bethel United Reformed Church, 730 - 101 St SW. Dessert and coffee will be served after the Friday evening session which is mostly music and hymn singing. There will be a book table with Reformed books and sacred music. All are welcome. Contact 403-249-9971.

November 4 Aviation Interfaith Ministry invites you to a DINNER and INFORMATION EVENING at the AERO SPACE MUSEUM of Calgary, 4629 McCall Way, NE on Thursday, Nov 4 at 5:30pm. Dinner at 6:00pm. Reservations are mandatory as space is limited. There is no charge this year but we will be taking a free will offering to help us cover our expenses and an opportunity for you to help us in our ministry. Come and bring a friend or two. We will have a catered Dinner, special music, and some details about our ministry at the Calgary International Airport. You also have the opportunity to enjoy the museum. Please pre-register by Thursday, October 28 by contacting Martha Richardson 403-717-2204, or email: chapadm@yyc.com. Charity BN# 11879 7455 RR 0001. Reverend Gord Smith, Senior Chaplain Calgary International Airport.

CONCERTS & EVENTS

October

3 Please join with hundreds of citizens from Calgary's Christian community making a visual statement to the entire City of Calgary that abortion is a grievous wrong. Be a part of the tens of thousands throughout the North American continent who will be testifying peacefully on behalf of the protection of unborn children on Sunday, October 3, 2010 from 2:30-3:30 on Macleod Trail Glenmore and 90 Avenue S. Signs are provided on location. To reserve a location for your group please call Carol at 403-255-4802.

16 Heart of a Woman – World Premiere CD Release Benefit Concert. Featuring Five Time Juno Nominee and award winning recording artist and singer, songwriter: Kelita. 7:30 pm. Tickets: \$25 (Advance) - \$35 (Door) (tickets & info). Phone 403-269-3701, email info@centralchurch.ca OR online at www.yourticketzone.com. Donations to help educate survivors of the child sex trade in Cambodia. www.ratanak.org, www.kelita.com.

21 Music of the Heart. Twilight Retreat with Father Bob Mitchell OFM. 6:30pm Supper, 7:30pm Talk. Mt. St. Francis Retreat Centre, Cochrane. Tickets \$25 available online: www.franciscanandfriends.com. For more info call 403-932-2012.

31 Award winning gospel singer/songwriter Elizabeth Deveau from Halifax, NS, will be sharing her love for Jesus Christ in song and word at North Calgary Community Church on Sunday, Oct. 31, 10:15am at the Silver Springs Community Centre, 5720 Silver Ridge Dr. NW. Elizabeth is in Calgary for the Canadian Gospel Music Awards. A love offering will be taken and CD's will be available. Call Clay at 403-208-2181 for more info. Come and enjoy this wonderful gospel concert.

November 27 Christian Dance Fellowship of Canada invites you to a fun evening of MESSIANIC DANCE with Rhoda Snyder on Friday, November 27, from 7:30-9:30pm. This will be held at Varsity Bible Church, 4807 Valiant Drive NW [west of Shaganappi Trail]. Donations. No dance experience necessary, only a heart to dance for the Lord. Contact Amay 403-288-9661 or email cdcalgary@gmail.com. Keep posted for our future monthly events.

December 15 Music for a Winter Evening, a concert to benefit The Mustard Seed's affordable housing development. Jack Singer Concert Hall, 7:30pm. Hosted by Darrel Janz and featuring the Corpus Christi Male Chorale with guest artist Steve Bell. Tickets on sale early this year, and seating is reserved. \$25 adults, \$10 students and children. 403-717-3385.

CONFERENCES & COURSES

October

1-2, 15-16, 29-30 ESL Training for Church Volunteers (www.eslcooperative.ca). Cooperative ESL Ministries 30 hour training will prepare you to use ESL to reach your community. Discover how to show Christ's love across cultural boundaries, learn to plan and deliver conversation-style lessons, get connected to Calgary's immigrant-serving agency resources and receive a comprehensive training manual, textbook and resource CD. Cost is \$200 before September 15 (\$220 after deadline). Each weekend is hosted by different church: Valleyview Presbyterian Church, Glenmore Temple & Central United Church. Visit www.eslcooperative.ca, email myra@eslcooperative.ca or call 403 668-7783.

15-16 Prayer Ministry Skills training offered by Ellet Ministries Canada at #10, 5918-5th St SE, Calgary. Please contact 403-238-2008 or visit www.elletministries.ca for more information. This is the first weekend (Friday 7-9:30pm and Saturday 9am-5pm) of a series of courses designed to provide many of the spiritual keys and basic skills needed to effectively pray for those in need of God's healing and restoring love.

16 Adoption Course: In Calgary October 16. In Edmonton Nov. 6. In Calgary December 4. Call 403-256-3224 or 1-877-256-3224 (toll-free), Building a Family Through International Adoption, Christian Adoption Services, #204, 11625 Elbow Drive SW, Calgary AB, email intadopt@telusplanet.net or visit their website at: www.christianadoption.ab.ca.

Ongoing Cooperative ESL Ministries offers free Intercultural Workshops to

interested churches in the Calgary area. These workshops are designed to help Canadians feel comfortable in welcoming people from other countries and cultures. Participants will learn about intercultural barriers and develop some effective strategies to improve intercultural communication. If you are interested in having a FREE workshop at your church, please contact Bev by phone at 403-208-7531, or email bev@eslcooperative.ca.

DRAMA, THEATRE & THE ARTS

Now until Oct 23 Rosebud Theatre presents *The Road To Mecca* and plays from September 10 to October 23 at the Rosebud Theatre Opera House. *The Road to Mecca* is a story that will resonate with anyone who has ever had to make the heart wrenching decision when someone they love is not capable of maintaining their independent living. There are both matinee and evening shows available on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and evening only shows on Fridays. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Rosebud Theatre Box Office at 1-800-267-7553. For more information visit www.rosebudtheatre.com.

October

6,7,8 Rosebud Studio Stage presents *The Diary of Adam and Eve*, Mark Twain's gloriously funny take on our two oldest ancestors will be enchanting audiences at Rosebud's Studio Stage. "The Diary of Adam and Eve (an adaptation by Mark Bucci), follows Adam and Eve as they encounter the ups and downs of being the world's first couple living together in paradise." at Rosebud Studio Stage. Oct 6&7 are 7:00pm starts. Oct 8th is a 6:00pm start. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door or by calling 403.677.2531.

6-9 Fire Exit Theatre presents *This Waking Moment* by Christopher Greco and Directed By Val Lieske. "Heaven is finding yourself in someone else's story." 1 diagnosis. 3 women. 3 stories. Three women's lives collide and change direction when one of them refuses medical treatment because she believes Jesus is going to heal her. 7:30pm nightly, 2:00pm Saturday matinee. Engineered Air Theatre, Epcor Centre for the Performing Arts (200 block, 9 Ave SE). Tickets:\$12-\$20. Please call 640-4617 or visit tickets@fireexit.ca.

November 19 Corps Bara upcoming season includes "InSight Benefit Concert." "InSight" is Corps Bara's Annual Gala Fundraising Event of the Season. With performances of new works from both Corps Bara Project Company and Corps Bara Youth Company, decadent desserts and Silent Auction, this event gives audiences an intimate glimpse into the season ahead. First Alliance Church, 7:00pm (doors open at 6:15). Tickets: Call 403-660-8093 or www.corpsbara.com.

FUNDRAISING

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Ongoing Your Care Group can provide full support for a missionary in India! Ask me how. Kevin, Gospel for Asia. shlige@telusplanet.net.

MEN

Ongoing Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship Calgary's Chapter, monthly breakfasts, inspiring speakers, to find out more call: Wilfred: 403-280-8412, Eugene: 403-272-6204 or Douglas: 403-254-2616.

Ongoing Men's Breakfast Study Group at Emmanuel Community Church, 30 Ave and 28 Street SE Calgary. 403-272-1551. Every Friday morning at 6:30am. Please join us!

Ongoing Men's Prayer at Lighthouse Church, Friday mornings at 8-9am at 9827E Horton Rd. SW, Calgary AB. For more info call Frank at 403-640-2099 or visit www.calgarylighthouse.com.

Ongoing In Lethbridge - Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International Lethbridge Chapter, monthly breakfasts, great speakers, for more information call Al Myshrrall at 403-327-8796 or Sheldon Watson at 403-381-7919.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Ongoing The Calgary Leadership Prayer Breakfast every Thursday morning at 7am at the Calgary Chamber of Commerce, 100 - 6 Avenue SW. The breakfast is on the 2nd floor. The Chamber has an agreement with an Impark parking lot on the corner of Centre St and 4 Ave SE, it is an outdoor parking lot, is free for guests of the Chamber until 9:30am. We have a Hot Buffet Breakfast which includes fruit and pastries as well as typically bacon, sausage, eggs & hash-browns. The price is \$15. For more info call Melody at 403-651-4845 or email mjicons@shaw.ca.

Ongoing Calgary Healing Rooms is a walk-in healing clinic for those needing physical healing. This non-denominational ministry also offers training to those interested in ministering to the sick. It uses the facilities of First Assembly, 6031 Elbow Drive SW, Calgary, every Thursday, 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm. For more info contact Noah at 403-695-4595, www.calgaryhealingrooms.com.

Ongoing Prayer/Awareness Night for the persecuted church will be held the first Sunday of every month at Centre Street Church, 3900 2nd Street NE Calgary, AB T2E 9C1 at 4:15pm in Conference Room A.

Ongoing Praise & Worship: We are looking for volunteer people who are interested in helping our church in this ministry with their talents (instruments, voices) from God. Please contact All Nations Church of Jesus, Pray@Pray.ca or 403-277-2937.

Ongoing Monthly OMF International Prayer Meeting, last Sunday of each month, January to May: 3:30pm - 5pm, interdenominational meeting, all are welcome, call Kathleen 403-286-2868.

Ongoing Quarterly City Wide Prayer Rally, held at different churches throughout Calgary, co-sponsored by Calgary Concerts of Prayer, Calgary Evangelical Ministerial Association and other Inter-Denominational and Inter-Generational and Inter-National Churches, for more information on dates, times and locations email info@calgary-prayerally.com or visit www.calgaryprayerally.ca.

Ongoing City-Wide Prayer Weekly Meeting, Wednesdays 1-2 pm, Salvation Army Glenmore Temple, 921 - 68 Ave. SW, East door entrance, interdenominational meeting, all are welcome, call John 403-282-8208.

SEMINARS, RETREATS & WORKSHOPS

November

6 "What if?" a one-day Missional Conversation with Cam Roxburgh and Anthony Brown. Hosted at Lutheran Church of Our Saviour on November 6. It's a one-day Missional conversation aimed at helping churches in Calgary live missionally in their neighbourhoods. Open to everyone. \$20 includes lunch. You can learn more at <http://whatif2010.ca/>. Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 8831 Fairmount Drive SE, Calgary AB T2H 0Z4. Ph: 403-253-1453 or Fax: 403-253-1652. www.oursaviourchurch.ca.

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SENIORS

Ongoing Open Door Seniors. Weekly Activities: Mondays 1-3pm, Matinee Movies - Reflexology once a month on Mondays. Tuesdays 10-12am, Watercolors Classes. Wednesdays 1-3pm, Cribbage. Thursdays 10-12am, Music Appreciation and 1-3pm Movie Matinees. Fridays 10:30-11am, Exercise and 12-3pm, Bridge. First Thursday of the Month Luncheon at 12noon and entertainment. For more info write or call 1307 - 4 Street SW, Calgary Alberta T2R 0X9. Phone: 403-269-7900. Web: www.opendoorseniors.org.

SINGLES

Adult Singles Ministry. For "singles" and "single again" adults. Contact Glenn Larsen 403-862-8424. Cost for one year membership \$20.00. Adult Singles Ministries, a ministry of the United Church of Canada, presents the following:

October

8 Pot luck supper and board games night at McDougall United Church, 8516 Athabasca Street SE. Calgary. 6 - 10 pm. Cost: \$3.00 non member/ \$1 member.

11 (Monday) Thanksgiving Service at Parkdale United Church, 2918-8 Ave NW, Calgary. 4 pm. Arnie Chamberlain officiating.

20 Bowling at Thorncliffe Greenview Community Association, 5600 Centre Street N., Calgary, 6 pm to 8 pm, all you can bowl for \$10 plus \$2 shoe rental.

November

12 Pot luck supper and board games night at Foothills United Church, 3803-69 St. N.W. Calgary 6-10pm. Cost: \$3 non member/ \$1 member

24 Bowling at Thorncliffe Greenview Community Association 5600 Centre Street N., Calgary, 6 pm to 8 pm, all you can bowl for \$10. plus \$2 shoe rental.

December

10 Pot luck supper and board games night at Renfrew United Church, 956 Radnor Ave. N.E. Calgary. 6-10pm. Cost: \$3 non member/ \$1 member. We will also be filling socks for the Mustard Seed. Please bring useful items for the socks.

20 (Monday evening) Bowling at Thorncliffe Greenview Community Association 5600 Centre Street N., Calgary, 6 pm to 8 pm, \$10. plus \$2 shoe rental.

January 9 Epiphany Service at Northminster United Church 3311 Centre Street North, Calgary. 4 p.m. Supper to follow at a nearby restaurant.

Ongoing Fusion: First Alliance Church invites you to join us Sunday evenings at 5:30pm for Fusion. Fusion is a dynamic community of single adults (25-35ish) committed to developing genuine friendships and nurturing Christ-centered living. We hold as a priority the need to reach out to the greater community and serve as Christ served, both locally and globally. We will be meeting for teaching, small group interaction and social fellowship in the west Harvest room followed by eats out at a local coffee shop or restaurant. For more information please email Fusion@facalgary.com or check out www.facalgary.com. We're looking forward to seeing you.

Ongoing Ministry Of Singles Alive In Christ & Community (MOSAIC), for single adults 50+. Held at Centre Street Church every Thursday at 7:15pm. Refreshments, worship in song & music, message, small groups and social events. Call the MOSAIC info line at 403-520-2690.

Ongoing Single Parent Families are invited to dinner & crafts on the first Monday of each month at Emmanuel Community Church, 30 Ave and 28 Street SE Calgary at 5:30pm. Please call 403-272-1551 if you'd like to join us!

SUPPORT GROUPS & HEALING MINISTRY

Ongoing Calgary Pregnancy Care Centre, helping women in crisis, pregnancy tests, options counseling, post-abortion support groups, birth mom's groups, parenting and pre-natal classes, #205, 925 - 7 Ave SW, Calgary, call 24-hour hotline 403-269-3110 or visit www.pregcare.com.

Ongoing Sonshine Community Counseling Services: Christian counseling for individuals and couples on a wide range of issues including marital and premarital counseling, depression, anxiety, grief, low self-esteem, relationship conflict, and family violence. 2nd stage shelter providing a one-year residential program for women and children fleeing domestic violence and abuse. Call 403-705-3474 or visit www.sonshine.ab.ca.

Ongoing DivorceCare is a weekly video lesson and support group for those who are separated or divorced. It's a place where people understand what you're going through. Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:30 pm at First Alliance Church, 12345 - 40 St SE starting September 15th. Email: DivorceCareatFAC@gmail.com / www.divorcecare.org. Ph. Allan or Nadine 403-253-7793.

Ongoing DivorceCare for Kids (DC4K) is a special group to help children recover from the hurt of divorce. Running alongside the adult program, Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:30pm starting September 15 at First Alliance Church, 12345 - 40 St SE. Pre-register with Cordell 403-277-6453 or <http://www.dc4k.org/>

Ongoing Saddleback's: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ centered, international program, started by John Baker. It is a program that fits almost any type of problem with less than 1/3 of participants struggling with alcohol and drug problems. It is being used in thousands of churches worldwide. Running every Sunday starting at 6:00pm. A meal will be prepared at a nominal cost to you of \$3. The meeting itself will start at 7:00pm. For location and further details you can call Tom Crites at 403- 241-2428 or email tom@alovinghand.ca.

Ongoing GriefShare Recovery Seminar and support group: Meets at South Calgary Community Church, 2900 Cedarbrae Drive SW, beginning Monday at 7pm. For more info contact Wendy at 403-697-9948 or SCCC at 403-281-6755.

Ongoing Life Recovery Group. We will be doing the DVD series "12 Christian Beliefs that Drive you Crazy." The series deals with false assumptions such as, Guilt and Shame are Good for Me, If I have God I Don't Need People, It's Selfish to Have My Needs Met, and many more. This series will begin Thursday October 7 at 7pm at Northeast Bible Church 175 - Whitefield Dr. NE. For more info call Don/Joanna 403-204-9291 or Sharon 403-293-5746.

WOMEN

October

9 AGLW invites women of all ages to come and worship the Lord at the Calgary Dream Centre, 4510 Macleod Trail SW from 9am to 12 noon. For more info call Donna 403-259-2045 or Phyllis 403-201-9501.

13 Beth Moore DVD series, Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman. Ladies, come out and join Beth Moore in a very personal examination of the Old Testament story of Esther. Starting Wednesday, October 13th 10:00 am and will run for 9 consecutive weeks. Childcare provided. For more info, please contact Anna Cole at 403-569-1003. Eastside City Church, 1320 Abbeydale Dr. SE, Calgary.

Ongoing Women's Brunch at Emmanuel Community Church, 30 Ave & 28 Street SE Calgary. 403-272-1551. The last Saturday of each month, beginning at 9am. Guest speakers join us at each brunch: we'd love if you could join us too!

Ongoing The Mothers of Preschoolers Group at First Alliance Church are pleased to present the entertaining and informative video series *Making Your Children Mind Without Losing Yours* by Dr. Kevin Leman. Children are welcome. For more info contact Carole at 403-256-6912 or chloe403@telus.net

Ongoing Organize your home, receive daily devotional reminders, get fit, and "stay on-track," with tips and help from the "Annie Devotions." These are internet support groups for Christian homemakers. For further info visit: <http://www.organizingannie.blogspot.com>. We will be posting at the "Christian Women Today (CWT)" forum, a ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ Canada, committed to building an online community providing articles that build and train women of faith.

Ongoing Volunteer Opportunity: Servants Anonymous, founded on Christian principles, is dedicated to meeting the needs of young women (16-29) who are victims of prostitution or who are at risk of entering prostitution. If you require further information you may contact me at 403-205-5530 or e-mail mejackie@servantsanon.com.

Ongoing TOPS Non-profit WEIGHTLOSS support group. Harvest Hills Alliance Church, Meets every Tuesday at 10:45am. Please call Pat at 403-226-0181 for information on this group or any of our 44 Chapters in Calgary.

YOUTH

November 5,6,7 Youth Explosion 2010 in Vulcan Alberta. YE is a FREE weekend for grades 7 and up, and is packed with fun & friends, music and testimony. For more info and to register e-mail us at yevulcan@hotmail.com or call Donna Mueller at 403-897-2148.



Accommodations

Accommodation Ads run for \$30 for paper and web or \$25/issue and must be prepaid. 50 word limit. Place by email or mail and paid by cash, cheque, Visa or MasterCard. 459 Astoria Cres SE, Calgary, AB T2J 0Y6. Deadline: 15th of each month. Email: info@calgarychristian.com • Web: www.calgarychristian.com • Ph: 403-640-2011



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NE Tuxedo – Beautiful, hardwood floors, bright, freshly painted, lots of storage, non-smoking, upper 1 or 2 bdrm suites (2 bdrm completely renovated) available immediately. Located in NE Tuxedo, great location with parking. \$700 and \$850 respectively plus utilities. New high efficiency furnaces with separate meters; washing machines in suite. No dogs. Phone 403-277-6021. (Oct/10)

SE Cranston – Room for Rent. Wanted: Responsible, quiet, Christian male to share 4 bedroom, 2½ bath home. 1 minute

from Deerfoot Trail, 5 minutes to Superstore, Walmart, Edo's, etc. 2 blocks to bus stop. Rent is \$475 including utilities, cable and W/D. Damage deposit required. Please call Dave at 403-477-0064. (Oct/10)

SHARED ACCOMMODATION

NW Hidden Valley – Roommate wanted. Christian professional female to rent with same in a 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom townhouse condo in Hidden Valley NW. Rent is \$575 per month plus ½ utilities and damage deposit. No smoking, no pets. Available immediately. Please call Emily at 403-714-8065. (Oct/10)

NE Huntington Hills – Room for rent WEEKLY OR MONTHLY for clean, quiet Christian man who does not use drugs, alcohol or tobacco. Totally furnished, private phone line and Cable TV in BR. Includes utilities, kitchen privileges, washer/dryer. Great bus service to: Downtown, U of C and NE commercial/industrial areas (close to routes #3, 4, 5, 20, 32 and Express). Near shopping, library, fitness centre and pool. Monthly rates: \$550+ /mo depending on size and location of room, plus SD equal to one month's

rent. Weekly rate of \$200 plus \$200 SD. Call 403-295-0304 (voice mail) *

NE Huntington Hills – Raised basement bedroom. 1 block from bus stop, 20 minute bus to university, 30 minute bus to downtown. Includes kitchenette, full bath downstairs to be shared with 1 other tenant. Male only. No smoking, no pets. \$370 + Shared Utils. Call Dan or Saryn at 403-668-1469. (Oct/10)

NE Marlborough – Looking for a Christian man who enjoys fellowship to share a Condo. Near LRT and across from the Marlborough Mall. Non smoker, non-drinker, and no pets please! \$525 per month includes utilities starting immediately. Contact us at: 403-975-7253 Or Pray@Pray.ca. (Oct/10)

SW Oakridge – Cozy townhouse for female. Private, furnished bedroom. I have awesome character references and I would like for you to feel at home. Rent includes everything except food. Must like a small dog. Close to all shopping, bus and LRT. Available immediately. \$550/month, D.D. negotiable. Call Debra at 403-255-0405. (Oct/10)

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ROOMMATE WANTED

NE Marlborough Park – Roommate wanted: A responsible and independent Christian female to share a 4-bdrm bi-level house in Marlborough Park NE with three other Christian females between the ages of 20 and 30, (including an international volunteer). Groceries, gas and bus stops are around the corner, C-Train is a 7-minute bus ride, and two large malls are a 10-minute drive away. Amenities include a fireplace and a theatre system. Utilities are split equally and not included in the rental fee. There will be a \$400 damage deposit and rent is \$500/month. No pets, no smoking. Available immediately. Please call Ivy at 403-454-9142. (Oct/10)

NE Sunridge/Rundle – ROOMMATE WANTED - Condo Shared with awesome Christian Guys. Totally convenient

3 bdrm unit across the street from Sunridge Mall, Train/Bus station, and many other stores and amenities. In-suite Laundry. Shared washroom. Rent \$475/month for own room or \$275 for huge shared room. Cable/water/internet included. Split gas/elect 3 ways. Email shay.narain@gmail.com or call 403-891-9902. Peace. (Oct/10)

SW Lakeview – Looking for a roommate to share a house with another Christian male in the beautiful community of Lakeview. Ideal for students. Close to Mount Royal college, bus stop, Glenmore parks and trails. Steps away from bus stop for routes 18, 47 and 63. Easy access to downtown or anywhere in the city. This house is shared with a quiet and responsible male. Rent negotiable \$500-\$700 depending on amenities and arrangement (i.e. shared accommodations vs. room only). If you're interested please call Mike at 403-613-4746 or email mcprimeau@gmail.com. (Oct/10)

ACCOMMODATION WANTED

Mature woman looking for reduced rent for childcare and/or chores. 403-210-0490. (Oct/10)

VACATION PROPERTY

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ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

Wanted – Gramophone with horn for decoration purposes. Doesn't have to work. Phone Peter at 403-863-7155.

ARTICLES FOR SALE

Grand Piano 6'10" Schimmel "Limited Edition" Serial #316.181. High Gloss lacquer (mint). Damp Chaser Humidifier 5-part system. Beautiful rich tone. Estimated at \$32,000 (suggested price by Rick Lowery Piano Specialists of Toronto). Will consider offers / installments. Pictures available via email. Kathie 403-934-5477 or kathiezak@gmail.com for appointment.

National Geographics – Jan 1980 - March 2000. Open to offers. 403-863-7155.

Adobe Creative Suite for Mac – Version 3. This is the complete software that includes Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Dreamweaver, Flash Professional and Adobe Acrobat. Includes Video Workshop training. Asking price \$150. Please call Peter at City Light News – 403-640-2011.

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ser) just installed. Asking \$75. Call Peter at 403-640-2011 or email info@calgarychristian.com. (*)

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HEALTH SERVICES

Seeking Massage Therapist for a Christian NW Chiropractic office (near SAIT). Please call 403-284-2082. (Oct/10)

HELP WANTED

Looking for reliable live-in weekend care-giver for elderly gentleman. Saturday 8:00am to Monday 8:00am. D/L and N/S. Have a pet. Need experience and references. Wages to be negotiated. Please call 403-209-6584. (Oct/10)

Cook required: Chartwells at Prairie Bible College in Three Hills Alberta is looking for a cook for 32-40 hrs per week. Must have 2 years of experience. Please send resume to

Lorna.Steeves@prairie.edu or call 403-443-3052. (Oct/10)

Leaders only, please: briandarlene@gmail.com. 403-210-5080. www.StartFreeEarnCash.com. (*)

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A true understanding of the cost of love

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Rosebud, AB – Part of what makes a story resonate with its audience, whether in a book, a movie, a play, or in some other form, is the relevance it has to touch people's lives. This common ground engages the audience by creating an understanding and a personal connection. *On Golden Pond* is an example of how the story of life and aging characters moving through the seasons of life can connect with audiences because we all experience this transition.

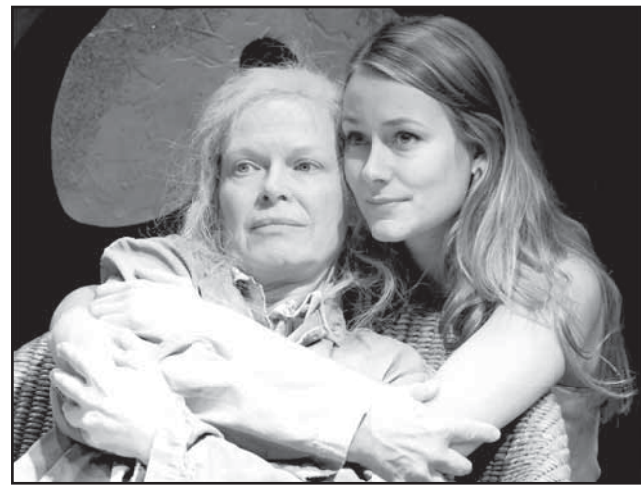
Similarly, Rosebud's fall production, *The Road to Mecca* by Athol Fugard, will captivate and connect with its audiences.

Artistic Director, Morris Ertman describes *The Road to Mecca*: "At the centre of our story is an aging sculptor who everyone calls 'Miss Helen'. She truly is what most of us aspire to be – a free spirit. She is a woman with a fierce sense of independence who is nearing the time when she must decide to leave her home and her work

behind to move into a home for the aged."

"Few people are able to get near her, in large part because they don't understand her. But there is a young woman who drives twelve hours from the city to help her aging friend because of her cry for help. This is a story about the depth of friendship and trust between two women who have come to depend on each other. And because it is a story about trust, it can't help but be a story about the gravity of betrayals – deliberate or otherwise – that threaten to part two dear friends at a time when they both need each other. This story will resonate deeply with audiences."

"There is nothing like the process of packing up a life that is easy, and yet we all have to go through it in some measure in our own or the lives of our dearest friends and family. *The Road to Mecca* is a sublimely beautifully written story that pours out of a true understanding of the cost of love. It's a must see for anyone interested in a heartfelt story. The show is a visual gem, scored by evocative music that aids in expressing the intricacies of



— photo courtesy Rosebud Theatre

Miss Helen (Judith Buchan) and young friend, Elsa Barlow (Alysa van Haastert) in a scene from *The Road to Mecca*, Rosebud's latest play.

intimate friendship. It is not to be missed."

The Road to Mecca is a story that will resonate with anyone who has ever had to make the heart wrenching decision when someone they love is not capable of maintaining their independent living status and they must find a way to move them to assisted living or long-term care. Over the years, Miss Helen has decorated the walls of her home with mirror, crushed glass and glitter, creating a "city of light" that comes alive in the reflection of hundreds of candles lit at night. Outside, her yard is filled with cement sculptures of wise men, camels, owls and other strange creatures – all facing east. Ultimately, she has created her own "Mecca" of beauty and freedom. Caught between people who love her and fear for her safety versus keeping her independence, Miss Helen must choose what to do.

The Road to Mecca plays from September 10 to October 23, 2010 at the Rosebud Theatre Opera House. There are both matinee and evening shows available on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and evening only shows on Fridays. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Rosebud Theatre Box Office at 1-800-267-7553. For more information visit www.rosebudtheatre.com.

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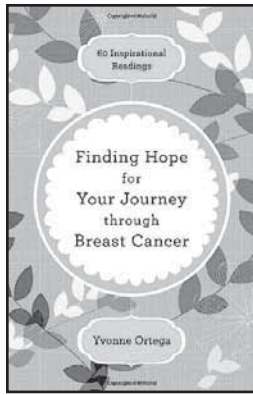
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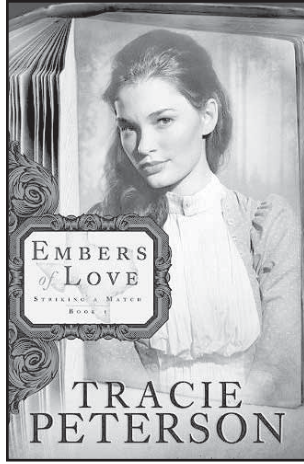
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Tracie Peterson
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After being educated in the east, Deborah Vandermark returns to Perkinsville, Texas, where her family is part of the thriving logging industry. She brings along an unexpected companion—her best friend, who is fleeing a wedding and groom she has no interest in. A determined matchmaker, Deborah sets her sights on uniting her brother and friend in what she hopes will be a true love match.



Then Deborah meets Christopher Clayton, the town's new doctor—and quickly realizes she has a much greater interest in medicine and science than the bookkeeping she studied at college. Soon Deborah is caught between her fascination for doctoring and her obligation to her family. And in the midst of her warring emotions is the doctor himself. Are her tumultuous feelings for the man, or for what he can teach her?

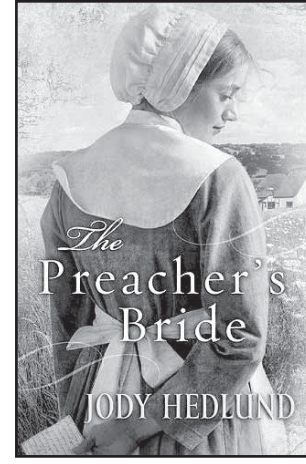
The Preacher's Bride

Jody Hedlund
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In 1650s England, a young Puritan maiden is on a mission to save the baby of her newly widowed preacher—whether her assistance is wanted or not. Always ready to help those in need, Elizabeth ignores John's protests of her aid. She's even willing to risk her lone marriage prospect to help the little family.



Yet Elizabeth's new role as nanny takes a dangerous turn when John's boldness from the pulpit makes him a target of political and religious leaders. As the preacher's enemies become desperate to silence him, they draw Elizabeth into a deadly web of deception. Finding herself in more danger than she ever bargained for, she's more determined than ever to save the child—and man—she's come to love.

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Giant Among Giants

Ron Pegg
Word Alive Press
Reviewed by Larry Heather

I was delighted to read another book on Ernest Manning, following the landmark 2008 publication of Brian Brennan's biography, *The Good Steward*. (Fifth House Ltd, Calgary).

Giant Among Giants is an evangelical perspective from longtime Ontario history teacher Ron Pegg. "On Sunday afternoon, Mom's radio was tuned to the Barrie radio station. It was the late 1940's. At 3:00pm, a program was on the air from Edmonton, AB. There was a violin player.* Ernest Manning was the preacher. He always made the audience aware that it was his wife (Muriel) who was in charge of the music. As a ten year old...I came to understand that this man was the Premier of Alberta," Ron Pegg summarized, "After sixty years of having studied

this man and following his career, I firmly believe that the man who was elected in seven consecutive elections as Premier of Alberta...a man who can still be heard on repeat broadcasts of Canada's National Bible Broadcast is one of Canada's greatest people." (first Sunday of each month – 8:30am on AM1140 radio).

The book has interesting anecdotes on the Manning family's life at Rosetown, SK. But the manuscript suffers a wandering focus in many chapters. Its subtitle could be "The life and times of Ernest Manning amidst the history of the Prairie Provinces."

The socialist CCF/NDP under J.S. Woodsworth and Tommy Douglas is contrasted in detail. Unfortunately a common error about William Aberhart is repeated, that he was raised in Ontario as a Baptist (Fact: He was Presbyterian till his fifth year in Calgary). Descriptions of Aberhart's character as 'not a listener like Manning,' taken from AB's bitter critics are better rendered in Aberhart of Alberta, co-written by his younger daughter, Ola McNutt, 1971).

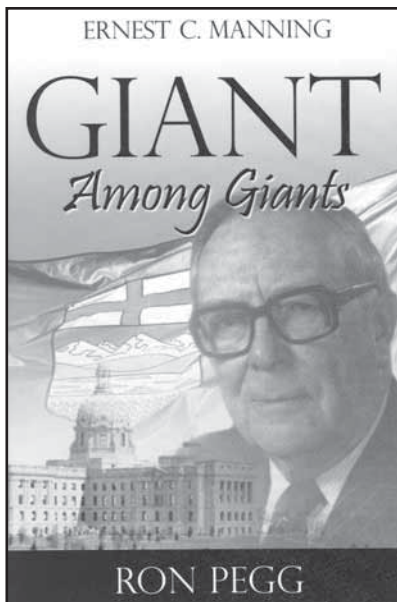
Pegg says that the United Farmers of Alberta had no interest in Social Credit

(true of the ruling elite) but Major Douglas followers from the UFA groups defected to the first Social Credit League study groups. Also, sole credit is given to Ernest Manning for the early legislative firsts in resources, debt management, health and social legislation, which were achieved by 1944.

But Aberhart, passing away in Vancouver in May of '43 had crafted most of the statues himself and mentored

their implementation through Ernest. (Granddaughter, Patricia Hilton recounts hearing Aberhart from his sick bed giving systematic telephone briefings to Ernest on legislative goals, never mentioning the gravity of his illness.) Despite these differences, the book is a wealth of information to those who appreciate the influence, past and current, of this Giant Among Giants, Ernest Charles Manning.

*The renowned Calgarian violinist and teacher was Mary Lessingham Shortt, who passed away in 2009. Some of her solos can be heard at www.aberhartfoundation.ca.



Bible.is for Android App Released

by **Jeremy Reynolds**

Senior Correspondent for ASSIST News Service

Albuquerque, N.M. (ANS) – Android users, the wait is over. The free Bible.is app is now available in the Android Market for Android OS 1.6 and higher.

You can read, listen to and share the Bible with friends and family through the Bible.is (www.Bible.is) Android app, developed by Faith Comes By Hearing (FCBH), a non-profit organization that distributes audio Bibles.

According to a news release from FCBH, the Bible.is for Android app's major features include the ability to listen and read the Bible at the same time, dramatized audio with 180 characters, music and sound effects as well as 55 different languages with more to come. In addition, there's easy verse sharing on Facebook and six Bible listening programs for those who prefer a more organized approach to Bible reading.

"The Android app joins a suite of other apps now available from Bible.is, allowing millions more around the world to experi-

ence the Bible in a whole new way," said Troy Carl, Faith Comes By Hearing's national director, speaking in a news release.

He added, "The Bible.is suite of applications puts the Bible at your fingertips, anytime, anywhere in the world in audio, text and in multiple languages."

Carl continued, "Since the initial launch of the Bible.is for iPhone app, the number one request has been for an Android version. The Android audience is large and growing around the world. In order to help spread the Word of God, we need to be where the people are," said Carl.

FCBH said free Bible.is apps for iPhone and iPad have been downloaded by hundreds of thousands of people. The average Bible.is for iPhone user now spends more than 10 minutes a day engaging with Scripture. In the last 30 days, more than 32,000 Scripture verses were bookmarked.

According to FCBH, future updates to these mobile apps will deliver the Bible in audio and text in hundreds of lan-

guages. Faith Comes By Hearing currently has the Audio New Testament in more than 450 languages with a goal of recording the Audio Bible in 2,000 languages.

FCBH said these free Bible apps are powered by the Digital Bible Project, the world's largest active collection of digital Scripture made freely available to individuals, organizations, developers and programmers.

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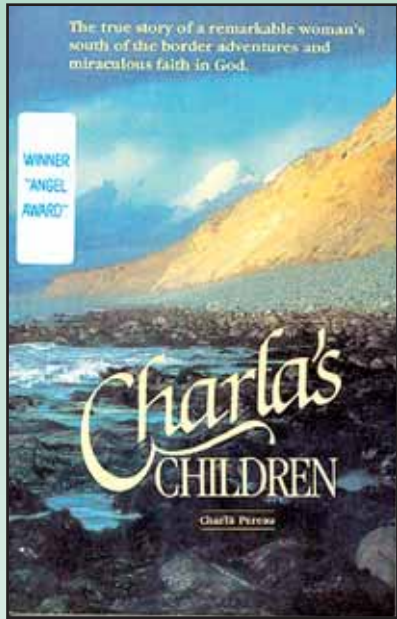
Reviewed by Janice Flinn,
Personal Assistant to Charla Pereau

Imagine this... it's 1966. You're lost at night in the desolation of the Baja of Mexico. Your children and baby sitter are expecting you home at any moment.

But the truth of the matter is you're more than 300 miles from home and you're inching your way along deeply rutted roads that are barely visible. You don't speak Spanish. You haven't seen a single town or village. There's no telephone to call home. And, worst of all, you haven't seen a gas station for hours and your gauge is registering 'empty.'

What had begun as a great daylong adventure for Chuck and Charla Pereau and the couple they were with had turned into a nightmare.

Charla's Children, winner of the prestigious Angel



Award, tells the compelling story of the formation of Foundation For His Ministry (FFHM) – a multifaceted mercy ministry dedicated to meeting the needs of the poor and needy in Mexico.

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Editor's note: I recently was at the FFHM orphanage and experienced first-hand the impact they are having on the poor and needy people of Mexico. I highly recommend this book to find out what God is doing in the land of Mexico

and in the lives of people who visit there. For more information on how you can serve, please visit www.ffhm.org.

Teenage sexual conduct opens dialogue with teens

Calgary, AB – Parents, shocked about the recent scene involving a 12-year-old girl and a 16-year old boy allegedly engaged in sexual relations in front of a crowd of bystanders, have an opportunity with their own child. Calgary Counselling Centre encourages parents to talk with their own child, to help prevent this incident in their own family. Calgary Counselling Centre has a DVD to help prompt conversation. Their recording of *Stealing Innocence: The Justin Berry Story* can help educate kids about the risks online and what sexual abuse is.

"Kids are inundated with sexual images and sexual expectations that are beyond their maturity," said Robbie Babins-Wagner, CEO, Calgary Counselling Centre. "Research tells us talking about sex with your child doesn't influence your child to experiment. Instead, it gives your child an open invitation to ask tough questions, develop their sense of self and build the self esteem to decide on their own whether they wish to participate in sexual conduct."

Recording Justin's riveting story brings light to the dangers of the online world, the dangers our youth are exposed to every day. His bravery lies in the hope that he can protect someone you know, from having their innocence stolen. It's a DVD worth watching, especially with your child.

"Using this DVD to help you communicate more effectively with your child can help you both understand what the youth experience is," said Babins-Wagner. "If given the opportunity, children need a safe place to voice their concerns about their challenges navigating adulthood. Like it or not, children will navigate the experience. By opening the door for healthy conversation, parents can help their child navigate it safely."

Touching hearts and impacting lives routine for quartet

CALGARY, AB – The Sounds of Grace Quartet (SOG) has announced the release of its 20th record album. The CD titled, *On The Gloryland Way*, features a cross section of songs representative of Southern Gospel Music.

The recording debuts two original songs. It also includes covers of recent hits like the title track which was recorded by the Kingdom Heirs, resident Gospel quartet at Dollywood, USA. The classics *Dear Jesus*, *Abide with Me* and *The Love of God* as recorded in the 1960's by groups like the Blackwood Brothers and Statesmen Quartet and later by the Cathedrals are included.

The common cause of touching hearts and impacting lives through the power of Gospel music has been the common denominator for more than 34 years. Tenor Steve Estabrooks and lead Phil Davis are founding members. Only eight other singers have sung with the Quartet during that time. Baritone Arnold Funk and bass Wilmer Reimer complete the current lineup.

Album vocals were recorded and mixed at Calgary's Middleman Studios which is owned and operated by

Jerry Proppe. Proppe shared a Gospel Music Association Canada (GMAC) Covenant Award as coproducer of Rocky Mountain College's *A Capella* CD which also showcased his engineering prowess. He is an artist in his own right and was nominated in 2007 for his Christmas CD, *Repeat the Sounding Joy*. Top honours eventually went to Paul Brandt.

Artwork for the CD was designed by Meg Braley of UniMark Creative Services. Project photos were shot by local photographer Peter Fleck. Various locations featuring dramatic Calgary cityscapes were used as backdrops.

One of the original songs, *Goin' Down To The River*, was written by Calgary songwriter Robyn Braley. It was recently nominated for a 2010 GMA Covenant Award as Southern Gospel Song of the Year. *Step Out of The Boat* is the other song also written by Braley. Both uptempo songs are already concert favourites.

On previous albums, the Sounds of Grace recorded *Fully Alive* by Braley and *Awesome Sight*, written by his wife Meg. Each was nominated for a GMAC Covenant Award as Southern Gospel Song of the Year in 2007 and 2008 respectively.

The original group was formed as a local church quartet. As they developed their sound, word spread and invitations came from a cross section of denominations



The four men who make up Sounds of Grace Quartet are (L-R) Phil Davis, Arnold Funk, Steve Estabrooks and Wilmer Reimer.

located in towns and cities throughout the west.

Through the years The Sounds of Grace has been featured in church services, major concert series, music festivals, and television ministries. They have been featured several times in the Canadian section of the three day Canadian Gospel Music Celebration held each July in Red Deer. This year close to 5,000 attended the evening performances.

Each member of the quartet holds down a full time job. To fulfill concert obligations, they sacrifice weekends and even take time off work for longer tours.

How long will they continue? The last album, *Go Ahead, Lord*, was to be their final CD. Fortunately for their fans, that didn't hold. So, while the quartet now call *On The Gloryland Way* their farewell project, only time will tell when their last recording will truly be their last recording.

The problem is this. Their commitment to ministry through music is rewarded by smiles in the audience as listeners realize the hope that is in a Gospel song. That encourages them to sing one more song, to book one more concert, and perhaps record one more album.

On The Gloryland Way is available directly from the Quartet. For contact or ordering information, please visit www.soundsofgrace.ca or by calling 403-272-3141.

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Newsboys *Born Again*

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For the past two decades, the Newsboys have consistently been one of the hottest acts in Christian pop rock, selling in excess of 6.5 million albums. Faced last year with the loss of their longtime leader, Peter Furler, the group recruited Michael Tait, formerly of the multi-platinum trio, DC Talk, to take over as their new front man.

This past July saw the much-anticipated CD of the newly-revamped band hit store shelves. Faced with both Newsboys and DC Talk fans salivating over its release, more than 45,000 copies of *Born Again* were snapped up in just the first week. It vaulted the CD into fourth spot on the *Billboard 200* albums chart, a formidable feat for a religious recording and far exceeding anything the Newsboys had accomplished in the past.

But the extreme makeover of the nouveau Newsboys

is so profound that their long-term fortunes remain shrouded in mystery.

With the departure of Furler, none of the original members from the band formed in Australia back in 1985 remain. In fact, the Aussie influence is now almost extinct with only drummer Duncan Phillips originally hailing from down under.

When original lead singer, John James, passed the baton to Furler in 1997, the transition was almost seamless. Possessing strikingly similar looks to James, Furler had been the drummer and back-up vocalist. More significantly, he had always been the band's primary songwriter. And with his dominating, charismatic stage presence, he quickly became the face of the Newsboys.

Almost a larger than life figure, Furler is not easily replaceable. Likewise, Tait is himself a strong character with a solid reputation and following of his own. And as a Black American with rap/hip hop/R&B roots, Tait brings an entirely different culture and musical framework to the band.

In stepping down from touring to spend more time with his family, Furler originally stated he would continue to write for and produce the band. But to his credit, he has played no part in the new album and let Tait freely

put his own imprint on the band.

Perhaps most telling of the new direction is the final track which features a remake of DC Talk's signature mega-hit, *Jesus Freak*.

The *Born Again* CD title serves as a clever double entendre. It not only speaks to the new life we have in Christ but points to the re-birth of the Newsboys. In the words of 2 Corinthians 5:17, it's clearly a matter where in every respect "old things have passed away" and "all things have become new."

As John Di Biase from the website JesusFreakH-ideout.com writes, "If anything these Michael-fronted songs sound more like new material for his band, Tait, than Newsboys."

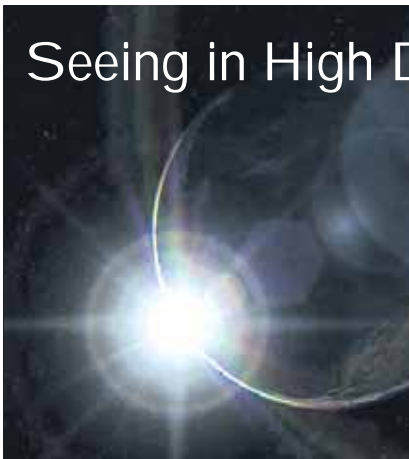

Inevitably, the current edition of the band is going to attract a whole new set of fans. One music buyer notes on Amazon.ca, while "the former Newsboys didn't hit it off for my tastes...I am now a loyal Newsboys fan."

But many of us who have grown to deeply appreciate the Newsboys over the years are proving to be more reluctant converts. The key is to get over the changes, take the music at its face value, and then sure enough the attraction grows with each listen.

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Seeing in High Definition

Let there be joy Ian Wilkinson

In the presence of the Lord there is fullness of joy. The joy of the Lord is our strength. The word joy in the New Testament is the Greek word "charis." The same word is translated favour and grace. Grace is very similar to joy. When we are saved by grace we are saved by the strength of God. It is His power, not our energy, that saves us.

When God gives grace to the humble He is giving power to them. He is giving strength and joy to them. He is enabling them to live the Christian life.

"Christ in us the hope of glory" is the indwelling presence of God in the person of the Holy Spirit. A Christian is someone empowered by Christ to live the life God wants. Since we have the presence of God in us, and in the presence of God there is fullness of joy, that joy becomes the strength we use to heal the sick, cast out demons and raise the dead. Grace is divine power or divine enablement.

Some think grace is unmerited favour with the emphasis on unmerited. When God gives us something unmerited it sounds like mercy so some people confuse grace with mercy. But let us not put the emphasis on the wrong syllable. The adjective is unmerited. The noun is favour. The emphasis is on the noun. Gabriel told Mary she was favoured by God in Luke one: "The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will over shadow you." Favour is connected to the Holy Spirit and power. Mary was blessed of God. The word blessed here means "empowered to prosper." When Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth, the baby inside Elizabeth jumped for joy. She said to Mary, "You are blessed, (empowered) because you believed that the Lord would do what he said." That power produced joy. Let there be joy.

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October 9 • NOON - 3PM
Immanuel Church 1512 1 St SW

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