

Reaching the Harvest in the Power of the Holy Spirit

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THREE MONTH CALENDAR

JULY

- 1-5 Ottawa Valley Pent. Camp
Cobden ON
- 7-10 Mt. Zion Retreat Centre
Gilmour ON
- 14-21 Emmanuel Conference
Centre, Lewisporte NF
- 25-28 French Camp
Escuminac QC

AUGUST

- 11 Pembroke Pent Tab.
Pembroke ON
- 18 New Covenant
Mansfield PA
- 21-24 Reapers Pastor/
Leadership Retreat
Gilmour ON
- 25 Mt Zion Camp
Gilmour ON

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Church on the Queensway
Toronto ON
- 14-15 New Song Church
Kitchener ON
- 22 Word of Life Outreach
Lake St Peter ON
- 26-29 Genesis Church
Bloomington IN

April Showers Bring?

I found the winter long this year, it may be partially my age and the fact that it was my first full Canadian winter in many years. April was hardly the beginning of a mild spring but it was a start to a new season. The month sailed by with preaching engagements ranging from youth to adults, a church dedication, our district conference and a 30th year ministry anniversary. I sat on the platform with my good friend, Billy Richards, in cele-

bration of his 30 years of full-time ministry, I thought where did the time go since we were teenagers at camp? Later that evening I spoke in Kitchener to a group of young adults and the following night to a youth group, each venue made me mindful of the passing of time. I'm not sure where all the years have gone but two issues occupy my thinking as I grow older. A desire to reach people with the Gospel and to reproduce my faith in others. Call it evan-

gelizing and equipping if you will. I not only want to contend for the faith but cultivate my faith in those around me. The analogy is simply...if your faith could be compared to April showers would it bring May flowers? Have we sowed to reap a harvest? You won't need faith in eternity - why not sow it in the lives of others now.



Pentecost Sunday Every Sunday

Sunday, May 19th was Pentecost Sunday. I'm thinking every Sunday should be Pentecost Sunday! Since the Holy Spirit birthed the New Testament church it would seem rather foolish to think we can have church without him or be the church without him. We can have services and go through the religious gymnastics. We can hang a sign out front and have church status with the government of our country. But what difference does it make in Heaven or Hell if Holy Spirit is not welcome and active when we get together? The Holy Spirit is a friend to the seeker and searcher. He is a sign to the unbeliever and

strength for the believer. He convicts but does not condemn. He comforts but never compromises. He is the ultimate team player working with the Father and the Son. He has the ability, talent and power to do things on his own but he chooses to be involved with only those things that are the Fathers' will. He is street-smart and textbook savvy but chooses to reveal and speak of Jesus. He is not as concerned with culture as he is in lifting up the name of Christ. He can teach like no other and his counsel and directions are available for those who will listen. He prays for you, with you and through you. Holy

Spirit is a leader of leaders but spends his time leading people to Jesus. He didn't come to improve us but to empower us to die to and live in, to say no to the world and yes to God. He can be resisted, lied to and grieved yet he wants the very best for our lives. Who he is can be seen through his fruit, what he can do is seen through his gifts. He is more than initial evidence and a language. He is fullness and life!



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Catch and Release

Pastors/Leadership Retreat

Wed Aug 21st – Sat Aug 24th

Keynote Speaker:
Charlie Robinson

Worship: Kevin Rogers

Mt. Zion Retreat Centre

613-474-0238

Overseas Missions Trips
Oct.19th – 28th HONDURAS
Missionary/Pastors/Leadership
Nov 1st – 8th CUBA
Outreach/Seminars/Services

Thoughts

- ◆ Spiritual maturity is measured in private.
- ◆ Grace is a divine enabler.
- ◆ Personal integrity will protect you.
- ◆ Commitment is not surrender.
- ◆ Hang with hungry people.

From My Journal

Connecting the Dots



Peace Tower, Ottawa

As a Missionary Evangelist I have the pleasure of working with many organizations and faith communities around the world. In seeing the big picture I find it fascinating how the pieces come together, even with overlapping ministries, to advance the Kingdom of God. Seldom am I asked about denominational affiliation or my qualifications. In most of the overseas countries I visit the top two questions asked are, "How healthy is your church and how is your family?" Not, "How big is your

church or what denomination are you affiliated with?" Interesting thought, healthy church and family!

In the month of June I traveled in Ontario from Dryden to Kitchener preaching in Pentecostal, Anglican and Independent churches. The order of services and worship styles varied but the presence of God was real and the hunger for God was real.

Denominations will rise and fall, buildings will be bought



St. Paul Anglican Church, Pickering

and sold, leadership will come and go but there is One who remains the same, the One who is building HIS Church.

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