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A New Chapter



*I will publish the name of the Lord:
ascribe ye greatness unto our God.*



Uplook Ministries
A re-assessment



Gospel Folio Press
On the move

Rise Up & Work
Conference Special Report

ONE THING

What happens when your closet gets crammed with things that shouldn't be there?

Life is simple at the start. Breathe. Eat. Sleep. Cry. Leave the rest to your caregivers. But life doesn't stay that way for long. It seems that the headlong rush of the twenty-first century especially lends itself to increasing complication. But the apostle Paul obviously saw the problem coming in the first century: *"I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtility, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ"* (2 Cor. 11:3). Paul described his own lifestyle as decisively different from the spirit of his age (and obviously from ours) in these words: *"For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our [manner of life] in the world"* (2 Cor. 1:12).

Sometimes the complications of life are the will of God for us. Obviously the life of a reclusive hermit with no electric power or running water has a simplicity of sorts. No emails asking for spiritual advice. No late-night calls from people needing help. He is never required to expend himself for others. But it is not the life to which the believer has been called. It is certainly not the lifestyle of Paul who reminds us that we were *"created in Christ Jesus unto good works"* (Eph. 2:10).

Yet there obviously is a simplifying of our lives that is necessary, a kind of spiritual spring cleaning, where on a regular basis we look at the accumulated stuff we have gathered—responsibilities, activities, ministries, relationships—and ask if these things ought to be hanging there, taking up space in the closets of our lives.

The apostle calls it *"proving."* He writes: *"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God"* (Rom. 12:2). *"But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another"* (Gal. 6:4). *"Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord"* (Eph. 5:10). *"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good"* (1 Thess. 5:21).

Such a process of dragging a thing out of its place in the often crammed storeroom of our hearts, of holding it up to the searching gaze of our Lord, will often show

us that while it may be a good thing, it is not God's good will *for us*. It may be His will for someone you know, someone you need to encourage, Deborah-like, to take up that task instead of you.

Such a process, although often wrenching to conscientious servants who don't like to be "quitters," often can restore a sense of focus and balance and well-being to the life.

The Greek word for simplicity is sometimes translated *"singleness,"* as in the verse:

"Servants, obey in all things...not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God" (Col. 3:22). This is beautifully expressed by linking five *"one thing"* scriptures. The Lord addressed the rich young ruler this way: *"One thing thou lackest...come, take up the cross, and follow Me"* (Mk. 10:21). The man born blind had it right when he said: *"One thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see"* (Jn. 9:25). And we ought to heed the Master's assessment: *"One thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her"* (Lk. 10:42). David understood that when he wrote: *"One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in His temple"* (Ps. 27:4). And Paul, giving a snapshot of his whole Christian life, declares: *"One thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus"* (Phil. 3:13-14). So are there five things? No, just one. All five verses remind us that an undistracted eye for the Lord is the secret of the life that counts for God.

We have been going through some proving, some heart searching, at Gospel Folio Press and Uplook Ministries. This issue will seek to explain what is happening as a result. Our heartfelt thanks for your prayers at this time.

J. B. Nicholson Jr.

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EBENEZER: It has been my inestimable privilege to labor for the last twelve years in a century-old printshop on a little hillside in Grand Rapids, Michigan. It has been an honor to work with some of the most diligent, frugal, and Christ-loving servants you could find. The Day shall declare it. The work by these unknown, unnamed laborers has often been accomplished on a shoestring, in the wee hours of the morning, with a skeleton crew. Their service has been given ungrudgingly, unsparingly, and in the joy of knowing that “little is much when God is in it.” It is a tradition of love, loyalty, and labor for the best of Masters that reaches back to 1926 when Bill Pell first set up a hand press in his mother’s parlor. There have been many changes but that commitment to the Lord, His Word, His people, and His work has thankfully been preserved by His grace and through the prayers of many supporters of this ministry.

You know it is not always an easy thing to discern the mind of God for a life, let alone a ministry like this. As a board and as workers here, we often discussed what the Lord was doing among His people, what the needs were as we saw them, what we might be able to do to help.

THE WORK GROWS: As the years went by, we revamped many of the publications and added other ministries to the original literature publishing work—audio tapes, the “Rise Up” conferences, the web-site, and the distribution of selected Christian resources.

Other ministries went on as well. Thousands of letters, phone calls, and emails have been answered—people contacting us with Bible questions or spiritual problems; elders wondering about a preacher for their conference or an assessment of a ministry they might like to support; parents looking for a good assembly their child might attend while at college or while working in London or Paris; a call for a misplaced email address for a missionary; hunting down an out-of-print book or the verse of a hymn; free tracts for a gospel outreach. The requests (which we have been happy to answer) have been as varied as they are numerous. My co-laborers have done the lion’s share of the work. And until this letter, these ministries were unmentioned and unreported on any balance sheet but the Lord’s.

SOME CONCERNS: As the ministry expanded, some Christians became concerned that we were doing too many things. That Uplook Ministries might become a sort of *ex officio* assembly headquarters is a legitimate concern, and I for one like decentralization. It has been the strength of assembly testimony worldwide, this balance between local church autonomy and inter-assembly fellowship. It may be that what the Lord is presently doing with this ministry is to keep that from happening.

There was also the concern some expressed about expenditures, which is also reasonable. Not that we were accused of having lavish offices or padded retirement packages. Anyone who has visited our humble little premises wouldn’t believe that. But we struggled between the business and ministry sides of the operation—meeting the demands of having proper equipment, paying fair wages, etc., along with providing the free services being offered.

NECESSARY CHANGES: Our masthead used to include the statement that *Uplook* was published as the Lord provided. But sometimes we have published even if the money was not there. We published it on a free-will basis because many of these magazines go to prisoners, widows, students, and Christians in developing countries. Thirty percent of our *Uplook* subscribers have never sent us support. We're not complaining; but it is a fact that the financial burden is borne by a few, some of whom have given sacrificially with gifts large and small. It is now our unswerving policy to publish the magazine *only* when the money is in the bank to pay for its production and mailing. That is the reason no May-July issues of the magazine were published. We apologize for any inconvenience this causes those wishing timely reporting of their conferences and other news (although news is posted on the Uplook website).

We have also felt for some time that a clear distinction needs to be made between the ministry and business sides of the operation. For this reason, among others, we feel the Lord wants us to separate the two, although there will be continuing cooperation between us. Beginning August 1, Lord willing, Gospel Folio Press, the business side (publication and distribution of quality Christian resources) will operate from Port Colborne, Ontario. Orders will be shipped from Canada to Canadian customers, from the US to American and international customers. The toll-free order line, 800-952-2382, will remain with GFP. Uplook Ministries will continue in Grand Rapids. This, Lord willing, will include the magazine, the conference ministry (for this coming conference in Indianapolis at least), and perhaps the web ministry. We will look to Him to direct us as to other possible activities. We will still be reached at 616-456-9166.

As of May 30, we closed our print shop. We thank the Lord for our faithful press department over the years, especially Tim Johnson and David Pell (see p. 6). Now all work will be done by outside printers. Several of our staff will be finding other employment. We appreciate your prayers for them. There will be two part-time employees left at Uplook in the short term, serving out their time until their approaching retirement. All others helping with Uplook Ministries from now on will be volunteers or work will be contracted as funds are available. It is evident the Lord does not want salaried employees handling the editorial, counselling, and information services which we have provided in the past. We will still maintain retirement benefits for several former long-term employees.


LOOKING TO GOD: We know what we have done will be assessed at the Judgment Seat of Christ. Whatever has been pleasing to Him, to God be the glory. Whatever has not, we wish to do it differently from now on. Much of what has been done in the past, many of you have told us, has been used by the Lord for the encouragement of His people and the advancement of the gospel. We are grateful that He would use it like that. But there is so much land still to be possessed! So we carry on. We are not discouraged, primarily because God's Great Servant "*shall not fail nor be discouraged*" (Isa. 42:4). In no way has the Lord failed us. It is our testimony with Joshua: "*...not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the Lord your God spake concerning [us]; all are come to pass...*" (Josh. 23:14). The future for every believer (and, we believe, for this ministry) is bright because of the presence and promises of God. The Lord is pruning us here, but we believe that's a good thing. For some time we have been asking the Lord to own this ministry, to lay His hand upon it in a fresh way. We believe He is doing that. May the Lord help us, of all people, to have *the uplook* and believe that this is the answer to our prayers. If this is indeed the Lord ordering our steps, then let us "*delight in His way.*"

By His grace

J. B. Nicholson

J. B. Nicholson, Jr.

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How appreciative we are for the faithful members of the staff at Gospel Folio Press! We normally don't publicly acknowledge them, but at a recent staff picnic we felt it was time to give honor to whom honor is due. After a lovely dinner with our families, presentations were made to all, with special expressions of our gratitude to our



Tillie, Lois and Ruth Pell

long-time employees. As Gospel Folio begins this new chapter in Port Colborne, ON, we who are remaining in Grand Rapids pray the Lord's richest blessing on their endeavors for Him. For those retiring or moving on to other areas of service, our thoughts and prayers go with you, too. *Ebenezer! Jehovah Jireh! Maranatha!*



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Illustrations of Tim Johnson, Dave Pell, "Aunt" Ethel Zinn, and Ruth Sheldrake by Mike Donahue; sketch of Bill Pell by John Bjorlie; montage by John Nicholson III

Caught Up

In these days of growing uncertainty, there is a bright and certain hope!

“Do you think we’ll ever get caught up?” We were standing in the press room as brother Tim asked the question. The heady aroma of printer’s ink, coated stock, and cleaning fluid filled the place. The measured rhythm of the presses, punctuated now and again with the soft crunch of the paper cutter, enthusiastically supported by the speedy clacking of the folder in the background all blended into a kind of mechanical malaria that old printers never quite get out of their system.

Caught up? Deadlines, of course were what it was all about. Those ever-present and pressing deadlines that seem to move over us in the night while we sleep. They are a lot like the dandelions in our garden. Get one dealt with and two more will replace them by the morning.

Yes, we will be caught up. Nothing more sure, except that we cannot say just when that will be. Not only caught up with all the deadlines, but for the believer in Christ, it will be caught up and away from the realm of

all that speaks of the dead. It is not a deadline for the Christian, but the lifeline of our hope, reaching within the veil where the Captain of our salvation has already entered and is the guarantee that “He’ll not be in heaven and leave me behind.”

Yet the coming again of the Lord Jesus Christ for His Church, to catch them up to His own presence (the word “rapture” means just that), is a deadline every unbeliever might well fear. Think of a world without a single praying mother, or godly father, Christ-loving wife or husband! Often the butt of the world’s jesters, those “born-again” will be gone, never to distress society again with their pronouncements of coming judgment, and the offer of eternal life. The lovers of this world will be unhindered then in their Christless “New Age” to look downward, as they do, to their ancient god, “mother earth,” worshiping and serving the creature rather than the Creator (Rom. 1:25).

The call to the lovers of God in these days is not to look down to this

realm of graves and groans and granite stones, where the life story is frequently edited down to a few lines chiselled beside the date of birth and death. The believer in Christ has a higher focus, a heavenly destiny, a holy future, and a real peace. It is not surprising, then, that we are reminded in Scripture that “*our [citizenship] is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour*” (Phil. 3:20).

As violence tears at society, as evil and corruption abound in high places, as idols of the masses are discovered at the last to have feet of clay, as governments totter and leaders fumble in their darkness for any gleam of hope, how wonderful it is for the child of God to know that this may truly be the year of His coming, when we shall at last be caught up!

Yet “*hope deferred makes the heart sick*” (Prov. 13:12). Paul declared, “*If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable*” (1 Cor. 15:19). The psalmist cried, “*Why art thou cast down, O my soul? And why art thou disquieted in me? Hope thou in God*” (Ps. 42:5). There is triumph over the tomb for “Jesus is coming again!” “*We...shall be caught up*” (1 Thess. 4:17).

*Oh, joy, oh, delight,
Should we go without dying!
No sickness, no sadness,
No dread, and no crying!
Caught up through the clouds
With our Lord into glory,
When Jesus receives His own.
O Lord Jesus, how long?...*

—H. L. TURNER

Excerpted from *The Watered Garden*

Vol. 1

The Watered Garden
Meditations & Poems read by J. Boyd Nicholson

The timely recording of these 39 selections by Boyd Nicholson from his much appreciated book, *The Watered Garden*, remind us of the adage, “You can never do a good thing too soon because you never know how soon it will be too late.” So we have been left with more than memories from the ministry of this servant of God. Captured on these three compact discs are both heart-warming essays and Christ-exalting poems from the pen—and in the voice—of the author.

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Your Personal Invitation

Dear fellow traveller on the heavenly way,

Rise Up & Work '01 has taken its two-fold theme as working and waiting for Christ. This may well be the event that the Lord will use to mobilize an army of passionate people to take the field while there is time. Fifty years ago almost every message preached included something about “the blessed hope.” The hymns were full of the coming of the Lord. And gospel preaching always included the solemn warning that the Lord could return at any moment. The message was not about vulture sightings in Palestine or some super computer in Belgium. It was a message that spoke of seeing Him and of being there. What has happened?

Four great truths fired the passion of the New Testament believers: the Christ, the Church, the Cross, and the Coming. You can find them introduced in the pivotal verses of Matthew 16:13-28. To the disciples this teaching became the divine plan for action. The Christ was to be *preeminent*—no rival could take His place; the Church was to be *militant*—no enemy would triumph, not even hell’s gates; the Cross was to be *prominent*—they would preach Christ and Him crucified; and the Coming was *imminent*—their constant watchword was “*Maranatha*,” the Lord comes!

It is this fourth element in the equation of spiritual success that is needing a revival in our hearts. Have we become too comfortable down here? Are we disillusioned by prophetic preachers who speak more about obscure news reports than the plain teaching of Scripture? Has “*hope deferred*” made our hearts sick? The Master gave the stirring command, “*Occupy till I come*.” We should be “*like men that wait for their Lord*.” This hope purifies. It motivates. It focuses our attention on the real world. There is no time to lose. Let’s **Rise Up & Work** until we hear His call to the Bride, “*Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away*” (Song of Sol. 2:10).

Please pray and plan for **Rise Up & Work**. See you there—if the Lord hasn’t come by then!

J. Brichok

Rise Up & Work: An Overview

The conference begins with registration in the evening of December 26. As well, there will be an informal prayer session and a time of fellowship in the hotel foyer with refreshments provided.

Each morning will begin with a voluntary prayer time, followed by breakfast. At a plenary session we will hear challenging ministry from the Word of God from one of our keynote speakers. Immediately after the plenary session there will be a variety of electives available.

Afternoons will provide time for fellowship with other believers, additional elective sessions and time to enjoy a variety of activities. After dinner, a second plenary session, followed by a time of fellowship, will conclude each day’s activities. On Friday, December 28, dinner will be in the form of a grand banquet, which all conference attendees will enjoy.

Each day will begin and end with a plenary session in the Marriott Ballroom where we will enjoy the singing of some of the grand old hymns of the faith. The singing will be complemented with testimonies from those involved in the work of the Lord in different places across the continent. This will help to prepare our hearts for the ministry from God’s Word.

During general sessions we will utilize large screen projection so that everyone can see clearly.

RISE UP & WORK
"Occupy till I come"



photos by David Robbins



Conference Schedule

	Wed. Dec. 26	Thur. Dec. 27	Fri. Dec. 28	Sat. Dec. 29
7:30 AM		Prayer	Prayer	Prayer
8:00		Breakfast (MT)	Breakfast (MT)	Breakfast (MT)
9:15		General Session	General Session	General Session
11:00		Elective Session #1	Elective Session #4	
12:15 PM		Lunch (MT)	Lunch (MT)	Depart for home
1:45		Elective Session #2	Elective Session #5	
3:00	Check in at Marriott begins	Elective Session #3	Elective Session #6	
4:00		Free Time	Free Time	
6:00		Dinner (MT)		
6:30	Registration begins		Banquet and Program	
8:00		General Session		
10:00	Coffee & Cookie Reception	Fellowship	Fellowship	
11:30	Quiet in Lobby	Quiet in Lobby	Quiet in Lobby	
Midnight	Lights Out	Lights Out	Lights Out	
MT = Meal ticket required				

Keynote Speakers

ROY HILL

from Bristol, England, travels widely teaching the Word of God in Britain, Western Europe and North America. Despite a busy professional life as CEO of the British Printing Industries Federation, he serves as chairman for Precious Seed Publications, directs Christian Year Publications, and is a board member of Uplook Ministries. He is an elder in the assembly at Pensford Gospel Hall, near Bristol, and he and his wife Margaret have five children and four grandchildren.

J. B. NICHOLSON

and his wife, Louise, were commended in 1986 by the Brockview assembly in St. Catharines, Ontario to the work of the Lord. Residing in Grand Rapids, MI, since 1990, "Jabe" has traveled extensively in North America ministering the Word of God. He is editor of *UPLOOK* magazine and has authored numerous booklets, tracts and articles.

The Lord has blessed the Nicholsons with seven children and three grandchildren.

WILLIAM MACDONALD

has been involved, worldwide, in the spread of the Word of God through his teaching ministry. The Lord has given him a love for the gospel and a passion to see young believers disciplined. His more than eighty published works have been translated into many languages. The *Believer's Bible Commentary* is one of the finest one-volume commentaries available and has sold hundreds of thousands of copies. He presently resides in the Bay Area of California.



Elective Sessions

In addition to the keynote messages, the conference offers 39 elective “seminars” where you can choose ministry suited to your particular need or interest. We have asked the seminar leaders to allow time for questions. As well, there will be opportunity to talk with some of the leaders and ask questions one-on-one.

All sessions will be recorded and some may also be videotaped. You will receive a syllabus containing notes for all of the elective sessions, even those you choose not to attend.

Below is a schedule indicating which seminars are offered at the various sessions. On the following pages is detailed information on each seminar and its leader(s). The information is arranged by category. The elective sessions are numbered to help you easily find their descriptions. To help us in processing the registrations, please use the number, as well as the title of the seminar on the registration form.

We have also grouped the seminars into tracks: *Elders/Workers*, *Youth* and *Women*. You are free to select seminars from any or all of the tracks (men are excluded from the women’s seminars).

Schedule of Elective Sessions

Session 1: Dec. 27, 11:00 AM

103	Making Working Together Work	
107	The Value & Rewards of Discipling	E
110	The Elder’s Wife	W
113	God’s Sovereignty: A Fresh Cause to Worship	
115	The Bible: an Orderly Revelation	
118	Opportunities for Short Term Missions	
124	Make Full Proof of Your Ministry	Y
129	Resisting Worldliness, Pursuing Godliness	Y
132	The Middle Age Crisis	
137	Enjoying Your Children’s Teenage Years	

Session 2: Dec. 27, 1:30 PM

102	Facing the Challenges of a Young Assembly	E
104	Priestly Preparation for Worship	
116	The Blessed Hope through History	
120	Techniques for Effective Evangelism	
126	Prayer in the Life of the Believer...	
127	How to Study the Bible (Part 1 of 2)	Y
130	Searching the Scriptures: Woman’s Perspective	W
133	Living for Christ in the World of Business	
134	Stress, Worry and Anxiety: God’s Prescription	W
139	Relationships	Y

Session 3: Dec. 27, 3:00 PM

106	Serving as an Elder...a Balanced Life	E
108	Some Things I have Learned	E
111	Christ’s Design for the Church...	Y
112	Current Prophetic Issues	
119	Reaching Muslims for Christ	
117	One-on-One and Small Group Bible Studies	
121	The “Go” in the Gospel	
122	How to Prepare Ministry Messages	Y
127	How to Study the Bible (Part 2 of 2)	Y
136	Women in the Workplace...	W

Session 4: Dec. 28, 11:00 AM

107	Shepherds Wanted for Work of God	E
110	The Elder’s Wife	W
111	Christ’s Design for the Church...	Y
114	Parables of the Coming King	
119	Reaching Muslims for Christ	
122	How to Prepare Ministry Messages	Y
126	Prayer in the Life of the Believer...	
129	Resisting Worldliness, Pursuing Godliness	Y
134	Stress, Worry and Anxiety: God’s Prescription	W
137	Enjoying Your Children’s Teenage Years	

Session 5: Dec. 28, 1:30 PM

101	Discipline and Recovery in the Church	E
104	Priestly Preparation for Worship	
108	Some Things I have Learned	E
112	Current Prophetic Issues	
121	The “Go” in the Gospel	
123	How to Publicly Proclaim the Gospel	
130	Searching the Scriptures: Woman’s Perspective	W
128	An Introduction to Bible Software	
135	The Servant’s Life	
139	Relationships	Y

Session 6: Dec. 28, 3:00 PM

131	Strategies for Personal Victory...	
102	Facing the Challenges of a Young Assembly	E
113	God’s Sovereignty: A Fresh Cause to Worship	
115	The Bible: an Orderly Revelation	
118	Opportunities for Short Term Missions	
120	Techniques for Effective Evangelism	
124	Make Full Proof of Your Ministry	Y
125	Opportunities & Dangers in Web Ministry	
136	Women in the Workplace...	W
138	Raising Spiritual Children	

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ASSEMBLY LIFE

101 Discipline and Recovery in the Church—Willie Burnett

Elder track

Misunderstandings regarding the purpose of discipline, and the necessity for it, have divided assemblies and ruined testimonies over the years. This is partly due to the fact that this subject has been largely ignored in the teaching of the Word, and many are ignorant of what Scripture has to say about the subject. This seminar will demonstrate that discipline is a necessary process for the restoration of the offender, and also for the protection of the Church. We will also examine the various types of offenses that are identified in Scripture, along with the prescribed levels of discipline appropriate to each case.

Session 5

Willie and his wife, Beth, live in Burlington, ON, and fellowship at Hopedale Bible Chapel, Oakville. Following a 42-year career in the oil industry while serving the Lord as a “tentmaker,” Willie accepted early retirement in 1993, and now is involved in Bible teaching throughout North America and abroad. He also sits on the boards of Counsel, Uplook and Everyday Publications and serves on various conference committees. He writes regularly for Counsel, Uplook and the Choice Gleanings calendar.

102 Facing the Challenges of a Young Assembly—Rex Trogden

Elder track

Isn't it time we see our hometown as the mission field it really is? Let's get serious about reaching out to people and presenting the wonderful plan God has for them and His Church according to the New Testament. Are we up for the challenge of a new work? Can we really trust God to be all we need to do His work His way? Let's talk about it. Listen and be challenged by the scriptural mandate to pioneer new areas, make disciples, and plant churches. You'll be encouraged by the testimony of God's faithfulness!

Sessions 2 and 6

Rex and his wife, Nancy, served the Lord in Zaire, Africa from 1983 until they returned home in 1991. Since then, their ministry has been in North America. They live in Charlotte, NC, and work primarily with Believers' Bible Chapel. Rex also travels in an itinerant preaching and conference ministry.

103 Making Working Together Work—Ron Hampton

What keeps us from working together as local churches? Is it commitment to biblical principles or just personalities and past problems? The Bible teaches independence for the local church but what about interdependence with other churches? Can we have cooperation without denomination? What are the advantages? What are the dangers and obstacles? How do we manifest the truth of unity without sacrificing the important truths of diversity and autonomy? These and other questions will be practically dealt with during this seminar.

Session 1

Ron and his wife, Robin, were originally commended in 1984 by several Winnipeg-area assemblies to serve the Lord in Ireland. The Hamptons and their three children returned to Winnipeg in 1996. Ron has a busy preaching and teaching ministry along with coordinating and administering inter-assembly initiatives in Manitoba and Ireland.

104 Priestly Preparation for Worship—Sandy McEachern

A. P. Gibbs wrote a book entitled *Worship: The Christian's Highest Occupation*. Certainly this is a sentiment that we would strongly affirm. For many believers the weekly Lord's Supper is one of the facets of New Testament assembly truth that is dearest to their hearts. Yet in many assemblies, worship has lost its luster. The weekly Lord's Supper is often poorly attended with limited participation from those who are there. Also, much of what is offered as worship is really not worship in the truest biblical sense of the word. This seminar will address some of these concerns and also seek to present positive steps to see our Lord's Supper gatherings become places of joyful worship offered in spirit and in truth.

Sessions 2 and 5

Sandy McEachern has been active in the Lord's work for many years in preaching, discipling, writing and camp work. A former high school teacher, he is now working for a property development company in Halifax, NS. Sandy is also the editor of the Choice Gleanings calendar and a member of the board of directors of Uplook Ministries.

106 Serving as an Elder While Having a Balanced Life—Brian Gunning

Elder track

Some elders are busy with their five-day work-week responsibilities. Add to that a family. Add to that the assembly responsibil-



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ities. Is it possible to be a family man, a businessman, and an elder at the same time? What are my priorities? Will it be joy or grief at the coming of the Lord? Suggestions on how to shepherd from a practical perspective. **Sessions 3 and 6**

Brian, his wife, Marlene, and their four daughters live in St. Catharines, ON, where they fellowship at Brockview Bible Chapel. Brian is an elder, and has an active preaching ministry, in addition to board responsibilities with Uplook, Counsel, and the Family Bible Hour. He is a self-employed accountant.

107 The Value and Rewards of Discipling—Steve Andrews and Jeff Johnson

Elder track

Is it possible for every Christian to be disciplined in the local church? What are the benefits? The dangers? The challenges? The joys and challenges of one-on-one discipling as one sees the spiritual growth, the flourishing of gift, appreciation of worship, and of commitment to the local assembly. **Session 1 and 4**

Steve Andrews, an elder in the Reidsville Bible Chapel, was involved in helping to establish the assembly. Initially skeptical regarding the need for one-on-one discipleship, he is now convinced that it is crucial to the health of the local church.

Jeff Johnson is one of the elders involved in planting the assembly in Reidsville, NC. Early in his Christian life he spent two years being disciplined by Vernon Schlieff. Jeff has experienced the value and joy of discipling from both the giving and receiving ends.

108 Some Things I Have Learned—A Panel of Elders

Elder track

Gain helpful insights from the practical experiences of a shepherd's work for the Lord. Hear first-hand the joys, challenges, and responsibilities of an elder. Bring your questions. Learn how to encourage and pray for your own elders. **Session 3 and 5**

110 The Elder's Wife—Nancy Trogden

For Women Only

Is silence and submission all we have to say about the woman's role in the church? No, her service to the Lord is invaluable. From visiting the sick to entertaining the saints, find out what wives can do to encourage husbands who are in leadership. We're in this together. We each have our part as *"heirs together of the grace of life."* An elder's wife cares, shares, and bears a godly example in word and deed. She can even do something that her husband cannot. Want to know what it is? **Sessions 1 and 4**

Nancy and her husband, Rex, served the Lord in Zaire, Africa from 1983 to 1991. Since then, except for a few visits to Zaire, her ministry has been in North America. Residing in Charlotte, NC, she teaches Sunday School at Believers' Bible Chapel, is involved in ladies' studies, and is a conference speaker.

DOCTRINE

111 Christ's Design for the Church: You Can't Improve On It—Jim McCarthy

Youth track

"I'm trying to find a church, but I'm not sure what I'm looking for. I used to be dogmatic on this subject. Now I see that God uses a variety of methods." These words of a recent visitor to a West Coast assembly reflect the thinking of many Christians today. Confused, discouraged, and lacking any real convictions about the Church, they're following the philosophy of whatever works. But Christ has given us a mandate, a specific design for His Church that He expects us to follow. What is it? Where do we find it? This seminar provides the answer. **Sessions 3 and 4**

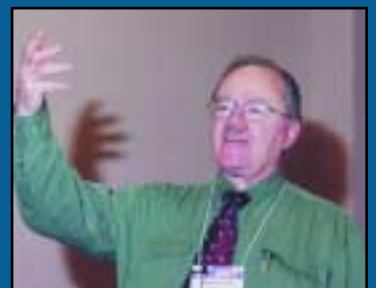
Jim McCarthy is an elder at Grace Bible Chapel, San Jose, California. Commended to the Lord's work in 1983, he is active in teaching and pastoral ministry. He is also the author of several works, including The Gospel According to Rome and the video documentary, Catholicism: Crisis of Faith.

112 Current Prophetic Issues—David Dunlap

This seminar will examine some of the current issues debated among evangelical authors and scholars. We will seek to provide aids and resources for active elders and leaders. The specific issues to be examined are: Progressive Dispensationalism, Pre-wrath Rapture, and the *"Left Behind"* book series by Timothy LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins. The seminar will also look at biblical areas of concern, such as the *"Day of the Lord,"* the Davidic reign of Christ, and salvation during the Tribulation period. It will seek to provide the theological reasoning and biblical weaknesses of these current prophetic views, and the background of the leading proponents. **Sessions 3 and 5**

David was raised in a conservative Christian home that regularly attended the assembly. He heard the gospel on numerous occasions as a youth, but it was not until he was 23 that he was saved. In 1983, David was commended by Bethel Bible Chapel

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(Middletown, NJ) to serve the Lord in Belgium. Currently David resides in Florida, working to see a new assembly established in Land O' Lakes. He is the editor of the Bible & Life Newsletter. David and Faith have three school-age children.

113 God's Sovereignty: A Fresh Cause to Worship—J. B. Nicholson

Often when the subject of divine sovereignty comes up among God's people it produces more heat than light. Rarely does it seem to lead to worship. But that is exactly what happened when the apostle Paul discussed the matter in Romans 9–11. He concludes with a paean of praise to the One who works all things after the counsel of His own will. Our understanding of doctrine should always culminate in devotion.

Sessions 1 and 6

J. B. and his wife, Louise, were commended in 1976 by the Brockview assembly in St. Catharines, ON, to the work of the Lord. The Lord has blessed the Nicholsons with seven children. Residing in Grand Rapids, MI, since 1990, "Jabe" travels extensively ministering the Word of God. He is editor of Uplook.

114 Parables of the Coming King—J. B. Nicholson

Who can doubt that the best stories in literature are found in the Bible, and that the best stories in the Bible are from the Saviour's own lips. The parables are a mine rich with hidden nuggets of truth. But they are often neglected by many afraid to interpret them, and often misunderstood by those who make the attempt. This seminar will introduce some principles for consistently interpreting the parables, specifically looking at those that speak of His present absence and His promised return. **Session 4**

See biographical sketch under the listing for Elective 113.

115 The Bible: an Orderly Revelation—Randy Amos

There is a divine pattern to God's revelation in the 66 books of our Bible. In order to "rightly divide the word of truth" it is important to appreciate where each belongs. An overview of the seven key subdivisions: the Creation—"In the beginning, God" (Gen. 1–2); the Condemnation—"Now the serpent..." (Gen. 3–11); the Covenant of Promise—"Now the Lord..." (Gen. 12–Ex. 19); the Commandments (Covenant of Law) (Ex. 19–Malachi); the Christ—"I have finished the work..." (Matthew–John); the Church (New Covenant of Grace, Acts–Jude); the Conquest (kingdom and consummation, Revelation). **Sessions 1 and 6**

Randy Amos was commended to the grace of God in 1980 to preach and teach God's living Word. For the past 22 years he has been attempting to help build up the assemblies of God's saints through preaching, teaching, and writing. His wife, Sylvia, is a faithful helpmeet to him.

116 The Blessed Hope through History—John Bjorlie

In this seminar will be discussed: 1. Progress through the centuries in the understanding of Bible prophecy 2. The setting of the revival of prophetic understanding in the 1800s. 3. The challenges to dispensationalism. Some questions to be considered include: "Is the Rapture an idea that began with J. N. Darby or has it been there all the time?" and "Was the early church expecting the tribulation or translation?" **Session 2**

John trusted Christ in 1972. Over the last twenty years he has preached the gospel in the open air on college campuses in fifteen different states. John was commended to gospel and ministry work in 1984. He is a longtime contributor to Uplook magazine. He and his wife Ann live in Grand Rapids, MI, with their nine children.

EVANGELISM

117 One-on-One and Small Group Bible Studies—Warren Henderson

Do you feel ineffective in sharing the gospel—perhaps frequently inciting arguments or finding yourself stunned by a question and left speechless? Do you have problems disciplining new converts or encouraging teens to study God's Word? Then this seminar is for you. We will begin by addressing how to share the gospel with those of differing points of view without getting into an argument. Then we will look at how to provide a spiritual nursery for new converts. We will conclude by sharing study formats and techniques, which will promote fruitful "teen" and young adult studies. **Session 3**

Warren and Brenda Henderson were commended to the grace of the Lord in 1998 by Believer's Bible Chapel in Rockford, IL. Their ministry includes teaching discipleship and leading evangelistic Bible studies, providing pastoral care of God's people, writing, and encouraging new church plants. They have four children.



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118 Opportunities for Short Term Missions—Kirk Dupre

This seminar will focus on the benefits of participating in a Short Term Experience Assisting Missionaries (STEAM). Learn of opportunities to visit foreign countries and use your spiritual gift(s) in outdoor evangelism, tract distribution, testimonials, Bible Clubs, VBS, teaching English, etc. Summer and winter teams for young people (18+), adults, and retirees. **Sessions 1 and 6**

Kirk is a director of MSC Canada and Chairman of their Relief & Development Committee. Besides helping organize and encourage assembly short term missionary participation, he has led a number of teams to developing countries. Kirk is also an elder at Rossland Road Bible Chapel, a new assembly. He and his wife make their home in Whitby, ON.

119 Reaching Muslims for Christ—Greg Croal

A biblically-based philosophy and methodology of reaching Muslims for Christ. Includes: what the central focus of the personal evangelist should be; his manner of testimony and what general principles of witness he should follow. We then will peer into the ideological fortress of Islam (Prov. 21:22; 2 Cor. 10:3-5). The six major tenets of the Islamic faith will be examined with proper biblical analyses and responses. The seminar will end with ways the personal evangelist can use the Muslim 'holy books' to point people to Christ (e.g., Acts 17:28). **Sessions 3 and 4**

Greg and his wife Heidi were commended to the Lord's work among Muslims in 1995 by Greenwood Gospel Chapel in Toronto. From 1996-1998 they were in Pakistan. Since then, they have been reaching Muslims in Toronto. The Croals will be leaving for a Muslim country next summer, Lord willing.

120 Techniques for Effective Evangelism—David Stiefler and Nate Thomas

"Uncle" Dave Stiefler and "Uncle" Nate Thomas will demonstrate the use of tricks, object lessons, and ventriloquism in the work of the gospel. Puppets, illusions, and props can draw the attention of a crowd in ways that normal preaching may not. Many of these materials will be available at the conference. **Sessions 2 and 6**

David was commended to full time service in 1959 by Blasdell Gospel Chapel, NY. About 18 weeks of each year he conducts Family Week series, using blacklit visuals. Summers are spent in camp work. The rest of the year, he ministers in the home area. His wife, Ruth, is also heavily involved with Dave in these ministries.

Nate has been director of PreTeen 3 at Camp Li-Lo-Li for 8 years. He learned ventriloquism over thirty years ago, and determined to use his talents for the Lord. Now living in Ohio and fellowshiping at Believer's Bible Chapel, Nate and his wife, April, use their puppets and voices in bringing the gospel to many community outreaches, and in the assembly.

121 The "Go" in the Gospel—Chris Schroeder

This seminar is designed to explain the motivation for reaching our world for Christ. It will include a host of practical ideas in sharing your faith. Includes how to get started, pitfalls to avoid, and helpful strategies in reaching the lost. We will also share something of our vision for the great mission field in North America. **Sessions 1 and 3**

Saved at the age of 18 as a freshman in college, Chris Schroeder has served the Lord full time for over 26 years in evangelism. He is the Executive Vice President and Director of The Ezekiel Project, Inc., an assembly organization dedicated to discipling others in evangelism and related areas. He travels widely teaching, preaching, and evangelizing. He has been married for over 27 years and has one son. The family resides in Armada, MI.

GIFT/MINISTRY

122 How to Prepare Ministry Messages—William MacDonald

In this special session for budding preachers, Mr. MacDonald will cover the basic principles of preparing a ministry message. Learn a step-by-step approach to communicating God's Word to the Lord's people. Discover the importance of structure and focus and the proper use of illustrations, humor and quotations. You will gain an understanding of the different types of messages: expository, topical, and exhortative, and the proper approach to each. Limited to 40 students. **Session 3 and 4**

William MacDonald has been involved worldwide in the spread of the Word of God through his teaching ministry. His more than eighty published works have been translated into many languages. The Believer's Bible Commentary is one of the most widely appreciated one-volume commentaries available and has sold hundreds of thousands of copies. He presently resides in California.

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123 How to Publicly Proclaim the Gospel—Charlie Tempest

Practical help for those who are asked to bring the gospel publicly to groups large and small. Charlie will guide participants through practical pointers in preparing and delivering a gospel message. **Session 5**

Charlie Tempest is an elder at the Brockview Bible Chapel in St. Catharines, ON. A millwright at General Motors, Charlie travels throughout southern Ontario, preaching on most weekends.

124 Make Full Proof of Your Ministry—Joe Mikhael**Youth track**

Paul encouraged Timothy to make full use of his gift and life in serving his dear Lord. Are you making “full” proof of your ministry? The only appropriate response to our Lord’s work at Calvary is a life of complete devotion to Him. However, we so often serve the Lord reluctantly, and with baskets half empty. In this seminar, we will examine biblical principles to break out of mediocrity to serve the Lord more fully with our minds, hearts, and actions. **Session 1 and 6**

Joe completed medical school in 1997 and is currently specializing in Hematology (blood diseases and cancers) at the Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto. He is currently pursuing a Masters degree in Education and is involved in clinical research. He seeks to serve the Lord in public ministry in North America, with considerable time spent in youth work. He and his wife, Heather, have been married for four years and are in fellowship at Greenwood Gospel Chapel in Toronto.

125 Opportunities and Dangers in Web Ministry—Panel Discussion

The internet presents tremendous opportunities to reach out with the gospel. How can I venture out on to this field? What are the dangers I may face? What have others done successfully? Our panel of experienced web missionaries will give you guidance. **Session 6**

126 Prayer in the Life of the Believer and the Assembly—Jim Paul

Are you struggling in your Christian life? Are you getting through school, college, university? Are you running a home and raising children? Are you facing pressures in assembly life? Are you so busy in the service of the Lord? Do you take time to pray? This seminar considers the need for prayer in our lives and some helps to a regular prayer life. **Session 2 and 4**

Jim and his wife, Elizabeth, were commended from Scotland in 1981 and for the past 15 years have been serving the Lord in the Ottawa Valley. Jim also travels in preaching and teaching the Word of God across Ontario and elsewhere as the Lord leads.

PERSONAL/DEVOTIONAL**127 How to Study the Bible (2 parts)—Mike Attwood****Youth track**

There is nothing quite as thrilling as discovering truth for yourself from God’s Word. This seminar will teach different approaches to studying the Bible, key distinctions in the Word, how to file and keep your findings, how to use various study tools such as Vine’s Dictionary, concordances and Bible dictionaries as well as electronic study tools. The goal of the seminar is to launch the attendee on a lifetime of personal Bible study and discovery. An excellent booklet will be provided for those who take the seminar. **Session 2 and 3**

Mike was born in England. He has been in the Lord’s work since 1984, serving with New Tribes Mission for 6 years. He, along with his wife, Anne-Marie, came into assembly fellowship in 1989. They worked as missionaries in Ireland from 1990-98. Since August ’98 Mike has been involved in itinerant preaching in North America. They reside with their 5 children in Washington, GA.

128 An Introduction to Bible Software—To be Announced

Are you missing out on one of the greatest Bible study tools developed since Strong’s Concordance? Would you like to add a new dimension to your studies of God’s Word? Learn how a Bible software program can help you discover new riches in God’s inexhaustible storehouse. This introduction to Bible software is designed to gently introduce you to the sometimes confusing world of technology. The programs demonstrated will also be available in the conference Computer Room for you to try out. **Session 5**

129 Resisting Worldliness, Pursuing Godliness—James Hull**Youth track**

The unseen heart defines itself by the object of its love and attention. Worldliness bleeds us to death slowly, but there is an explosive and expulsive power in a fresh and deeper affection for our Saviour. Let’s live life with no regrets! *“For he that soweth to*



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his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting” (Gal 6:8). Practical discussions on how to avoid worldly attitudes and actions. Topics include: Use of time, music and entertainment, relationships, money and possessions, etc. **Sessions 1 and 4**

A native and resident of Colorado where he is in the land development and general contracting business, James ministers occasionally at conferences and camps throughout North America. He has held Bible studies for university students for many years and often takes young people to encourage assemblies in the Western US.

130 Searching the Scriptures: A Woman’s Perspective—Anne Barnett

For Women Only

To know God’s Word and hide it in the heart is the privilege and responsibility of every believer—young and old, men and women. In it are contained “*all things that pertain to life and godliness.*” Bible study changes us as the Holy Spirit teaches us what God is like. Then we can know the Father and Son, to love them; we may sympathize with the purposes of God to better serve Him; we may have the mind of Christ to be like Him. Women have the unique role of training children and younger women. We must learn before we can teach.

Session 2 and 5

Saved as a teenager, Anne has had the privilege and joy of ministering to women and children for many years in Sunday School, coffee hours, Bible studies, Vacation Bible School, discipling, and door-to-door work. A widow since 1980, she lives with her youngest daughter and fellowships at the Markham assembly. She has five other married children and fifteen grandchildren.

131 Strategies for Personal Victory (Understanding Romans 6-8)—Roy Hill

There are no more pivotal passages in the Bible to teach the secrets of victory in the Christian life. This seminar will examine this section under the following questions: What shall we say then? (6:1). Are we under sin? (ch. 6). Are we under law? (ch. 7). Are we under the influence? (ch. 8). What shall we then say? (8:32).

Session 6

From Bristol, England, Roy Hill travels widely teaching the Word of God in Britain, Western Europe and North America. Despite a busy professional life as CEO of the British Printing Industries Federation, he serves as chairman for Precious Seed Publications, directs Christian Year Publications, and is a board member of Uplook Ministries. He is an elder in the assembly at Pensford Gospel Hall, near Bristol. He and his wife Margaret have five children and four grandchildren.

132 The Middle Age Crisis—Willie Burnett

Middle age is a time when many face critical decisions that will determine how they will live for God or otherwise in the remaining days of their lives. Some reach this point with a sense of disappointment and discouragement that they have failed to meet expectations spiritually. This can lead to two situations: those who will throw in the towel, and sit on the benches spiritually for the rest of their lives; those who will take stock and make adjustments that will lead to a more productive spiritual life than ever before, so that they can end the race with joy. This seminar will discuss this critical phase, and how to handle the pressures of business which seem to climax in middle age, and which can threaten our usefulness for God.

Session 1

See biographical sketch under the listing for Elective 101.

PRACTICAL LIFE

133 Living for Christ in the World of Business—Roy Hill

Includes a survey of the following areas: the Charge—I need to work; the Choices—business, academia, the professions, the Lord’s Work, corporate, the small business, family business, self-employed; the Commitment—to shareholders, management, employees, customers; the Conflicts—loyalty, time, ethics, family, assembly, the Lord’s Work; and the Challenges—when to say ‘no,’ when to witness, when to withdraw.

Session 2

See biographical sketch under the listing for Elective 132.

134 Stress, Worry, Anxiety and God’s Prescription—Madge Beckon

For Women Only

As women in today’s culture, we are faced with multiple demands of family, friends, church activities, and perhaps home schooling or work. These demands create a snare of busyness, anxiety, and stress which can readily give Satan a foothold in our lives without our awareness. It is a constant spiritual battle. This seminar will compare societal coping strategies to God’s Word. We will discuss how to reduce stress and honor God by putting His solutions into practice.

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Madge, saved at 10, married Gifford at 21, and sailed for China at 24. Expelled by the Communists two years later, they settled in Japan and raised three daughters. She served the Lord there for thirty-eight years (the last thirteen alone due to Gifford's death). Madge retired in 1987 and moved to Denver, where she continues Bible classes for Japanese women.

135 The Servant's Life—Harold Summers

I am not a preacher or an evangelist. I have not been called to go to the foreign mission field. What is my place in the service of God? What can I do with my life to accomplish something for God? **Session 5**

Harold has been active in the Lord's work in the Vancouver area for many years, serving in oversight, preaching, youth work, and home Bible studies. He worked in government and the forest products industry prior to entering the real estate business.

136 Women in the Workplace: Representing Christ in the Public Sphere—Ruth Schwertfeger For Women Only

This seminar will focus on the implications for Christian women who, while recognizing the centrality of the home, have gone to work beyond its security. We shall consider how we can prepare our hearts in private for all human encounters—at home or beyond: preparations for the heart that Christ Himself taught before His words: *"Let us go hence"* (thoughts from The Upper Room); priorities that reconcile internal and external tensions (thoughts from 1 Pet. 3); the privilege of representing Christ publicly as a woman yielded to the paradox, *"When I am weak, then I am strong"* (2 Cor. 12:10). **Sessions 3 and 6**

Ruth Schwertfeger fellowships at Wauwatosa Bible Chapel, WI, where her husband Fred is an elder. Mother of two adult children, Ruth is Professor of German in her home state. She has published articles and books on German literature and the Holocaust. She is currently writing a book on the German occupation of France.

RELATIONS/FAMILY

137 Enjoying Your Children's Teenage Years—Art and Debbie Auld

Perhaps the largest group to never be mentioned in Scripture, teenagers can either be enjoyed as a most wonderful gift from God, or can make a person's life miserable. A few insights from parents who have raised three teenagers and lived to tell about it. We will discuss teens in the home, in the church, and in the world. **Session 4**

Art and Debbie, from Ashtabula, OH, were commended to the Lord's work in 1993. Their ministry includes itinerant preaching, camp work, and public school Bible clubs. Art serves on the board of Uplook Ministries.

138 Raising Spiritual Children—Warren Henderson

A Christian family is not mysteriously realized when all family members have Christ dwelling in their hearts, but rather when the whole family is pursuing the heart of God. This seminar provides ideas for stimulating your children's spiritual growth and devotion for the Saviour. Subjects included: family devotions, quiet times, learning to worship, learning to give of self, family ministry ideas, and how to encourage your children to be functional in the local assembly. **Session 6**

See biographical sketch under the listing for Elective 118.

139 Pre-Marriage and Marriage Relationships—John and Bobbie Heller

Youth Track

Aspects of relationships that a young man and woman should consider before marriage. What should you look for in another's life outside of romance? What characteristics are key to finding a mate pleasing to God? How can I be prepared by the Lord for marriage if it is His will for me? How to deal with problems in a relationship, pitfalls, myths that we have concerning relationships—coming to terms with reality. **Sessions 2 and 5**

John and Bobbie Heller were commended to full-time ministry in 1986 from East Tulsa Bible Chapel. John has been involved in camp work, conference speaking, marriage counseling, and shepherding. In 1998, they were commended to the work of the Lord in Little Rock, AR. Bobbie has worked alongside John in these ministries and also has participated in conference speaking. They have three grown children, one of whom is now married; all share in the work in Little Rock.

You can be sure that these men and women given the responsibility for leading these electives and speaking in the plenary sessions desire your prayers for them as they seek to prepare both their hearts and subject matter. We look to the Lord to exhort, equip, encourage, and embolden us to take up the challenge until the Lord takes us up.



Other Helpful Information



The majority of North American assemblies are located within a 500-mile radius of Indianapolis, Indiana. For most, the trip would be less than a day's journey. In the table to the right are a few examples of distances:

Atlanta	578	Memphis	486
Chicago	185	Minneapolis	607
Dallas	877	New York	797
Detroit	286	St. Louis	244
Denver	1,088	Toronto	565
Kansas City	452	Washington DC	631

Indianapolis is centrally located in the heart of the Midwest. Often referred to as the "Crossroads of America," Indianapolis is intersected by more segments of interstate highway than any other metropolitan area: I-69, I-70, I-74, I-65 and I-465. More than half of the nation's population lives within a day's drive of Indianapolis. Complimentary parking is available at a lot near to the hotel. Various assemblies are organizing buses from different parts of the country. Check our website for details.

Indianapolis International Airport, a short 10 minute drive from the downtown area, is served by 18 different airlines. Louisville (SDF) and Cincinnati (CVG) airports are both about 100 miles away. Uplook is currently negotiating a group discount with certain airlines. When an arrangement is finalized, details will be posted on the conference website.

The Indianapolis Marriott Downtown is a brand new, state-of-the-art hotel/convention center located in the heart of the city. It is joined to the newly expanded Indiana Convention Center where some of the elective sessions will be held. This is Indianapolis' largest convention hotel, with 615 deluxe guest rooms. Additional amenities include a health club, indoor pool, whirlpool, business center, full service restaurant and room service. It is conveniently located within walking distance of the State Capitol, Circle Center Mall, Victory Field, Indiana Historical Society, White River State Park, Conseco Fieldhouse and the Children's and Eiteljorg museums, not to mention hundreds of restaurants. If you wish to arrive a few days early or stay on in Indianapolis after Rise Up and Work has concluded, the Marriott will extend to you the conference rate. Contact our office for details.



Exhibits: We expect to have over 20 different organizations exhibiting at Rise Up and Work. These include mission organizations, camps, and other entities. Learn how you can get involved in different aspects of the Lord's work.

Book Room: Gospel Folio Press will again provide a large selection of books, Bibles and music at discount prices for attendees. Tapes will be available of the ministry from this conference as well as selected sessions from previous "Rise Up" conferences.

Computer Center: A room will be set aside for attendees to try various Bible software packages. If you are a computer novice, staff will be on hand to introduce you to the marvels of computer assisted Bible study. As well, there will be access to the Internet so you can discover the ministry resources available on the web. Computer geeks, take note! The computer room is meant for rookies, to provide a non-threatening environment for learning how computers can assist them in their ministry and Bible study.

Birds of a Feather Sessions: We will designate a time and place for people who share common interests to network with others of like mind. A facilitator will be present to start things rolling, but after that, it is whatever you make of it. Some that we are planning include: Emmaus correspondence course ministry, prison ministry, children's evangelism, computer Bible study, web ministry, and writing. However, we are open to additional suggestions. Also, if you would be willing to facilitate any of the above, please contact Kevin Shantz at the Uplook office (kevin@uplook.org).

Choir: At each of the conferences we have put together an amateur choir from among the attendees. If you love to sing, but rarely have a chance to join together with others of like talent, this is your opportunity.

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Conference Fees and Costs

The **Rise Up** conferences are not convened to make a profit. The fees charged do not fully cover our costs in putting on these events. We are grateful to various individuals and assemblies that have donated money to help cover the costs of previous conferences. It was only because of those donations that we were able to “break even” on the conferences.

For **Rise Up and Work '01** we are going to carry this policy one step further. We have set the conference fees lower than the last conference to try to make it affordable for those on lower incomes. But in order to make those funds up, we are asking those who are able, to make a donation towards the overhead costs of the conference. Overhead includes travel costs and fellowship for the speakers, accommodation at the conference for the speakers and some staff, audio-visual costs, etc. Any donations towards these costs are greatly appreciated. A financial statement afterwards will be available on request.

CONFERENCE FEES		
Occupancy	Fee	After Oct 1
Single	285	305
Double	175	195
Triple	145	165
Quad	115	135
Commuter	79	99

All amounts are per person and are expressed in US funds.

In exchange for the above conference fees, you receive the following:

- Three nights' accommodation
- Access to all conference sessions
- A comprehensive conference syllabus containing copies of the notes for every seminar
- An opening night reception
- A grand banquet on the evening of December 28 in the Marriott Ballroom

No meals are included except for the banquet. An optional meal ticket is available (see below).

The Commuter option is for the benefit of attendees living in the Indianapolis area and includes all of the above except the hotel accommodation.

The Fine Print: All prices are per person in US funds and include all relevant taxes. Incidental charges—phone calls, room service, etc., are your responsibility. When you check in at the Marriott, you will be asked to provide a credit card or small refundable cash deposit to cover these charges.

MEAL OPTIONS:

Full meal ticket (\$76.00) includes breakfast, lunch and dinner on Dec. 27, breakfast and lunch on Dec. 28 and breakfast on Dec. 29. Dinner on Dec. 28 is the banquet, already included in registration fee.

Partial meal ticket (\$51.00): Same as the full meal ticket, except breakfasts are not included.

No meal ticket: You are responsible for obtaining your own meals at local restaurants, except for the banquet. There are many restaurants in close proximity to the hotel. Eating establishments in the convention center are easily accessible through the enclosed walkway system.



Registration Information

How to register:

1. On the internet: <http://www.risework.com>. You will complete an online form similar to the one to the right. Payment by credit card is required. This is the preferred method. You will receive immediate confirmation by e-mail that your registration has been received.

2. By fax (616-456-5522) or by mail (Rise Up & Work, P.O. Box 3640, Grand Rapids, MI 49501-3640): Complete and detach the registration form. If paying by check or money order, payment in full in US dollars must be included. Checks should be made payable to "Uplook Ministries."

Deferred payment option—credit card payment only. If you choose this option, we will charge your card upon receipt of your registration for 50% of the total due, 25% on Sep. 30, 2001 and the balance on Nov. 30, 2001.

Register by Sep. 30 to avoid the late registration surcharge! The deadline for registration is Dec. 15, 2001.

Roommates:

We will try to accommodate all roommate requests. To ensure that you receive your requested roommates, please submit all registrations forms together. Please ensure that everyone in the room requests the same roommates.

If you would like us to assign you a roommate(s), please write "assign" in the space indicated on the registration form. Double and quad occupancy only.

Children:

We recommend that parents leave young children at home as there are no children's meetings or nursery service provided at the conference. However, we understand that for some that is not desirable or possible. Accordingly we have established the following policies and charges for children attending Rise Up & Work.

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| Ages 13 to 17 | These children must register as a regular attendee and are expected to attend the conference sessions. A parent or guardian must sign the consent form at the bottom of the registration form. |
| Ages 2 to 12 | Provided the child is in the same room as his or her parents, the fee is \$15 per child (includes the banquet meal). The child must be under the care and supervision of their parents at all times. |
| Under age 2 | No charge. |

Hotel and local fire regulations limit the number of people that can stay in one room. Parents with large families should contact the Uplook office regarding arrangements and applicable charges.

Note: When determining the conference fee, do not count the children who are 12 and under in considering the occupancy. For example, a husband and wife with two children under the age of 13, would each pay the double occupancy fee plus \$30.

Cancellation Policy:

Prior to October 1, 2001:

- If all people in a room cancel, the cancellation fee is \$20 per person.
- If you cancel out of a room with other people, the cancellation fee is \$20 IF you find someone else to take your place in that room and your roommates are willing to accept the change. The substitute must submit a completed registration form with the full fee for that occupancy level. When we receive their registration, we will issue a refund of your registration fee less the \$20 cancellation fee.
- IF you do not arrange a substitute, the cancellation fee is \$100. For example, if one person cancels out of a quad occupancy room and does not arrange a substitute, the cancellation fee will be \$100 and the room will remain with three people in it.

From October 1 to December 15, 2001:

- \$40 per person if a substitute is arranged; \$120 if you do not arrange a substitute.

After December 15, 2001:

- No refunds will be provided, except under exceptional circumstances.

RISE UP & WORK
"Occupy till I come"

"And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching" (Heb 10:24-25).



"Occupy till I come"

Registration Form

Reg #: _____
Paid: _____
Room #: _____
for office use only

Phone: 616-456-9166
Fax: 616-456-5522
E-mail: risework@uplook.org
Website: <http://www.risework.com>

Rise Up and Work
P.O. Box 3640
Grand Rapids, MI 49501-3640
USA

APPLICANT INFORMATION

First Name *(as it will appear on name badge)* _____ Last Name _____

Spouse's Name *(if attending)* _____

Children *(12 years of age and younger, if attending)*

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____

State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____ Country _____

Telephone Number *(daytime)* _____ E-mail Address _____

Gender: Male ☐ Female ☐ Age Under 18 ☐ 18-30 ☐ 31-50 ☐ 51-70 ☐ Over 70 ☐

In case of emergency, who should we contact?

Name _____ Phone Number _____

If you have any disabilities, physical limitations, or special dietary needs, please explain:

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

What room occupancy would you like?

(Rates are per person and are in US dollars)

After Sept 30, 2001 add \$20 per person!

Quad (\$115) ☐

Triple (\$145) ☐

Double (\$175) ☐

Single (\$285) ☐

Commuter (\$79) ☐

Roommates Requested

All registrants requesting specific roommates must submit their applications together. If you want us to assign you a roommate(s) write "assign."

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Conference Fees:

Applicant *(enter amount from left)* _____

Spouse *(if applicable)* _____

Children *(if applicable)* _____

\$15 x _____

Meal Tickets:

Adults

Full ☐

\$76

x _____

Partial ☐

51

x _____

Children

Full ☐

60

x _____

Partial ☐

43

x _____

Donation towards conference expenses

(see note on Page M)

Total Amount _____

Payment Method:

☐ Check/money order enclosed

☐ Visa, Mastercard or Discover/Novus

☐ Deferred payment option

Card # _____

Expiry _____

Signature _____



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ELECTIVE CHOICES

(Please indicate elective number and title)

APPLICANT

#	Title
Session #1	_____
Session #2	_____
Session #3	_____
Session #4	_____
Session #5	_____
Session #6	_____

SPOUSE

#	Title
Session #1	_____
Session #2	_____
Session #3	_____
Session #4	_____
Session #5	_____
Session #6	_____

In consideration for being allowed to participate in Rise Up and Work and associated activities, I voluntarily and personally assume responsibility for my actions, and release Uplook Ministries, Inc., its directors, employees, and agents (hereafter UMI) from loss or injury to myself or my property; provided that nothing contained herein shall excuse UMI from responsibility to act with reasonable care for my health and safety. Should any dispute arise, I agree to seek resolution according to biblical principles under the auspices of the Association of the Christian Conciliation Service.

Applicant's Signature _____

Date _____

If applicant is under the age of 18: I, the parent or guardian of the above named Applicant, give my voluntary consent to the above release. I authorize health professionals arranged for by UMI to use their best judgment in administering treatment for minor illnesses and/or first aid as they deem appropriate.

Parent or Guardian's signature _____

Date _____

OTHER INFORMATION

(Optional)

DEMOGRAPHIC

Previous conferences attended:

- ☐ Mission 93 (Cincinnati)
- ☐ Rise Up and Build 95 (Lexington)
- ☐ Rise Up and Build 97 (Dearborn)
- ☐ Rise & Shine 99 (Cincinnati)

Name of local church _____

- ☐ Interested in participating in the choir

Interested in being a volunteer? *(we will contact you with details)*

- ☐ Bookroom
- ☐ Seminar co-ordination
- ☐ Ushering
- ☐ Registration *(must be arriving early)*
- ☐ Wherever I am needed

Suggestion for a "Birds of a Feather" session (see Page L)

Vessels in the World

Participants at the Vessels in the World 2001 Conference in Baldwin City, Kansas, would agree that one word described its content and spirit: "Challenging." To paraphrase one attendee, "I didn't just learn more, I was challenged to be changed."

This was the third in a series of "Vessels" conferences organized by the East Tulsa Bible Chapel. The first conference in 1999, Vessels of Honor, challenged us to be moldable, clean and useful to our Master. The Vessels in the House 2000 theme challenged us to service within the local assembly. This year's conference furthered these themes by challenging us to spread the gospel throughout world. We were exhorted to personal holiness, to be God-honoring vessels in His service.

The main sessions and seminars stirred everyone's heart to take responsibility for advancing God's kingdom on earth. Rather than settling down and just living in Christian comfort, the 175+ attendees determined to go into action. These changed vessels were willing to be poured out into the world and serve their Saviour. We immediately had the opportunity to put our faith into practice by assisting the Baldwin City saints in door-to-door work.

If the challenge ended there, it would have been enough. We were thankful for the saints in whom God has done so much. In addition, there was warm fellowship, stories of spiritual growth, and encouragement from one another to lead lives worthy of our Saviour.

We departed from the conference united in our commitment to obey His command. Our hearts were compelled to spread the gospel and make disciples even to the ends of the earth. May we all be willing vessels in the Master's hand. See you next year, Lord willing!

—contributed by an attendee

YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE

A young adult conference is planned for Aug. 17-19, 2001 at Westside Bible Chapel in Wichita, KS. Tom Taylor (PA) is invited to minister the Word. All are welcome for a weekend of blessing.

Darold Peters 316-943-3334
darold.peters@juno.com

FELLOWSHIP FAMILY CAMP

Fellowship Family Camp will be held this year again in the majestic Rocky Mountains near Estes Park. The dates are Aug. 19-23. Contact:

Susan Moreno
240 48th Ave.
Greeley, CO 80634
970-356-0817 or 970-351-0570

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Pine Bush Bible Camp (NY) is planning a Men's Bible Seminar, Aug. 26-30. Randy Amos will lead an intensive study in Matthew entitled, "The King and His Kingdom."

For more information, contact:

Charles Myers 732-341-7669
c.speedy@gateway.net

YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE

The sponsoring assembly is Horse Lake Christian Fellowship in 100 Mile House, BC. The title of the conference will be, "Lord, What do You Want Me to Do?" The subject will be spiritual gifts. The location will be the Best Western 108 Resort Conference Centre near 100 Mile House. Speakers invited are Donald Norbie (CO) and Jack Spender (CT). Pre-conference seminars will be held on Saturday evening (Sep. 1) and plenary sessions on Sunday and Monday (Sep. 2 and 3). Contact:

Don Street 250-395-4230
hlcf2cor4v5@bcinternet.net

GOLDEN GATHERING

Saints gathered at Golden Bible Chapel in Golden, TX invite you to the third annual conference (the weekend after Labor Day: Friday, Sep. 7–Sunday, Sep. 9). All meetings

will be held at the Mineola Civic Center in Mineola, TX. The expected speakers are Rowan Jennings (BC) and Glen Lightfoot (KS).

RSVP to:

Bryan Hughes
812 Laylon Ave.
Henderson, TX 75652
903-657-5065

LADIES' MISSIONARY CONF.

Challenge 2001 is the annual Toronto Ladies' Missionary Conference to be held Sep. 29 at Don Valley Bible Chapel from 9:30 to 3 PM. A special program for girls aged 6–14 runs concurrently. Speakers are expected from France, Turkey, and Mexico as well as short term reports. Further information and requests for hospitality, contact:

Sheila Henderson 416-784-3981
sheilahknow@idirect.com

NC LADIES' CONFERENCE

The 50th Annual North Carolina Ladies' Missionary Conference will

be held Oct. 6, 2001, at North Raleigh Chapel (5421 Six Forks Rd., Raleigh, NC).

The conference is scheduled to begin at 9:00 with registration and refreshments. The morning session will be at 10:00, followed by lunch and the afternoon session.

Invited speakers are Mrs. Charles (Holly) Wooler, Honduras and Mrs. Fred (Jenny) Kosin, South Carolina and overseas. Contact:

Mrs. Marvin Whitt
4836 Green Tunnel Lane
Raleigh, NC 27613
919-847-0861

YOUTH CONFERENCE IN WI

A youth conference is planned for teens, ages 13 and up, at Country Bible Church, Casco, WI, on Saturday, September 22. John Glock (TN) has been invited as the main speaker. The conference will begin at 10:00 AM and will conclude at 5:00 PM. An evening activity is also planned.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided at the chapel. All teens in Wisconsin and the surrounding states are invited to attend. There is no charge for the conference. Overnight accommodations are available for Friday and Saturday. Those planning to attend should notify:

Mark Dhuey
N5938 Birchwood Circle
Luxemburg, WI 54217
920-845-5656
or
Dan Doran
N6164 Apple Court
Casco, WI 54205
920-837-2418
doran@itol.com

ADIRONDACK ANNUAL

Make plans now to attend a special Fall get-away scheduled DV for Monday, Sep. 24 through

Friday, Sep. 28, 2001. Dr. Dan Smith (IA) will be ministering the Word for this annual gathering to be held at Camp-of-the-Woods, a conference facility located in the scenic Adirondack region of New York State. The cost of \$265 per person includes meals, deluxe accommodations, and special event fees.

For more information:
gospelcom.net/knowtheword
e-mail: honeyrock@juno.com.

To register, send fully refundable amount (no later than Sep. 17) made payable to Honeyrock Ministries Inc., and mail to:

Mark Kolchin
P. O. Box 305
Lanoka Harbor, NJ 08734

CONFERENCE IN SPRING HILL

The assembly in Westbrook, Maine (Spring Hill Gospel Hall, 225 Spring St.) extends an invita-

tion to those in the area to attend their conference Oct. 6-7.

The expected speakers are Clark McClelland (NC) and David Dunlap (FL).

LADIES' FALL RETREAT

The 4th Annual Fall Retreat at Camp Hope (Dahlongega, GA) is scheduled for Oct. 12-14. Dr. Ruth Schwertfeger will be the keynote speaker, and there will also be seminars on various topics offered on Saturday. Contact:

Tammy Crooks
864-224-6918
tcrooks4@juno.com

50TH ANNIVERSARY

The saints that meet at Loch Hill Chapel (Baltimore, MD) will celebrate their 50th anniversary Oct. 12 (7:00) and 13 (10:00 and 2:00). Tom Taylor has been invited to speak on the theme, "A

Short Term Mission August 18-25, 2001 with L'assemblée Chrétienne Jonquière, Quebec, Canada



There is a desire to see a new work started in the city of Alma, Quebec, where at the present there is only one small denominational church. A few believers already come to the assembly in Jonquière from the Alma area.

Come and enjoy the following:

- * Daily distribution of Seed Sowers' John 3:16 texts in the city of Alma and surrounding villages (total population of 50,000—15,000 mail boxes)
- * Meet new friends, both French and English speaking
- * Bible study, prayer, and singing each morning
- * Sports, activities, and relaxation in the afternoon
- * Campfire, testimonies, and singing each evening
- * Bed and meals provided at Camp Brochet
- * Arrive by car, bus, train, or air (Bagotville)

For information and/or registration, contact:

Donald Cox
4026, des Outardes
Jonquière, Quebec G7X 9B4
Phone: 418-542-5092
E-mail: lizdon3@juno.com

Vision for the Future." Dinner will be served on Saturday. RSVP.

If you have any memories or photos of the assembly over the years, please send them to:

Dick Ward
4018 Schroeder Ave.
Perry Hall, MD 21128
410-529-8637

MT. HERMON CONFERENCE

The annual Pacific Coast Christian Conference will be held Oct. 8-12 at the Mt. Hermon Conference Center (75 miles south of San Francisco, CA, amid the redwoods in the Santa Cruz mountains). The conference begins with dinner Monday evening and ends Friday morning. Speakers: John Williams (BC) and James Cochrane (BC).

Max Krieger 323-256-1992
maxnbethk@juno.com

WOMEN'S ADVANCE

The 12th annual Women's Advance will convene, Lord willing, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 26 and 27 at the Holiday Inn Southwest (Viking), St. Louis, MO. Joyce Barinowski will again share from the Word. Enjoy the ministry and fellowship. Bring a friend. Accommodations for Saturday night for out-of-town guests will be provided by area assemblies. Contact Mary Walter:

314-434-8055 or 314-837-0354

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Christian Radio

Good News Network, Appling, GA, needs a person for morning and afternoon live programming in Spanish and English. Primary work would be for the three Spanish radio station network and some for the 12 English radio station network.

Clarence Barinowski
800-926-4669
ctbarinowski@home.net

Maintenance Worker

Greenwood Hills Bible Conferences & Camps currently has an opening in the maintenance department. General maintenance skills required with an emphasis on carpentry preferred. A strong commitment to NT principles of gathering essential and the ability to work well with others necessary.

Scott Blair
717-352-2150
sblair@greenwoodhills.org

Teacher in Christian School

The LOGOS School of English Education in Limassol, Cyprus, requires a teacher of Physics to "A" level standard for Sep. 1, 2001.

The candidate must be born again with a university degree in physics and classroom experience. Contact:

Mr. Peter Ross, Principal
P. O. Box 51075,
3501 Limassol, CYPRUS
Phone: 00 357 5 336650

The Limassol Gospel Hall gathers to the Name of the Lord at Logos School's assembly hall.

ASSEMBLY ADDRESS CHANGE

Fellowship Chapel
2100 22nd Street
Greeley, CO 80631

COMMENDATIONS OR CHANGE OF STATUS

Stephen and Alison Yuille

The Christians at Markham Bible Chapel (Markham, ON) are recommending Stephen and Alison Yuille to Christian ministry and service based in North America. Stephen and Alison have recently returned from Portugal where they served the Lord in a teaching ministry among the assemblies. They now believe the Lord is leading them to serve primarily in Canada. Stephen has accepted a teaching position at Kawartha Lakes Bible College which will become full-time in Sep.

2001. As well, he is engaged in ministering the Word at various assemblies on the weekends. Stephen, Alison and their daughter will be living in Peterborough, ON.

J. David Moffatt

The elders of New Smyrna Bible Chapel (New Smyrna Beach, FL) take much joy in commending David Moffatt to the work of the Lord among prisoners, youth offenders and their families. In addition to jail and prison visitation and chaplaincy work, he will be laboring with Project Turning Point, an innovative crime intervention and "turn-around" program.

Warren and Florence Dunham

The Dunhams were commended for many years to the Lord's work by assemblies in Chicago in fellowship with Norwood Gospel Chapel (Chicago, IL). The saints at Norwood want to show their support for the work that Warren and Florence are involved in for the Lord at Lake Geneva Youth Camp and at Lake Geneva Bible Chapel, as well as with Korean Americans.

Joshua Miekley

Northern Hills Bible Chapel (Cincinnati, OH) is pleased to announce the commendation of Joshua Miekley to the grace of God for His work in Albania. Joshua has been prayerfully considering working alongside brother George Sturm in Albania since last August.

Joshua grew up in the assembly in Cincinnati, then attended Wheaton College, graduating last spring. Joshua stimulated the assembly to start a Wednesday night Kids' Bible Club. Many have come to know the Lord as Saviour as a result.

David Beetham

The believers at Oakwood Bible Chapel (Windsor, ON) commend to

the work of the Lord David Beetham. As a young brother David has demonstrated his faithfulness and service to the Lord. He will be involved in a one-year internship at Bair Lake Bible Camp (Jones, MI) from May 2, 2001 to May 1, 2002.

Rex and Nancy Trogon

The saints at Believer's Bible Chapel (Charlotte, NC) add their commendation of Rex and Nancy to the work of the Lord.

They were commended in 1983 to the Lord's work in DR Congo. Since their return in 1991 and their recommendation at home in 1993, they have ministered faithfully in the local assembly and throughout the US and Canada. Their labor is already showing the Lord's blessing as they minister in Believer's Bible Chapel.

Mike and Anne-Marie Attwood

The Christians gathering to the name of the Lord Jesus Christ in Washington, GA wish to join the Christians at Grace Gospel Chapel (St. Petersburg, FL) in commending Mike and Anne-Marie to the Lord's work on a full-time basis.

Mike is a gifted Bible teacher and gospel preacher, who has a sincere desire to build up New Testament assemblies in North America and further afield. His ministry to the assembly and at Word Alive Southeast has shown he is capable of rightly dividing the Word of Truth.

Mike and Anne-Marie formerly labored in the Republic of Ireland from Jan. 1991 to Aug. 1998. They have resided in Washington with their five children for about eighteen months, and will continue to make this their home base.

Dr. Boushra Mikhael

After serving the Lord for many years as an elder at Rideauview

Bible Chapel (Ottawa, ON), Dr. Boushra Mikhael will be giving more time to the ministry of God's Word according to His directions.

While serving on the oversight, Boushra was involved in teaching the Word, counseling, leading Bible studies, serving on numerous conference committees and being a leader in the assembly.

Boushra and his wife Nadia direct the family camp at Galilee Bible Camp and together they are known for their hospitality and care for the saints. They also have gained the respect of the believers in the Ottawa Valley and elsewhere. Based on his own conviction and facing the prospect of being away more frequently, Boushra has asked to be relieved of official oversight responsibilities but is willing, as available, to help in many of the functions in which he has participated over the years.

Dan Hotchkiss

Dan was saved after high school in Stratford, IA through an outreach of Countryside Bible Chapel. Anxious to serve the Lord, Dan has faithfully labored at Story Book Christian Camp for seventeen years. He is a capable youth leader and adult Bible teacher. He has been tutored by Ben Tuininga and Bill Howell at Story Book.

The assembly at Countryside Bible Chapel in Stratford, IA commend Dan to service for the Lord.

Bob Woolsey

Bob is a gifted Bible teacher and for many years was faithful in Christian radio ministry at Boone, IA. He now labors for the Lord at Countryside Bible Chapel, where his knowledge of the Word is greatly appreciated. Recent improvement in his health has encouraged an expanded ministry.

Bill Moore

As a child, Bill attended Harrison Gospel Chapel in Davenport, IA. As a college student, he profited from godly teaching at Downing Avenue Gospel Chapel in Waterloo, IA. He has served as an elder in Cedar Rapids Bible Chapel (Cedar Rapids, IA), Gateway Bible Chapel (Fulton, IL), Keystone Bible Chapel (Omaha, NE) and Westside Assembly (Colorado Springs, CO).

Bill serves the Lord as a Bible teacher, camp worker and personal worker. He currently serves on the Emmaus Bible College Board of Directors. He retired this year after thirty-seven years in public school teaching and administration. He welcomes the opportunity to serve the Lord full-time. The saints at Countryside Bible Chapel (Stratford, IA) commend Bill and his wife, Carol, to the Lord and to this work.

Larry Ball

The saints at Tavistock Bible Chapel (Tavistock, ON) are pleased to commend Larry Ball to the work of New Life Prison Ministries. Larry has been active in the assembly, especially among the youth. Over the past few years he has devoted an increasing amount of time to help in the Emmaus correspondence work of New Life. The number of courses to be marked, and the counseling and help the students need has reached the point that Larry is now required on a full-time basis. The assembly believes that Larry has been especially fitted for this type of ministry.

Larry and Desi have three children and frequently open their home and hearts to foster children.

Michael and Lorena Campo

The elders and saints of Oak Forest Bible Chapel withdraw the commendation of Michael and Lorena Campo to the work of church

planting and itinerant preaching. They are no longer ministering in this capacity and have taken a position with another assembly in the Chicago area.

Alfred Young

The assembly at Lake Park Chapel (Belle Chasse, LA) is withdrawing their commendation after ten years. This action does not reduce their love for Alfred—they will continue to pray for his ministry at Faith Bible Church.

ASSEMBLY INFORMATION

Iowa City, IA

Milo Vande Krol (IA) writes: “Recently my wife and I had occasion to visit and minister at a small assembly on the college campus of the University of Iowa in Iowa City, IA. It was a pleasant experience to see a group of people, mostly students at the college, meet together as an assembly in a small chapel they are able to use. The Lord’s Supper was unique in that they used the Psalter hymnbook from which they sang some of their worship songs. They were attentive and appreciative of the Word, too. Surely there are many students at this large college that have connections with assemblies in other places, and if they knew about this fellowship, they would come and join the group. We heartily recommend it.”

Charlotte, NC

Rex Trogon writes: “It’s been thrilling to see what God has done during the first months of Believer’s Bible Chapel...We’re still thinking mission field approach and that means ‘preach the gospel to every person.’...So, who’s coming? Neighbors, family, friends, and word is spreading to others through the ‘each one bring one’ principle. It’s like a restaurant that serves good

food: people tell their friends. We have visitors every Sunday, and they come back. Total attendance is about 40 to 50 each week.

‘I do it and you watch. I do it and you help. You do it and I watch.’



That’s the hands-on principle that we used on the mission field to make disciples. As I watch these saints taking responsibility and opportunities to minister I am already impressed and blessed.”

MEETINGS

Ken Baird

Ken Baird was a faithful soldier for many years. He spent a good deal of his ministry years in Boulder, CO. In his latter years, Ken and his wife moved to Greenfield, IA. From there he carried on his ministry of radio broadcasting and continuing to preach in assemblies closer to home. Finally, he and his wife moved to a care facility in Des Moines, IA.

Ken went Home to be with the Lord on Feb. 5.

William Millar, Sr.

“The memory of the just is blessed” (Prov. 10:7). This verse is etched into the Millar family headstone at the gravesite in Newport News, VA. Fifty years ago this headstone was placed for my grandfather, John Millar, who was one of the founders and shepherds of the assembly in Newport News. Since then my grandmother, mother and recently William O. Millar, Sr., my father, have been buried in adjoining plots. Cumulatively, more than 250

years—spanning three centuries—were lived by these four saints, serving the Lord in various capacities.

My father came to know the Lord as his Saviour at the age of 15. The Millar family was noted for their

hospitality, hosting many evangelists and missionaries in their home. The example of obeying God’s Word in practice was one of many positive spiritual influences on my father and at a young age he began a lifetime of service for the Lord.

The assembly soon outgrew their small building so a larger facility was built in 1940. During this time, my father accepted the responsibility of Sunday School Superintendent and saw the souls of many children won for the Saviour. He served in that position for twenty-five years.

He became an elder in the assembly in the 1950’s and served until his homecall on Mar. 13, 2001. When the doors of the chapel were open, “Willie” was there, despite failing health during the last few years of his life. He radiated his love for the Lord everywhere he went.

Sarah Ann Longstreet

Sarah left for school on April 22, 2001 and within minutes stepped into the presence of her Lord.

While most would call the car accident that took Sarah’s life a tragedy, her family knows that it was a case of God calling one of His children home. It was certainly unexpected, but an indication that her work on earth was complete.

Not long after trusting Christ as her Saviour as a child, Sarah became active for her Lord. She was a summer missionary for four years. She was active in both the youth group and AWANA program at her home assembly, Fairbluff Bible Chapel. At her high school, she was one of the leaders of the First Priority Christian



Club. She was also part of the school's American Sign Language Club. Sarah initiated a home Bible study for teens. She had a love for people, a willing-

ness to serve others, and a deep desire to win classmates to Christ.

Sarah leaves behind her parents, Bill and Marjorie Longstreet, and one sister, Jan. She is also survived by two grandmothers: Harriet Longstreet (Roselle, NJ) and Martha Pickard (Monroe, NC).

Six hours before her death, Sarah sent an e-mail to a group of friends, encouraging them to "keep serving the Lord."

George Heidman

George was born in Toronto in 1926 and born again at the age of twelve. Commended to full-time service for the Lord in 1950, he was a student of the Word of God—he loved to research the meanings of words or phrases so he could pass along some nugget about the Saviour to the Lord's people. He had two wide-margin Bibles filled with notes—one for gospel and one for ministry. George's large library of good books was much used by him as well as by other Christians.

George and Clark McClelland preached together often using a model of the tabernacle to present truths about the Lord Jesus Christ. They had vacation Bible schools throughout New Brunswick and Nova Scotia for many years. He was involved in planting assemblies in Saint John, NB, Argyle, NS and Fredericton, NB.

George loved the assemblies and sought to be an encouragement and a help in any way he could. He arranged cards with prayer lists in a

photo wallet to use as he jogged for exercise. If he was asked for counsel, he would spend days researching Scripture, earnestly praying and then putting together a letter outlining what he had found.

There were times in George's life when obeying what he saw in Scripture cost him dearly, but he was faithful to teach the truth.

George died July 12 in Fredericton, NB. The funeral was taken by Clark McClelland (NC), Wade LeBlanc (NB) and Jim Comte (ON). Remember his wife, Frances, and the family in your prayers.

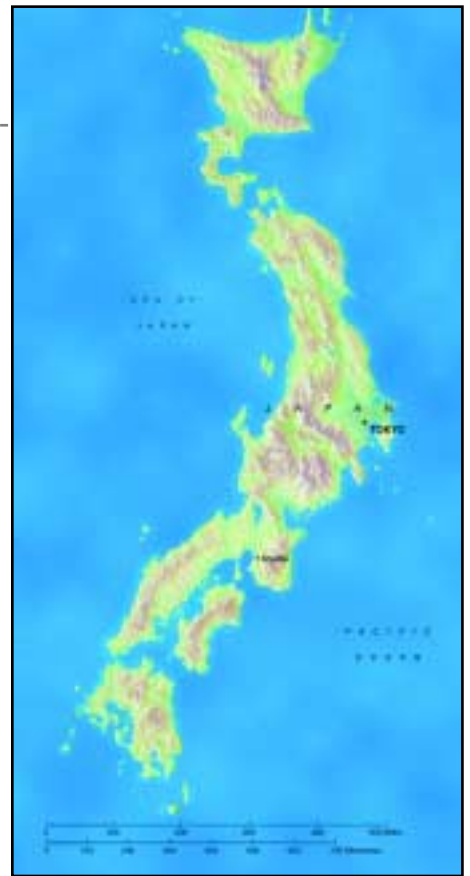
OUTREACH IN N. IRELAND

There are 648,000 homes in Northern Ireland and the vast majority of the people know little or nothing of the honor and wonder of the gospel. As such, The Ministry for Europe Trust has formed a committee to produce a full-color gospel folder, based on well-known landmarks in the various counties (of N. Ireland). The folders are delivered by Royal Mail and offer further postage paid materials, namely, a Gospel of John, a Bible Correspondence course, *The History and Message of the Bible*, and an audio cassette on the "Uniqueness of Christianity."

Already they have covered the area of North Down and received hundreds of enquiries, for which they praise the Lord.

The prayers of the people of God would be most appreciated for this effort to get the gospel into every home in this country. If you would like to send some encouragement to these brethren, you may contact them at the following address:

The Ministry for Europe Trust
39 Ardmore Road
Holywood
Co Down
Northern Ireland
BT18 0PJ



PRAY FOR JAPAN

Special ministry meetings sponsored by the Izumi Assembly are to be held in Japan Nov. 23-24 at Link Town Tower Building in Izumi Sano city (near Kansai International Airport)

Prayer is appreciated for the country of Japan and for those who will be responsible to minister the Word. Pray also that the Lord will prepare the hearts of His people among the approximately 114 assemblies, and that we (of the Izumi Assembly) would be able to adequately serve them as servants of the Lord. Pray also for the speaker, J. B. Nicholson (MI). The planned ministry themes are: The Marvel of the Church and Succession of Faith: How to Raise Up the Next Generation for God.



Our sincere apologies for any inconvenience caused by our not publishing *Uplook* for the last few months. We hope for greater regularity of publication in the future. —the editor

WHAT'S GOING ON?

The BIBLE in 28 NEW LANGUAGES
Informed estimates put the number of languages spoken in the world at 6,500. About one-third (2,261) have a translation of all or some of the Bible—that's an increase of 28 during the year 2000. The complete Bible is available in 383 languages, 13 more than a year ago. Five of the new Bibles are in languages spoken in Asia and four in languages spoken in Latin America and the Caribbean. The New Testament is available in an additional 987 languages. Africa claims the largest share of these, with 274 translated languages. The Caribbean and Latin American region follows with 241 and Asia is third with 221 translated languages.
—Maranatha Christian Journal

"MORNING-AFTER PILL"

Any girl in Great Britain over 16 may take without prescription the drug Levonelle to prevent pregnancy, the British government ruled. It is seen as a means to stem the nation's teen pregnancy rate, the highest in Western Europe. France's Parliament approved laws to let schools hand out the pills to girls. —*World Beat*

ABORTION RULES TIGHTENED

In the US, abortion limitations have been made tighter for women who rely on Medicaid federal health insurance. Funding for the abortion drug RU 486 will have the same restrictions as surgical abortion—pregnancy from rape or incest or when the mother's life is endangered. Other rules in place for surgical abortions, such as parental notification and informed consent, will also apply to RU 486.

The drug was approved by the FDA in September, but President Bush promises to review the approval process. —*Newswatch*

FLASH FLOODS in W. VIRGINIA

On Sunday, July 8, the area of Mullens, WV, was devastated by flash floods when the Guyandotte River rose from 6 inches to over 20 feet in just a few hours.

In addition to the losses experienced by the Christians in their homes and businesses, the two assembly buildings in Mullens also suffered severe water damage.

When more than five feet of water poured into Otsego Bible Chapel's one-floor building, virtually everything inside was destroyed and will have to be replaced. At the time of printing, no final plans for reconstruction had been made.

The saints at Welton Bible Chapel have been meeting temporarily in a pavilion and in homes while they clean up the debris and begin renovations. The basement of their building is beyond repair, but they are working to restore the auditorium and nursery on the main floor. Since the group had already bought property close by with intentions of moving their old building, they are now considering the purchase of a metal building to put on their land.

This destruction is especially try-

ing to the people in a county which was already economically depressed. To receive further information or to send financial assistance, contact:

Welton Bible Chapel
P. O. Box 777
Mullens, WV 25882
David Pollock 304-294-4350

FELLOWSHIP IN THE GOSPEL!

What an encouragement it is to hear of souls being saved and saints laboring together in the gospel! In Manvel, TX, a Catholic co-worker was saved in a series of meetings held by Harry Hamilton. Pierre Trudeau's son, Michel, attended tent meetings in Portage la Prairie, MB. In Washington, GA, the young son of one of the Christians and a man who had been visited in the neighborhood professed salvation. These are just a few of the many reports we've received throughout the year.

Whether in the assembly building, in a tent, in a rented room, on a college campus, at a local festival, or in the downtown street, the glorious message of salvation is being offered and the Lord is blessing!

Let us know when your assembly is planning a special gospel outreach. We'd love to add our support by informing Christians around the world so they can pray for you. This is one of the purposes of the assembly news section of our website. Many who can't be physically involved in an outreach count it an honor to be involved through prayer.

You can update your report on our website as often as you like. Post news on the internet yourself or send an e-mail to ernie@uplook.org

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Waiting for the Dawn

by Edith Hickman Divali

"A light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts."
2 PETER 1:19

Amid earth's toil and weariness,
We watch for Thee, O King,
And know that some unclouded morn
Our promised Lord will bring.
We wait until Thy voice shall break
Across the restless strife,
Until Thy hand shall guide our feet
To realms of endless life.

We long to stand within Thy light—
To see Thee face to face—
Beyond this shadowland of life
To find a resting place.
We turn from earth unsatisfied;
We strain our eager eyes
To watch the dawning of the Day
Break over Paradise.

O come and claim Thy ransomed ones,
For we have waited long
To welcome Thee, our risen Lord,
With glad triumphant song.
Be Thou our guide, while yet our feet
Must tread the earthly way,
And lead Thy pilgrims through the night
To everlasting Day.

