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UPDATE



**TRUE
DISCIPLESHIP**



A

bold statement in one of our evangelical magazines recently startled me. "Most problems in contemporary churches can be explained by the fact that members have not yet decided to follow Jesus."

My mind went in two directions at once: "Is that really true?" (Is there more truth here than I have been prepared to admit?) "How has this happened?"

One of the clearest messages of the New Testament is that when men and women were called to follow Christ, they were called to a life of personal discipleship. Our Lord Himself said, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." (Mk. 8:34 NIV)

A person cannot be a Christian without being a disciple. Early believers were called "Christians" because they were living like Christ. Discipleship isn't the second stage of the Christian experience. It is the Christian experience! What a mistake to think that there are *many* Christians, but only a *few* disciples.

Don't misunderstand me. I'm not talking about lordship salvation. But it does seem clear that the biblical call to faith in Christ implies following Him in genuine discipleship. That means me. That means you. That means every student who passes through the College and Seminary this new year.

Our focus in the last three issues of UPDATE has been Christ: Lord of the nations, Lord of society, Lord of the Church. In this issue we conclude with 'Lord of my life'. This is true discipleship! Let's pursue it together!

*Wm. J. McRae, DMin
president OBC/OTS*

Our cover photo of Toronto's Dundas Street West at Spadina Avenue reflects the strong Chinese element in this cosmopolitan city. In the background: Dragon City shopping centre. (See p. 14)

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JESUS: Lord of My Life

B Erwin Penner, PhD, is chairperson of the Bible and Theology Department at OBC. He is a graduate of Fuller Theological Seminary.

'bomb', 'cancer', 'AIDS', 'bankruptcy', 'audit'.

Some words strike fear in our hearts! Sad to say, the same is often true of the word 'Lord'. It conjures up ideas such as 'control', 'domination', 'intimidation', 'dictatorship', 'manipulation'. Little wonder then that we often hesitate in the face of Jesus' claim to be Lord of our life. Quite naturally, and rightly so, the human personality resists domination and manipulation.

Although it is true that 'Lord' implies an appropriate authority, the Scriptures do not place a negative and threatening meaning on the confession that Jesus is Lord. A brief look at the story of Jesus washing the disciples' feet (John 13:1-17) gives us a much more positive view of His lordship. What does it mean that Jesus is Lord of my life?

RECOGNIZE THE LORD!

Jesus can only be Lord of our life if we recognize who He is! Without a proper understanding of who He is we cannot expect to know what kind of lordship He intends to have in our lives. First, Jesus knew Himself to be the Son of God who "had come forth from God" (v.3), and that God was in fact His Father (v.1,3).

Secondly, Jesus knew He was "going back to God" (v.3) His Father. He expected His exaltation to the right hand of the Father where He would be enthroned as Lord over all (Eph. 1:20f).

JESUS: Lord of My Life

Thirdly, Jesus was also aware that His exaltation meant that He inherited divine authority. He knew that "the Father had given all things into His hands" (Jn. 13:3). This authority is not expressed in domination of the Church, but in the mastery of all things and powers for the benefit of His body, the Church (Eph. 1:22).

Finally, Jesus relates to us with eternal love, "having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end," (Jn. 13:1). Yes, He is Lord and so has an intimate relationship with God, divine dignity and authority! However, He always comes to His people with love. The very heart of Jesus' lordship, its motivating centre, is self-giving love. This is the kind of Jesus who claims our lives.

RECEIVE THE LORD!

Jesus can only be Lord of our life if we let Him serve us! It simply did not fit Peter's way of thinking to let Jesus wash his feet. It wasn't right for his Lord and Teacher to do this, so he blurted out in shocked surprise, "Lord, do You wash my feet?" (Jn. 13:6). Surely the Lord could not stoop to the task of a servant?! But in a few pointed words Jesus disarmed Peter's refusal: "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me." (v.8).

Here is the crux of the matter. Peter, with his wrong view of lordship, was on the verge of denying the true lordship of Jesus by refusing His service. Unless he allowed Jesus to serve him he could not have genuine fellowship with Him! So it also becomes meaningless for us to speak of His lordship in our lives if we do not allow Him to minister to us *on His terms*. He, the Lord, comes as a servant!

This point is graphically illustrated by Jesus when James and John sought high positions in His kingdom (Matt. 20:20-28). Jesus declared that in this world's system rulers dominate their subordinates, but not so in His kingdom. In the kingdom of God, the 'lord' is a servant. Jesus exemplified this in His own life saying, "the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." (v.28).

Paul also makes it abundantly clear in Phil. 2:5-8, that Jesus humbled Himself to servant status, even to death on the cross, to serve us, enabling us to receive God's forgiveness. When we receive His grace and forgiveness, we can begin to speak genuinely of His lordship in our lives.

Jesus: Lord of my life? Yes, but only if I humble myself, as He is humble, and let Him, the Lord, serve me.

FOLLOW THE LORD !

Jesus can only be Lord of our life if we follow His example! Yes, beyond question, Jesus is our Lord and Teacher. Surely then, His lordship in our lives means that we should become like Him in what we are and do. "For I gave you an example that you should do as I did to you" (Jn. 13:15).

Since His lordly action toward us is expressed in unailing love and service, then clearly we, who acknowledge His lordship, are morally obligated to respond in kind. "A slave is not greater than his master; neither one who is sent greater than the one who sent him" (v.16). Jesus serves us in His lordship; so we serve others, because to be under His lordship is to be like Him. If we do this we are blessed (v.17).

Jesus: Lord of my life? Yes, but only on the condition that we accept and live by His definition of the term 'Lord'. He is not interested in manipulating the Church. Therefore, we must obliterate negative words of domination and compulsion from our description of His lordship. Jesus' real authority in the Church is better described by words like 'love', 'service', 'ministry', 'care', 'presence', 'example'. This is the authentic vocabulary of lordship! Therefore, our confession that Jesus is Lord of our life is true only in so far as we practise these qualities in service to others. Is Jesus Lord of your life?

FLASH!

At a recent meeting of the Board of Governors, approval was given to proceed with a major capital campaign to address facility expansion and faculty needs at OBC/OTS. **Watch for details on some exciting new developments.**

SUMMER MINISTRY

Dr. Henry Friesen, director of field education at OBC, and his wife Betty spent their summer in an unusual way.

For over a month they participated in a project with the English Language Institute/China at the University of Sichuan in Chengdu, People's Republic of China.

Founded in 1982, this Christian organization is asked each year by the government of China to send instructors to teach English to Chinese high school teachers. Most have had no exposure to Westerners, and certainly no exposure to Christianity.

Dr. Friesen, with 20 years of experience in teacher education at Brock University, led a team of ten Western language instructors. Betty, herself a teacher, was one of them.

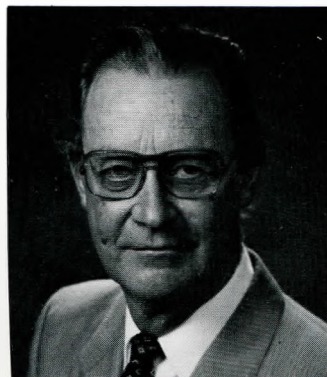
While evangelizing is prohibited in that country, 'answering questions' is not. Most likely the presence of the ELIC team in Chengdu raised a lot of questions!



TWENTY-FOUR YEARS OF SERVICE

Gordon Wright joined the faculty of Ontario Bible College in 1964. In May of this year, having served with the College faithfully for 24 years, Mr. Wright retired from full-time teaching though he will continue on a part-time basis.

During his tenure at the College, Mr. Wright gave leadership as chairman of the General Arts Department. His great love, apart from the Lord, and his wife Eloise, has been Church history.



His love for Church history stems from Gordon's recognition that history really is 'His story'.

With leisure time on his hands, Gordon plans to read, listen to the Blue Jays, and spend time with his family. We are pleased to honor Mr. Wright as a beloved teacher and a loyal member of the OBC family. We wish him the very best for the future.

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S MEDAL

Upon graduation in May of this year, *Brian Thatcher*, director of business and professional ministries for The Navigators, received the first *Governor General's Gold Medal Award* for excellence in graduate studies offered by the Seminary. Of his experience at OTS, Brian shares:

"I found my academic work at OTS stimulated my intellectual growth in the Word. It provided a greater balance, perspective and depth in both my personal life and my ministry in the Navigators."



Brian Thatcher receiving Gold Medal from Lynn Smith, dean of students.

OBC IS ONLY THE BEGINNING



I used to joke when I was younger: "Just wait, the Lord will send me to Bible college and then He'll send me to a little grass hut in Africa." Back then I was the least likely person for God to use in such a way. Little did I realize that I was only kidding, but the Lord sure wasn't. Not only have I just spent three years in Bible college, I'm also spending two months this summer in a grass hut in South America.

At OBC a number of things contributed to God's work in my life. One was dorm life. Some of my favourite times were impromptu meetings with the girls in the dorm. Living in residence was also a great way of testing my Christian life. You really find out if you know the verse, "Love your neighbour," when you have to share a bathroom with 25 other girls!

Another thing that helped me to grow was the thorough teaching and training I received here. What I appreciated most about the professors was the fact that they not only taught the Gospel but also lived it out in their daily lives.

Finally, my leadership positions were very valuable. Sometimes, as a residence advisor, I was pushed far past my comfort zone but it showed me where my strengths and weaknesses were.

I leave OBC with mixed emotions. Part of me is quite sad to leave a place that has felt like home to me. I am also sad to leave so many friends. But there is another part of me that is excited to leave. Bible college is only the beginning. The Lord led me to OBC to teach me, to train me and to strengthen me. Now he has work for me to do out in the world.

Arlene McFarland graduated last May with Bachelor of Religious Studies majoring in Bible/general arts.

The above is an excerpt from her speech given at the OBC Baccalaureate service, April 20, 1988.



PASTORIUS, CLASS OF '49, DIRECTOR OF DETROIT COUNSELLING CENTRE

*The Lord has given me His words of wisdom so that
I may know what I should say to all these weary
ones. (Isaiah 50:4a, TLB)*

Mervin Pastorius, an ordained minister, took an early retirement from the Chrysler Corporation in June 1982 and began to spend time as a volunteer counsellor with the Detroit-based Lifeline Counselling Centre. In 1984, he took up the position of assistant director of the Centre, and became executive director in 1987.

The Lifeline Christian Counselling Centre has over 50 volunteers who handle approximately 675 telephone calls each month from people seeking counsel in areas such as drug and alcohol abuse, suicide, homosexuality, marital and family problems, self image. The trained volunteers offer compassion, understanding, and a listening ear to help the callers with their problems. Often they pray with them and sometimes they have the opportunity to lead them to Christ.

Pastorius is also responsible for a 15-week counsellor training course for potential volunteers and others wishing to improve their ability to share their faith and communicate with hurting people. William Tyndale College, Farmington Hills, MI gives credit for the course.

Rev. Pastorius still finds time in his busy role as executive director to spend a number of hours each week counselling on the phones. While many calls can be depressing, encouragement is found in the testimony of callers such as this one who says, "I was desperate and depressed. I called Lifeline and found hope and a new life in Jesus Christ."

Last year 56 people accepted Christ as Savior through the ministries of Lifeline Counselling Centre (313) 882-LIFE.

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UPDATE YOURSELF AND YOUR FRIENDS...



A sincere thank you to all who participated in the alumni Phonothon by phoning or giving. Responses came from grads as far back as Class of '22. The largest gift received was \$700.00. Our total was \$10,572.97.



Send us the names and addresses of people you would like to receive **UPDATE**. OBC/OTS will send a free subscription starting next issue! (Be sure to include yourself if you don't already receive **UPDATE**.)



ATTENTION OBC/OTS ALUMNI!!!

Saturday, October 15th
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

HOMECOMING

'88

“YET HE IS FAITHFUL”

What a special time for alumni, spouses and friends to celebrate God's faithfulness toward the OBC/OTS family, to renew friendships and to honor a special group of people – the class of '38.

Joining us for the day will be Dr. Wm. J. McRae, president, OBC/OTS, Dr. Robert C. Duez, vice-president, extension education, OBC and alumni director Rev. Jacob Small.

The day will include special instrumental brass music, fun and fellowship. Lunch will be provided.

Location: OBC/OTS campus
 25 Ballyconnor Court
 Willowdale (Toronto), ON
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 1 bl. east of Bayview Ave.)

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 Alumni Office, OBC/OTS, 25 Ballyconnor Crt., Willowdale, ON,
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HOMECOMING REGISTRATION

OBC/OTS ALUMNI

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PASTORAL

Rev. & Mrs. Harley WINBORN, BTh '73 (Mary SCZERBIAK, BRE '75) presently serving as senior pastor at Fairview Baptist Church, Calgary, AB.

Rev. & Mrs. Robert HAYES, BTh '80, have accepted the call to be senior pastor at Grace Baptist Church (Fellowship), Alliston, ON.

Mr. Andrew DOHERTY, BRE '84, MTS '87, is pastoring at Walkerton Baptist Church (Convention), Walkerton, ON.

Gary E. HARVEY, BTh '87, assistant pastor/youth, christian education at Banfield Memorial Church, Willowdale, ON.

Rev. Lorne MOOREHEAD, BTh '65 is pastoring at The Evangelical Mennonite Conference Church, Endeavour, SK.

Rev. Gordon FINLAY, BTh '76, MTS '86 was installed as minister at First Baptist Church, Cornwall, ON, on January 10, 1988

Mr. Sheldon W. DYCK, BTh '83 was inducted as youth minister at First Baptist Church, London, ON, on February 21, 1988.

Rev. Ken WILES, BTh '84 is serving as minister of Christian Education at First Baptist Church, Guelph, ON, where Rev. Charles E. Jackson '67 is senior pastor.

MISSIONS

Mr. Mark CASSIDY, BTh '77 was ordained on February 28, 1988 at Wortley Baptist Church (Fellowship), London, ON. He and his wife Anita have now returned to Taiwan with their children to minister with TEAM.

MARRIAGES

Bruce ROBERTS, BTh '87 to Miss Linda Quinn, May 7, 1988, Toronto, ON.

Susan MOFFAT, BRE '71 to Mr. Charles Pinkerton, May 24, 1986, Elizabethtown, PA. (not previously announced).

Andrew DOHERTY, BRE '84, MTS '87 to Miss Susan Tupper, September 19, 1987.

BIRTHS

Thomas William Harry to Pastor & Mrs. Calvin STONE, BRE '77 (Brenda KROEKER '77), January 15, 1988 in Scarborough, ON.

Jana Lee Ruth to Mr. & Mrs. Don WRIGHT, '82-'83, January 5, 1988 in Oshawa, ON.

Judith Amanda to Mr. & Mrs. Paul LYMBURNER (Colleen FUTERS, BRE '86), June 13, 1987 in Ajax ON.

Ashtyn Rebekah to Rev. & Mrs. John KUCHER, BRE '86, August 5, 1987 in Rochester, NY.

Scott David to Mr. & Mrs. James RENDEL (Sandra MITTON '79), February 12, 1988 in Verdun, PQ.

Tara Marissa Rose to Mr. & Mrs. Jim PEZZACK (Pat CARSON, BRE '79) February 15, 1988 in Toronto, ON.

Katelyn Grace to Mr. & Mrs. Ron DUNNING (Jane VOSHART, BRE '83) April 15, 1988 in Thornhill, ON.

Kaileyann Rebecca to Rev. & Mrs. Neil STEENSON, BRE '83, January 5, 1988. Willowdale, ON.

Nathan to Mr. & Mrs. Robin PIFER, BTh '86 (Gwendolyn Joy LAIRD, BSM '83), November, 1987 in Winnipeg, MB.

Theodore Joshua to Mr. & Mrs. Wayne HEIDEMAN, MDiv '85, May 23, 1988.

Joshua Joel James to Mr. & Mrs. Ken MCWIRTER (Ann WHITEFORD '70) January 25, 1988.

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Zacharie Philip to Mr. & Mrs. Philip STRICKLAND (Teresa MCLEOD, BRE '80) April 4, 1988 in Sault Ste. Marie, ON.

Cassandra to Mr. & Mrs. Richard CHOY BTh '86, March 24, 1988 in Toronto, ON.

Elisabeth Eleanor Ruth to Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey MITCHELL, MTS '81 (Victoria SMITH, MTS '81) March 23, 1988 in Toronto, ON.

Nathan James to Pastor & Mrs. James CLARK, BTh '84, MDiv '88 (Susan FEHRENBACH, BRE '83) March 26, 1988 in London, ON.

Matthew Allan to Mr. & Mrs. Allan GORDON, BRE '83 (Kathy BOYLE, 1 yr spec. '82) March 22, 1988 in Windsor, ON.

Bethany Ruth Victoria to Mr. & Mrs. Stephen HARNADEK (Ruth PARR '76) May 1, 1988.

Steven Mark to Rev. & Mrs. Mark CASSIDY BTh '77 (Anita WIDEMAN, BRE '77) on October 24, 1987 in London, ON.

DEATHS

Mrs. J.P. EUSTACE (nee: Minnie HUBBEL '34) at St. Vincent, W.I., October 24, 1987.

Mrs. Margaret KITCHEN, '29, at Paris, ON, November, 1987.

Rev. John POSNO '41, at New Glasgow, NS, October 17, 1987.

Mr. Michael John HARE (husband of Catherine MCCOLL, MTS '83), January 16, 1988.

Rev. William CRUMP, BRE '49, at Toronto, ON, February 3, 1988.

Mrs. Frances COOPER '52, (nee: MILLER) at Newmarket,

ON, February 26, 1988.

Mrs. Betty SWAN (wife of Rev. Tom SWAN, BTh '59) at St. Catharines, ON, May 21, 1988.

Miss Martha L. CRAWFORD '31, at Hunstville, ON, May 26, 1988.

NEWS

Ramona BROWN, BRE '85 has graduated with MA from Wheaton Graduate School, Wheaton, IL.

Thom CORBETT, MTS '86 has been appointed as Acquisitions Editor for the G.R. Welch Co. Ltd., Burlington, ON.

Krysia LEAR, BTh '70 is the Assistant News Editor for Christian News, Toronto.

Donna WOOD, BSM '76 has completed her BEd at the University of Western Ontario in London. She is working for the York Regional Board of Education teaching vocal and instrumental music.

Doris PERRIN, BRE '84 is now working for Christian Children's Fund of Canada as executive secretary to the director.

Andrew OLIVER '74-'75 returned to Luampa, Zambia where he serves with A.E.F. as an accountant.

Jane Anne MURRAY, BRE '76 is pleased to announce the opening of a private practice in Marriage and Family Counselling. She also teaches part time at OBC.

Mr. & Mrs. Ed JONES '42-'43 are now serving in a ministry to seniors at Immanuel Baptist Church, Willowdale, ON.

Charles Pinkerton (husband of Susan MOFFAT, BRE '71) has been accepted as a pilot for Africa Inland Mission.

CORRECTION:

Wilfred WIGHT, '60-'61 has become the Eastern Ontario District Secretary of the Canadian Bible Society.

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VOL•UN•TEER: One who offers to enter into any service of his/her free will.

A wonderful group of ladies descended upon OBC/OTS at the end of May for a few days. Calling themselves the London Ladies Auxiliary (a.k.a. the 'Lovely London Ladies'), they went to work sewing curtains, cleaning dorms and doing laundry.

We are most grateful to people like these who volunteer their time and energy to the College and Seminary.

If you are interested in helping out in decorating, maintenance (hear that men?), or office work, call Marilyn McRae at 416/731-4008. She'd love to hear from you.



The 'Lovely London Ladies' are from left to right: Kay Harris, president, ladies auxiliary; Catherine Scott; Grace Kemp; Grace Archer; Sally Suchard.

ALUMNI CHALLENGE

We encourage the 4500 alumni of Ontario Bible College and Ontario Theological Seminary to work toward the target of raising \$155,000 in alumni contributions in 1988-89. This represents a portion of the funds required (over and above tuition fees) to operate the schools.

We also invite you to make people aware of OBC/OTS wherever possible, especially potential students. Above all, we ask you to uphold the College and Seminary in prayer, that the Lord's will be done in and through these institutions.

OTS ALUMNI LECTURESHIP 1988

HEALING THE BODY:

THE MANDATE OF CHURCH DISCIPLINE

- DATE:** Sat. November 19, 1988,
9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- LOCATION:** OTS, 25 Ballyconnor Court, Willowdale
- SPEAKERS:** Rev. John McLaverty, BA, MCS
Pastor, Spring Garden Baptist Church
Mr. Tony Baker, BA, JD
Lawyer, Christian Conciliation Service

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TEAM MINISTRY REALIZED



Dean and Cindy Westacott were teachers at The Peoples Christian Schools and actively involved at Bendale Bible Chapel when their elders asked them to consider full-time ministry. They sought the Lord's will in the matter, and in 1986 made the decision to move in this direction. They were commended to service at Bendale in September of 1987.

Since then Dean and Cindy have enjoyed a unique 'team ministry' involving youth work, shepherding ministries, discipleship and pre-marriage counselling. They love people and share their home as a place of ministry and fellowship. Their two sons are Jeremy, five and Matthew, one.

A new development in their ministry is their enrolment in part-time studies at OTS. Dean has entered the MDiv program and Cindy will begin the MTS this fall. They are particularly happy for the opportunity to take courses which they can apply directly and immediately in their work.

The decision to enter full-time ministry wasn't all that easy, and Cindy misses the children from Peoples now and then. But they have no doubt they made the right choice.

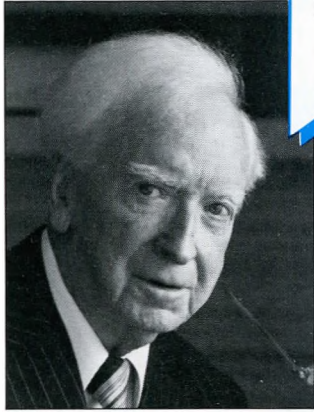
Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. (Phil. 1:6)

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HOW GOD TAUGHT ME TO GIVE



The following is an excerpt from a pamphlet by the late Dr. Oswald J. Smith, founder and minister of missions of The Peoples Church, Toronto. An OBC grad from the class of 1912, he shares "How God taught me to give." It may not be the only way God moves people to give to His work, but it is a beautiful testimony of what God can do with a willing heart.

I commenced my pastorate on the first Sunday of January, at a time when the church was holding its Annual Missionary Convention. Now I knew nothing about a convention. I had never seen one in all my life. I didn't know the first thing to do. So I just sat there on the platform and watched.

The ushers were going up and down the aisles giving out envelopes. Presently, to my amazement, one of the ushers had the audacity to walk right up the aisle and hand me – the pastor – one of the envelopes. I sat there holding it in my hand.

At first I started to pray. I said, "Lord God, I can't do anything. You know I have nothing. I haven't a cent in the bank. I haven't anything in my pocket. This church only pays me \$25.00 a week. I have a wife and child to keep."

"I know that," the Lord said: "I am not asking you for what you have, I am asking you for a faith offering. How much can you trust me for?"

"Oh, Lord," I exclaimed, "that's different. How much can I trust Thee for?"

"Fifty dollars."

"Fifty dollars," I exclaimed. "Why Lord, that's two week's salary. How can I ever get \$50.00?"

But again the Lord spoke and it was still the same amount. It was just as clear to me as though He had spoken in an audible voice.

Now, how I ever paid it I don't know to this day. All I know is that every month I had to pray for \$4.00, and every month God sent it in some miraculous way. At the end of the year I had paid the entire amount – \$50.00.

But this is what I want to make clear. I received such a blessing, there came to my heart such a fulness of the Spirit, it was such a thrill, that as I paid the final amount, I realized that it had been one of the greatest experiences of my life.

And from that day to this I have been sending on thousands upon thousands of dollars to the Bank of Heaven.

PRAISE THE LORD TOGETHER!

OBC/OTS music groups under the direction of John and Sharon Bell, and Paul Fehderau, ministered in 60 churches in the '87-'88 academic year, visiting 25 of them while on special tours in March. Jake Small, director of alumni and referral services; Phil Walker, recruitment representative; and vice-president of development, Louis Eizenga, also took part. Praise the Lord Together! was the focus of their ministry. The groups were glad to have the opportunity to minister informally to the people they met, as well as formally through church services. A high percentage of non-believers were reported to have been in attendance where they performed. Participating students found that whatever the situation – a televised church service, a beach party (in March?) or bus trouble and close calls on icy roads – tremendous ministry was taking place.



WARM FELLOWSHIP IN THE MARITIMES

Louis Eizenga, vice-president, development at OBC/OTS travelled to the Maritimes last spring with his wife Doreen. Their purpose, (no, not just to enjoy the beauty of the Maritimes) was to visit pastors, students, alumni and supporters.

What a wonderful trip they had! They shared with many people about the ministry of the College and Seminary in educating and training people for ministry. Louis also spoke in a number of churches. In return it was very rewarding for them to hear of the influence of OBC/OTS in the Maritimes. Students are returning to their homes and churches there and making an impact. That's great news!

Hospitality down east was another highlight for the Eizengas. They were warmly received and enjoyed excellent fellowship with Maritime believers. We hope students from the Maritimes feel just as at home here when they come to study at OBC/OTS.

REACH THE CITY



Tuesday, October 25, 1988
9:15 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Ontario Theological Seminary

THEME:
Partnership in Urban Ministry

“We live in an age of specialists, experts and information. No one ministry can respond to the complexity and wide variety of challenges which the city of today presents. We need each other.”

Glenn Smith, executive director of Christian Direction, Inc. of Montreal; and *Tim Ernst*, director of City Life Ministries (Christian Direction, Inc.) will be our guest speakers.

COST: \$10.00
(Lunch may be purchased in the cafeteria.)

To register call OTS:
416/226-6380.

Calendar of Events

All events take place on the Bayview campus unless otherwise indicated. For further information on any events listed here, call 416/226-6380.

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September 12
September 12, 13, 15
September 14

October 5
October 11

October 15
October 25
October 27

November 10-12

November 11

November 19

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January 2-13
January 16-18

Classes begin
Evening school registration
Convocation. Speaker: Rev. William Wan, senior pastor, Ottawa Chinese United Church

Day of Prayer
OBC/OTS Joint Chapel – all are welcome (10: a.m.).
Rev. Dick Lucas of St. Helen's, Bishopsgate, London, England will be with us.

Alumni Homecoming
Reach the City conference on urban ministry (*see opposite.*)
OBC/OTS Joint Chapel – all are welcome (10:00 a.m.)
Dedication of Chinese ministry program with James Hudson Taylor III of OMF

GOD USES INK! Christian Writers' Conference featuring Elisabeth Elliott (*see p. 15*)
OBC/OTS President's Banquet at Royal York Hotel (*see back cover*)
OTS Alumni Lectureship on church discipline (*see p. 9*)

Intersession courses at OTS
Ministry Enrichment Conference (*see p. 15*)

OTS CONTINUING EDUCATION

Both the MDiv and MTS degrees may be completed through the continuing education program at OTS. On *Mondays, September 12 – December 8, 1988*, a wide selection of courses will be offered during the day and evening. Courses are also held *Tuesday and Thursday evenings*. (NOTE: Fall courses are available for audit only to new applicants after August 15.)

INTERSESSION, *January 2-13, 1989*, is an intensive two-week period in which two courses may be completed. The deadline for applications is December 15.

Contact the registrar's office of the Seminary (416/226-6380) for a calendar and further information.

OBC ADULT EDUCATION

Classes at the credit and diploma levels will run weekly on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings from September 12 to December 15, 1988 at the Bayview campus.

In addition to the regular DIPLOMA courses, we will have two special weekends. On *Saturday, October 15, 1988* three one-day, all-day courses will be offered: Introduction to Counselling; Creative Use of Visuals in Ministry; and Computers in Ministry; *November 10-12, 1988* will feature the annual Christian

Writers' Conference with *Elisabeth Elliot*. (More information on p. 15)

Tuesdays, commencing *September 13, 1988*, we are offering five different CREDIT courses in three-hour blocks at different times during the day and evening. Students can attend classes one day a week and take up to three courses. This will be of particular interest to out of town students.

One year ago we offered our first INDEPENDENT STUDY course on cassette for home study. Now we have five courses available: Revelation; Matthew; Psalms; I and II Peter; Theology 0221 (Scripture and God). All of these are CREDIT courses toward an OBC degree.

For information on adult education, call the OBC evening school/extension education office at 416/226-6380.

NEW FACULTY AT OBC

Craig Cameron has been appointed as a faculty member to teach history, following the retirement of Gordon Wright. He has a BA from the University of Manitoba, an MDiv from Acadia University, and is currently completing a ThD at Wycliffe College of the University of Toronto. He served in pastoral charges for six years with The Baptist Union of Western Canada, by whom he is ordained.

Rudy Dirks has joined the faculty after a year of excellent ministry as a staff member in the Community Life Department. He holds a BA from the University of Western Ontario, a DipCS from Regent College, and MA and MDiv degrees in counselling from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. Mr. Dirks has had experience in counselling in a variety of contexts and will serve the College as director of counselling services and chaplain.

David Russell joins the faculty to assume the much needed role of co-ordinator of the pastoral studies major. Coming from pastoral ministry at Fort Langley Evangelical Free Church, BC, he served for fourteen years prior in churches of the Fellowship of Evangelical Baptists. Dr. Russell has a BA from King's College, and MDiv and DMin degrees from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School.

NEW COURSES / PROGRAMS

SPECIAL NEEDS

This fall at OBC a new SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY program will begin in conjunction with Humber College. Students in this program will graduate with a Bachelor of Religious Education degree from OBC and Developmental Services Worker certification from Humber College. This will qualify them to work with children and adults with special needs.

EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES

Early childhood education is a rapidly expanding field. The EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES major at OBC, previously a four year program, may now be completed in three years. First year students attend OBC full-time; in second and third year they study at both OBC and Seneca College, receiving a BRE degree from OBC and an ECE diploma from Seneca.

WOMEN IN MINISTRY

WOMEN IN MINISTRY is a new credit course at OTS this fall, unique to seminaries in Canada. It is designed to help men and women consider issues related to women in ministry, such as 'Is God calling women to leadership?' and 'How does a woman in ministry integrate her various roles?' This course will be offered on Tuesday evenings starting Sept. 13. For more information call Mrs. Lynn Smith, dean of students at 416/226-6380.

CHINESE MINISTRY (COVER)

On average, 20 percent of the student body at OTS is Chinese. In fact, of 71 grads in May of this year, 18 were Chinese. God is greatly at work among Chinese Christians in southern Ontario. In response to this phenomenon, the CHINESE MINISTRY program commences at OTS in September under the direction of Dr. Milton Wan.

If you are a Christian writer, you won't want to miss:

THE FIFTH ANNUAL

Christian Writers' Conference

with well-known author and lecturer

ELISABETH ELLIOT



Thursday, November 10 – Saturday, November 12, 1988

sponsored by OBC/OTS and FAITH TODAY magazine.

Also featured will be MARLENE LEFEVER, author/editor for David C. Cook Publishing, and resource/seminar leaders including Myrna Grant, John Redekop, Brian Stiller.

Location: OBC/OTS, 25 Ballyconnor Court, Willowdale, Ontario

Cost: \$100 (\$90 before Oct. 31/88)

Registration: Thursday, November 10, 5 p.m.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dr. John Unger, OBC/OTS 416/226-6380

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MINISTERING IN THE SEXUAL REVOLUTION

The **MINISTRY ENRICHMENT CONFERENCE** (formerly Conference for Pastors, Church Workers and Spouses) will be held *January 16-18, 1989*, on the OBC/OTS campus.

Dr. John White, psychiatrist, author, lecturer, will address the topic, 'Ministering in the Sexual Revolution,' an issue of importance to all Christians: pastors, youth workers, para-church ministry workers, counsellors and involved lay people.

To request a brochure and to find out how you can register for this OBC/OTS sponsored conference call or write: Dr. David Sherbino at OTS (416/226-6380).

NEW DIRECTIONS FOR A NEW GENERATION

The President's Banquet

presented by
ONTARIO BIBLE COLLEGE
ONTARIO THEOLOGICAL
SEMINARY

Friday, November 11, 1988
7:00 p.m.

ROYAL YORK HOTEL

CANADIAN ROOM

We invite you to join us to
celebrate what the Lord has
done at Ontario Bible College
and Ontario Theological
Seminary in the past year and
to look ahead to
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NEW GENERATION.

For tickets, call 416/226-6380
(There is no charge for tickets,
however an offering will
be taken. We invite you to
inquire about hosting a
table for 10 people.)

