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All the World's a Stage

*Open your eyes
and look at the
fields! They are
ripe for harvest.
John 4:35b [NIV]*



Imagine. A graduate student is digging through the archives of the library at Oxford and happens upon a treasure. He discovers what appears to be a Shakespearean play. One that had been lost to time. Never performed and heretofore unknown. This play is incomplete. William Shakespeare had written the first four acts, but the fifth and final act had not been penned.

Shakespearean scholars from around the world would examine the incomplete play, reading carefully the first four acts. Getting to know the story, the characters and grappling with deciding where the play was headed in the missing fifth act, they would set

themselves to write the fifth and final act. In doing so, they would be bound by everything that they knew about Shakespeare, about his writing and by everything captured in the previous four acts. Their knowledge of Shakespeare and their ability to understand and establish the trajectory of the first four acts would determine their success in completing the fifth and final act. This fifth and final act would only be meaningful in so far as it was a natural extrapolation of the play as written up to that point. If the fifth act took a sudden turn - one that was inconsistent with bounds drawn by the first four acts, it would be utter nonsense.

When addressing the question of the authority of the Bible in the life of individual Christians and in the Church, N. T. Wright,

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Bishop of Durham, told a similar story. He proposed that in Scripture we have a play in four acts. The first act tells the story of creation. In the second act we find the fall of man. The third act is the calling and the life of Israel - God's chosen people. The fourth act records the life of Jesus. The fifth act plays out the life of the church - the community of faith called to God through the redemptive act of Jesus. We, the church, encounter Scripture and find ourselves in the play. Over the past 2000 years since Jesus' ascension the church has been writing the fifth act of the play. Our job, our mission, is to be like the Shakespearean experts who pour over the previous four acts - seeking to understand the parameters of the play as it has been written by God so far. Our ability to live out our calling as faithful church is largely determined by our ability to understand the creation, fall, Israel, and Jesus as revealed in Scripture. Then, to live out the rest of this concluding act in such a way that honours the integrity of the previous acts.

Our success in living out this last chapter will be determined by our ability to extrapolate an honest trajectory from God's self-revelation in Scripture in the previous four acts. In short, our ability to know God as He reveals himself in Scripture. In this way, the Bible functions as authoritative in the life of Christian people and the Church. The Bible measures us, and we are bound by it.

In a special Sunday sermon series spanning five weeks, we will look at the authority of Scripture in the life of the church. We will look specifically at God's self-revelation in His act of creation, God's relationship to humans as seen in the fall, God's covenanting with Israel, God's ultimate self-disclosure in Jesus and finally the life of the church as God's covenant community of faith - faith lived out under the authority of the Bible.

It is my prayer that you will be drawn closer to the God of heaven and earth through this series. I pray, also, that you will come to trust the Bible as God's Word to you and for you. In the end, I pray that you and I will come to see ourselves as the church - as that body of people who live out their life corporately bound by the trajectory of Holy Scripture.

Ray David Glenn

Those who sow in tears
will reap with songs of joy.
He who goes out weeping,
carrying seed to sow,
will return with songs of joy,
carrying sheaves with him.

Psalm 126: 5,6

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A CHRISTIAN WORLD VIEW

Mark your calendar for a 5 week teaching seminar,
beginning **Wednesday, October 15th**
and continuing for 5 consecutive Wednesdays.

Topics to include:

***Truth vs. Lies,
Bioethics, Abortion, Euthanasia, & Stem
Cells Research,
Poverty and the Poor***

The series will be introduced and concluded by
Ray David Glenn, with guest speakers on three of
the evenings.

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: the Crossroads Centre Chapel

to send out laborers into his harvest.



MEET THE WALKERS

Hi St George's family,

My name is Scott Walker. I am the youth director here at St George's. If we have not already met, then please come and introduce yourself. I would love the opportunity to get to know you better over coffee. I just recently celebrated my thirty-second birthday. I grew up in a small town, Port Townsend, Washington near the Seattle area. My wife, Michelle grew up in Gravenhurst, Ontario. I met Michelle in Youth With a Mission (YWAM) Montana. In YWAM, we were both involved with short-term mission trips and taught in the School of Biblical Studies. We have three children: Hailey is five years old, Isaiah is two, and Josiah is our newborn.

Allow me to tell you a bit about myself. I received a BA in Biblical studies from Trinity Lutheran College in Issaquah, WA. I am currently finishing a Master's degree at Wycliffe College in Toronto. I was converted to Christ in my late teens. A very dear passage of scripture to me - which was integral in my coming to faith - is from St Paul's epistle to the Romans, chapter 13:11-14.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. [NRSV]

I later found out that this particular passage had also converted another man that had been sitting on the fence for years. Who was this man? It was none other than St Augustine! He is arguably the greatest theologian in the history of the Western Church. His response to the passage, after years of spiritual searching, is worth noting. He writes, "in an instant, as I came to the end of that sentence [Rom. 13:14], it was as though the light of confidence flooded into my heart and all the darkness of doubt was dispelled" (*Confessions*, Book VIII). Like so many of us at St George's, St Augustine experienced the transforming power of the Word of God and was forever changed.

My prayer for the youth at St George's is that they too, would come to experience, cherish, and pass on the good news. My vision for the youth is to participate in an "Augustinian like" encounter with the Word of God. This is why we place such a high

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emphasis upon Sunday night Bible study. Through Bible study, prayer, and fellowship we are taught, shaped, trained and formed into the image of Christ. Together we encounter the grace of God in Christ. Together we learn what it means to be forgiven sinners. Together we grow as disciples of the Risen Saviour. If you are looking for a place where you can deepen your relationship with God, or a

place where you can explore what a relationship with God might look like, then I invite you to “come and see” how Jesus dwells in our midst.

We have fun during the week too. Just last night Joe Biggar showed me a paintball bruise from over three weeks ago! Where else are you going to find a church that encourages you to give your leaders a nice fat bruise! In addition, I think we have some of the most talented guitar heroes, pizza chefs and mini-golfers in Ontario.

I thank God for this church. And I thank God for the youth at St George’s.

Yours in Christ,

Scott

The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.
Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore,
to send out workers into his harvest field.

Matthew 9: 37, 38

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S_{mall} G_{roup} TALK

Labour Day seems to be the signal that summer is over and it's time to start up those activities from which many of us took a rest for the summer months. Such has been the case for Small Groups.

Some of our groups have begun meeting again while others will soon begin. Changes have taken place for this fall. Rochelle & Blair Kitchen will take over as leaders of the Lewis group and Ed & Dyanna are starting a new group meeting at the Neeb residence on Thursday evenings. Also, we have a leader that is desirous of starting a Bible study group in the Oakville Burlington area. Anyone interested in becoming part of the Lewis or Kitchen group please contact them. For the Oakville Burlington group, please direct your inquiries to David Shantz.

Small groups continue to be important to the members of St. George's. You have probably heard me say this before and I say it again. Parishioners that attend small groups have discovered, as did the New Testament church, that there is more to church life than Sunday worship. In a survey we asked, "Why do you meet"? Numerous answers were given. Here are some of them,

Bible study

socializing

discussion

sharing life together

and the list goes on.

fellowship

prayer supporting one another

spiritual growth

a place where they know my name

Please consider joining a small group.

David Shantz 905-854-1013

Greg Culver 905-854-1181

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"Looking to Jesus"

The Network is planning gatherings nationwide this Fall to report on recent developments like the Lambeth and Global Anglican Future conferences and the Common Cause Partnership. We will also outline how we, in the Anglican Network in Canada, are preparing and what has been happening with our parishes and our ministries.

Meetings scheduled in this area:

BURLINGTON

DATE: Sat. Oct. 25th

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: The Crossroads Centre,
1295 N. Service Rd.

TORONTO

DATE: Sun. Oct. 26th

TIME: 4:30 PM

PLACE: Heritage
Adventist Church, 24 Innes

Meetings will be followed by refreshments and fellowship.

Please plan to come.



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From St. George's With Love

We are back in the area facilities of Allendale, Milton Hospital, Mt. Nemo and Heritage House after the summer break.

Some of our dear friends have gone to be with the Lord over the summer and we are missing them now but are also thankful that they are no longer struggling. We thank God for their lives and for all that we learned from them.

Beginning September 27th, Rev. Peter Parent and I are offering an 8 session course at Allendale to train visitors on behalf of the area clergy. On October 4th I will be doing a one day seminar in Rockwood for their area churches entitled "***the Pastoral Heart.***" Also, the course "***Comfort & Caring through Christ***" will be running this fall in Newfoundland.

What a blessing it is to come alongside our "wisdom people" and those who devote themselves to their care.

If you have questions about this area of ministry or if your family is going through the difficult decision of facility placement, please speak to me. I have some book titles that may be helpful.

Blessings!

Kathy Powell kathyp@sympatico.ca
Seniors' Pastoral Care Resource

Friends of St. Matthew's House

A contribution to St. Matthew's House is an excellent way to celebrate Thanksgiving. Non-perishable food items are always needed.

Watch for the "Christmas Adopt-a-family" as winter approaches. St George's will again be participating.

Betty Pristol

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Volunteers Needed
for
The Inaugural Synod
of the
Anglican Network in Canada
to be held
Nov. 13th, 14th, and 15th
at
The Crossroads Centre

- **For everyone, please include the preparations for synod and for synod delegates in your daily prayer life.**
- **People are needed to billet delegates in your home; please contact Margaret Hunt by email: margaret@huntimages.com or phone: 905-854-0233**
- **Drivers are needed to pick-up delegates at both Hamilton and Toronto airports and deliver them to their hotels or billets and provide transportation each day to and from The Crossroads Centre. You may volunteer for one or all days. Please contact Louise LePage by email: lepage@mcmaster.ca or by phone 905-681-6287.**



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REACHING OUT

It is with a heavy heart and with great anticipation that I share that Reaching Out has come to a watershed moment. What I am about to share will excite some, disappoint others, but it will certainly challenge all of us to listen to what God is saying to us. Recently our congregation met to ask God to show us what He'd have us do and God spoke. The message I received at "*St. Georges 101 Revisited*" was loud and clear: build my church! That was the one theme that was remarkably or perhaps miraculously repeated again and again, 'build my church'. I heard it as a clear discernment of where our Outreach ministry is being called. As our 'Futures Team' look for a place for us to worship, we will be in our community inviting all who love God and the Gospel of Christ to join us in our new home.

Unfortunately we do not have the funds to support everyone and as a result we must withdraw support from some of our partners. As of January 1, 2009, our \$30,000 budget will be paid out accordingly. The overseas mission partners will receive ½ of the budget. They represent five different areas of outreach, and all of them support the Great Commission.

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| 1. SAMS | \$2000 |
| 2. Middle East Christian Outreach | \$2100 |
| 3. China Mission | \$8400 |
| 4. The Church Army in Canada | \$1500 |
| 5. Invitation to Live Ministries | \$1000 |

The remaining \$15,000 we will be using exclusively for building our parish congregation, doing exactly what God is calling us to do. **'We are to be disciples making disciples.'**

I have written each and every mission partner personally to advise them of our new direction. I pray daily that between now and Dec 31, 2008, they will find new partners to support their important ministries. I am sure that the congregation shares my compassion for them and that you will join me in prayer that their burden is light. As well, please pray for the Reaching Out team as we work to find the best way to make use of your \$15,000 in and around the community of Milton, as we win souls for Jesus at St George's Church.

In Loving Christian Service,

Ray Smith 905- 693 9735

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KARA AND NELSON — OUR SAMS MISSION PARTNERS

About 50 to 70 kilometres off the north coast of Honduras lie the Islas de la Bahia, or Bay Islands, in the Gulf of Honduras in the Caribbean Sea. Kara and Nelson Mejia, working under the direction of the South American Missionary Society of Canada live on Roatan, the largest of these islands. Their mission is to establish a new deanery of five parishes from a single struggling parish, build a ministry among mariners and English speaking people, and develop a native ministry and lay leadership. How did Kara Thompson, a young lady from New Brunswick, acquire such a challenging task?

After Kara graduated from St. Stephen's University, she served with SAMS Canada for a year in Asuncion, Paraguay, teaching street children in a church-run school. Following this she worked for two years with the diocesan youth program in Tegucigalpa, the capital city of Honduras.

Meanwhile Nelson, born and raised in Honduras, learned carpentry after completing junior high school at St. Mary's Episcopal Church boys school. After working as a lay pastor, Nelson was sent by the Bishop to the Bay Islands where he completed high school while working within the church.

Kara and Nelson studied together as they prepared to enter the ministry and were married in January 2002. The following year they were assigned to serve as pastors for two communities with a total population of about 80,000 people. Later they acted as pastor/teachers of the church farm/orphanage at El Hogar where Nelson had lived and studied as a teen.



Kara and Nelson with the bishop and Nelson's parents

After their ordination to the diaconate in 2005, Kara and Nelson, with their young son Stephen, were transferred to their present assignment on the Bay Islands. Daughter Kelly Rose was born last October. In November they were ordained to the priesthood by their Bishop, Lloyd Allen, on Roatan, an event which gave their ministry a publicity boost when the mayor, journalists and personnel from the local T.V. station attended. Kara was installed as rector of the church in Brick Bay, a congregation of about 50 people, while Nelson is the rector of

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the church in Coxen Hole, roughly twenty people who meet in their home. Both these villages are on the south west coast of Roatan.

How can we pray for Nelson and Kara?

- With their growing family there is a need to spend more time with their children, and to delegate responsibility to those in the church whom they have been training.
- Pray that Kelly's citizenship will be approved and Kara's passport processed without further trips to the mainland and long waiting lines in offices.
- Pray for their protection. During a recent break-in their cell phone and camera were taken while the family slept. Iron bars are now on kitchen and living room windows and other windows will be done when finances permit.
- Kara and Nelson have launched a new seminary program in conjunction with the Methodist church and three members of their congregation have enrolled in classes. Pray for the Mejias as they teach courses and for the spiritual growth of the students.
- . Kara asks for prayer for their provision, and that they won't lose the vision of preaching the gospel and building a new deanery on the Bay Islands.

Pam Bales

A Word of Thanks

We are so grateful for many expressions of love poured out upon our family when our mother died in September. Thank you for the meals, cards, prayers, gifts to mission work in memory of our mother, and the wonderful funeral service at the Crossroads Centre on September 5.

the Masters family

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OUR FRIENDS WRITE



Dear all,

Greetings from Cambodia. After a very quick, whirlwind trip to Canada I am back in Cambodia already. It was great to see some of you, albeit briefly, during my trip to Canada. My humblest apologies for not being able to see all the people I wanted to. I am very sorry I wasn't able to share more stories about what I am doing here, and some of the work I am involved in. So I wanted to use this opportunity to say a few words about my work here in Cambodia with the Menonite Central Committee (MCC).

My role in Cambodia is that of an advisor to three Cambodian development organizations that MCC works with here. The roles vary between the different organizations but the general idea is to provide support, encouragement and capacity building to Cambodian or-

ganizations, each of which is involved in community/economic development work, and work with marginalized populations. From day to day this can look quite different, from attending board meetings, to conducting field visits, assisting with evaluations, writing reports and many trips to the capital, Phnom Penh, for various meetings. I have had the opportunity to do quite a bit of traveling in Southeast Asia, between work trips to Vietnam and Laos, to vacation time within Cambodia, as well as in Thailand.

My time in Cambodia so far has been incredibly rewarding for me. I have a much deeper appreciation for the opportunities I have had in life; for receiving a good education, a loving supportive family, always having food available, coming from a country where the tap water is generally safe to drink, and born with a reasonable opportunity to have a productive, long life. My own life in Cambodia is pretty good, so I don't want to leave the impression that I am somehow 'roughing it'; this is not really the case. For me, the hardest part of being here is living on the other side of the planet from friends and family, and for living in a semi-isolated town, Prey Veng.

I feel privileged to have the ability to work, give a little something back (hopefully I am) and see a different part of the world. If I could leave with one thought, there are hurting people everywhere in the world. You certainly do not have to travel half way around the world to find people that need help. We are called as Christians to be light in a dark world, and that can happen wherever we find ourselves. For me, I have the added bonus of seeing some really interesting corners of the globe while seeking to live out God's purposes in my own life.

One more thing, to the men's group that meets at Breezy Corners, my heartfelt thanks to you all. Your prayers, concern and care are greatly appreciated!!! Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Blessings to you all,

Scott Lewis



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Matt and Sarah Dredge
(and Simeon), Dorm Parents at Black Forest Academy, serving short term with the Janz Team in Europe.

Friday, September 12, 2008

For the first time in several weeks, I feel like I have a moment of time, mental energy, and a free computer all at the same time! We are ending our 4th week here at Storcheblick (Storch) dorm with our 2 RA's, Candy and Stephanie, and our 19 girls who range in age from grade 7 to grade 12. It has been an incredibly busy month. We arrived on August 18th with less than a week to get the dorm and ourselves ready for the girls. Though Matt and I have 3 years of dorm experience, it was not in this dorm - so essentially we were an entirely new staff. The trickiest part was finding where everything is! I spent 20 minutes one day looking for cutting boards - not an efficient use of snack prep

time. Everything takes a little longer as we learn the ins and outs of Storch - the building and the traditions and the ... the flavour. People have asked us about the transition from being RAs to being Dorm Parents. That is not the main transition - the main transition is from a boys dorm to a girls dorm and from Sonne to Storch - the known to the unknown - the large and hungry to the petite and loud.

The dorm was ready in time for the girls to arrive - so long as nobody looked in the office or the laundry room. It has also been tricky to know how to 'settle' in, knowing that we are temporary here - it is tricky for everyone. The Patersons almost had a deal for their house but they emailed us on Wednesday to tell us it had fallen through. How disheartening for them - and for Storch too - the girls are all eager for them to get here and join the 'nest'. [Matt and Sarah are filling in for the Patersons. Ed.]

The Storch girls are delightful and helpful and gentle and patient as we learn. Simeon is enjoying the inexhaustive supply of attention and willing arms. Aside from a few rough nights, he has done well. It really helps that he smiles at everyone! Right now he is 'talking' to me as I write - rather urgently as it gets close to lunch time for him. That is a transition too - trying to accomplish everything in little 2 hour blocks of time.

But we are enjoying it - yesterday we finally finished settling into our apartment and now I feel much more organized. The talking has escalated to a very insistent roar/wail, so I will sign off.

Love, sarah

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Hi Everyone:

Just thought I'd keep you posted. This past week was our first week of classes. We are taking seven different subjects with textbooks and assignments in each. A little overwhelming for those of us who have been out of school a while.

Chapel every morning at 8:30. The students take turns leading the service. The second year students are bearing the brunt of this. Gord will be the first of the first years to lead on Sept. 22. I am next and I will be preaching my first 'sermon' on my son Luke's birthday which is Sept. 26. At least we have the opportunity to watch the other students for a couple of weeks before it is

our turn. It is a really laid back service with contemporary music and incorporates drama, film clips, objects. We have a professor overseeing us and have to get his approval but I think they are very open to novel approaches.

Every weekday from 11:30 - 1 pm we are involved in the 'chicken noodle club'. Here 100 less/more kids from the poorer section of Saint John gather for hot lunches. We provide crowd control, listening ears, sometimes hugs. We listen for things and people to pray for, mop up spills, wash and dry dishes, sweep and wash floors. It is very chaotic and noisy and tiring, and oddly enough energizing. We will continue this for the school year. There are five of us involved. We comprise the entire first year fulltime student body.

We haven't started our other placements yet. They will be two nights a week, Friday and Saturday, in which we will be 'hanging out' with the marginalized - people with addiction issues, mental health issues, people in poverty. Thursday night will be SOS - seminary of the street - I'm not exactly sure what we'll be doing but it will be taking us out of our comfort zone - that's for sure! One thing that is a comfort to me is that evangelism isn't just, and perhaps it isn't even, yelling the message from the street corner, it's rubbing shoulders with, walking alongside, helping someone carry a burden, being the hands and feet of Christ. It's giving more of ourselves than we thought possible to give.



Catherine and Gord Bonham (at the far right) throw themselves into their studies at Taylor College in New Brunswick (Church Army in Canada).

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Four of the five of us are in our fifties. The other student is a young man in his late twenties. Everyone has a story to tell and everyone has had heartbreak and struggles - isn't that true of the world? I would ask you to pray for one of our fellow students, Carolyn. She underwent surgery in January '08 to remove a tumor from her spine. The Dr. thought she wouldn't survive the surgery, and if she survived, would be in a wheelchair but here she is trudging up and down the stairs of the school, arms full of books. Her story is even more inspiring than that - she was diagnosed with tumors in both her liver and lungs and finished chemotherapy only 3 weeks ago. The tumors in her lungs have completely disappeared - the doctors said there was no sign they had ever been there; the tumor in her liver shrank from 3.5cm to 7mm. This wonderful woman left her newlywed husband (they were married in Nov.) in Newfoundland because she knows this is where she must be. Her husband, Charlie, fully supports her decision and will visit her monthly. Carolyn must have CT scans and bone scans done regularly, as well as bone injections and she is awaiting an appointment at the hospital in Saint John. Please pray for her continued health and for the appointments to be booked.

Gord and I are certainly not alone in having sold our home and left our beloved family behind. There are other students who have done the same, and everyone has left something to come here. We are an interesting lot...

[now, a few days later]

Thought I'd send you a photo taken last week during a service module at the Salvation Army. This is a combination of year one and two students. We spent two days doing grunt work - washing walls, floors, windows etc. Gord and I have both given our first 'talks' in chapel. Taylor College held a chapel service at Dorchester Prison which was very well attended and we (the students) were able to spend a long time in chat and fellowship with the prisoners afterwards.

Taylor College is an awesome place to be and I would encourage anyone who feels a call to ministry prayerfully to consider attending. We actually run (or at least walk quickly) from our morning class, grab an apple, jump into a running van, run to the chicken noodle club lunch program, praying for the kids as we go, help serve/ cleanup/ build relationship, pray on the way back to school for any situations that have arisen and then we have half an hour before our next class. It's crazy, hectic, exhilarating, exhausting. Our evening programs are in full swing now as well - Thursday is 'seminary on the street', Friday and Saturday's are the uptown cafe. We are 'learning as we do' and 'doing as we learn'. Way to go God!

Love and blessing to you all,
Catherine & Gord

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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hollema

To the ladies of St. George's

Thank you all so much for the lovely shower. It was so special to have all of you gathering around me before my wedding. Everything was just perfect from the decorations and food to the speeches. I was so blessed to have so many of you supporting and encouraging me especially as I was going to start this new adventure of marriage.

But this support is not new to me. I have been privileged enough to have your amazing support through many of the tricky and exciting times of my life. I have been so blessed to be a part of such an amazing family! I have yet even to mention the generous gift of all my Royal Doulton china, place mats, scripture verses, and recipes. What an incredible gift!

I am pleased to say that we use the place mats on a daily basis, we have just gotten a china cabinet to display our beautiful china, and I have already used some of the recipes that I received at the shower. Again thank you so much for blessing me through this shower. Thomas and I are so grateful for your love, prayers, and for your overwhelming generosity.

Thank you so much St. George's ladies!!!!

Much Love,

Suzie Hollema

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WHERE SUNDAY SCHOOL ORIGINATED

Have you ever wondered where Sunday school originated? I recently read on the internet the amazing history of Sunday schools. Among the moving forces was Robert Raikes (1736-1811), an English philanthropist and an Anglican evangelical. He is credited with initiating the church school movement in the year 1780.

Robert worked among boys in the slums, some of them incarcerated in the county jail. He became convinced that early religious teaching for children would keep them from a life of crime. His Sunday schools were places where poor deprived children could learn to read. The schools were conducted on the one day a week that children didn't work: Sunday.

Raikes assembled his first Sunday School in the home of a Mrs. Meredith. She heard the lessons of the older boys who coached the younger ones. The text book was the Bible and the teachers were lay people. At first, only boys attended but later girls were included. Many children learned to write by copying out passages from the Scriptures. A basic catechism was also taught, as were spiritual practices such as prayer and hymn-singing.

Robert inherited a publishing business from his father, the *Gloucester Journal* in 1757, which he used to publicize the schools. Word of the work spread. Within two years, several schools opened in and around Gloucester. By the time of his death in 1811, there were half a million children enrolled in his Sunday schools. By 1831, 1,250,000 children were in Sunday school in Great Britain, approximately 25 percent of the population.

The Sunday School movement spread to America where it became less and less a literacy programme and increasingly a gospel agency. Nevertheless, many parents continued to believe that regular Sunday school attendance was an essential component of childhood. The 1960's trend of permissive parenting, however, led to the abandoning of the widespread culture that children go to Sunday school whether they want to or not.

I heard someone say recently, "God has no grandchildren-only children." Children know nothing about the acts of God in history unless we share that knowledge. Christian faith is never more than one generation from extinction.

Naomi Neeb

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Mrs. Chambers' class learn together.

Introducing...



William Martin
Loveless, son of
Shelley and Kelvin.



Josiah Walker,
son of Michelle
and Scott.



Kobe Taylor
Cantelon, son
of Erica and
Jess.



Ewan James Hunt,
grandson of Angela
and David.



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