



GOVERNANCES ALONG LIFE'S JOURNEY



- Doug Moore

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I long for a successful journey!

Genesis Chapter 24 contains at least 5 references to 'Journey' as the exciting biblical record unfolds the incredible search for God's chosen wife for Isaac. Abraham, who had witnessed the Lord bless him abundantly, now in his old age, commissions his 'senior' servant the responsibility for the search! This search, of course, required of him a sensitive and intriguing journey. One of the references to the journey is found in verse 21, ***"Without saying a word, the man watched her closely to learn whether or not the LORD had made his journey successful."*** I long for a successful journey. A journey guided and blessed by the Lord. But, in my longing I also realize I don't have complete control over all events and impacting moments along the journey!

During the early years of the startup of Kings Way Assembly in Quispamsis, NB we used the facility of a United Church for our Sunday evening service. One day their denominational magazine cover title caught my attention. It impacted me and my mind decided to take a 'snapshot' that keeps the moment vivid to this day---now 14 years later. The title: ***"Force not the course of a river"!*** It is interesting and quite sobering to know that along our life journey there are many reasons why our journey flows within the course it has chosen. It can certainly remain a mystery as to why rivers flow in so many 'twisted' ways. Google Earth now provides us with a bird's eye view of the worlds greatest rivers and they all have their distinct paths---some relatively straight and others that look like a series of S's.

I continue to long for a successful 'life' journey. As Marie and I look back upon almost 40 years of marital bliss I am glad for the journey God has had us on. Every day I am more convinced than ever that I made the right choice for a 'life' partner! I am convinced that the Lord's pastoral ministry assignments for us were purposeful and within His will. The journey with the District, serving with all of you has been invigorating, challenging and personally purposeful for us. At my age I could go on and on with valid illustrations and stories about my journey---I will spare you and get to the point that I believe is relevant and important for all of us.

The undeniable bottom line is this. We are definitely all on a journey. We do not have complete control of how and where our river journey will course itself as days transform into years. Seasons of sickness, tragedy, failures, disappointment, heartaches and many other issues can take our journey by surprise---rocks that come out of nowhere and alter our course and seem to defy the river route we would have liked. But, there are many influential factors we can discipline within our daily decisions that can result in a positive journey impact. Remember "the journey of a thousand miles begins with the first step we take today"!

This list is a compilation of musings I have had recently, especially since deciding to address this subject in this edition of Shores. I trust they are helpful but please add your own and I would love to have you send them along to me---they will enrich



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my life journey---THANKS!

-Make a daily decision that the course God has designed is better than your own.

-Make use of all of God's resources as you negotiate Journey junctions.

-Remember daily you have given your heart and life to Christ---it is His to chart and He deserves our constant commitment to His plan.

-Remain open to wise counsel along your Journey. Maybe a friend has traversed similar situations, seasons or pathways.

-Keep your spirit in sync with the Holy Spirit along your walk.

-Allow godly Kingdom Principles to be the foundational governances for your Journey.

-Walk in humility as you Journey.

-Maintain a pure heart toward everyone. Never live in a state of people avoidance. The moment of avoidance can negatively impact the course of your Journey.

-Daily allow Christ to rid your life of sin, it will keep your vision clear!

-On our Journey we must maintain fellowship within the Body of Christ. It is healthy and encouraging to walk together on this Journey during the mountaintop and valley experiences. Everytime we look into the sky and see a formation of Canadian Geese let it be a reminder of the need and effectiveness of togetherness.

-Difficult as the Journey may occasionally be, let us remain grateful for who we are, where we are and what we are doing.

-On our Journey we must remember that what man calls detours can sometimes interpret into God's divine direction.

-On our Journey may we never curse the

moment but use the moment. Bloom where we are planted!

-Allow our Journey to perpetually be divinely directed towards God's Glory!

Somehow acrostics have become a part of many articles and presentations. I don't want to disappoint you! So here we go—let the letters speak:

MAY OUR LIFE BE:

J-Joyous: (Jesus, who for the joy set before him.....)

O-Obedient: (Jesus became obedient unto death...)

U-Useful: (Weeping may endure for a night but joy comes in the morning)

R-Reverent: (Steps are ordered by the Lord)

N-Natural: ("Trust in the Lord with ALL your heart, and lean not upon our own understanding, in All your ways submit to him and he will make your paths straight." (TNIV)

E-Eternal: (The end is not yet! The final piece of the life puzzle is put in place when we stand face to face with Christ)

Y-Yielded: (We yield to the Lord and our life yields fruit for Christ's glory)

During the drafting of this article I had been visiting Carl in the hospital, one of my best 'life' friends. Yesterday was his funeral! I had the incredible honour, out of hundreds of his friends, to be asked by his wife Jane and family to participate in his funeral (March 27, 2011). My memory and emotions were running very deep as I drifted back up the river of Carl's Journey. The bottom line is that although he had graced this earth for only 60 years (528,000) hours, his life journey was a testimony to a life well lived within the confines of God's faithful leading. Carl loved poetry and I lift a poem from one of his booklets:

***“Freedom in Christ
Is to be a new Creature,
Freedom to walk
Not as we were,
Freedom to live
A life of example,
Freedom to carry
Our burdens no more.***

***Freedom to fly, as a kite up to
heaven
But held to the earth by a powerful
grace,
Tied by the string of His love
and forgiveness
Gives us freedom to win
At whatever the race.”***
Carl B.

I look forward to our Journeys crossing soon at District Conference. Let’s make it a glorious junction as we focus on being “Personally Pentecostal”.

Walking carefully with you,

**- MAY THE LORD’S HAND
MAKE YOUR JOURNEY SUCCESS-
FUL!** - Doug

Honour

Rev. Jim Molloy

Director of Ministries & Missions



While boarding the plane I noticed that the executive class seats were mostly empty. In fact, many of the economy seats were vacant too. I took my place among the commoners and peasants in the cheap seats. My seat was 12D, which was an aisle seat in the row immediately behind executive class. Across the aisle from me was a middle-aged woman who was fumbling to find her ringing mobile phone. She launched into her loud-talker voice, telling her friend how “unfair” and “not right” it was that Air Canada would make her sit in economy when there were empty seats in executive class. I chuckled to myself as she expressed her frustration to her friend (and the entire plane) about how she shouldn’t be in economy class. In her twisted thinking, she was due a greater place. Though she paid the same fare as the rest of us, in her mind she was more deserving than the other 300 passengers. Perhaps she didn’t notice other passengers that were more deserving of that honour than her: senior citizens, folks with mobility issues, Canadian soldiers, and the like.

There are a few areas where I think we have departed from the way things used to be—to our detriment. One of these is the way we honour one another and those in authority among us. From child to parent, parishioner to pastor, peer to peer, em-

ployee to boss, dishonour is rampant in our society. We live in a culture of dishonour. Roasting and lampooning leaders is a common practice. Often we are experts at faultfinding. We think we are helping by pointing out these flaws but it has a harmful effect.

I visited two of our Bible colleges last week and it struck me as odd when the students referred to President Morrow and President Demchuck as “Bill” and “Dave.” I know the new catchword in modern leadership culture is *relationship* but in our attempts to equalize the hierarchy, and make everyone common, is there not still room for us to show honour? After 15 years of working together I still default to referring to my friend, and District Superintendent, as Pastor Doug. Sometimes in our interactions he gets the tag captain, chief, or boss, but rarely “Doug.” He has no preference of the name I call him; it’s just been the honorable label I’ve used – given his position and his advanced years. [insert chuckle here].

Children, especially, should be taught to honour adults. My children are not permitted to call our pastor, Joe, by his first name. The names of unfamiliar adults in their life are called Mr. or Mrs. Showing honour, of course, has little to do with the name we use to address someone, but the way in which we speak about, or act around,

another person testifies of whether or not we honour them. I believe that honour should be given to everyone; including those we work with, work for, and who work for us.

A pastor is worthy of honour because of the office he or she holds. Honour is not to be withdrawn from someone based on his or her performance.

I almost came unglued in a recent meeting when a layperson, on a tangent unrelated to the agenda, began a rant about the excessive “perks” given to pastors. This man lives in ignorance, and is prone to dishonour. I would be the last person to advocate for a pastor’s pity party, but there are some realities unique to pastoral ministry. Apart from the perpetual state of readiness a pastor lives in, there is a continual pressure of being evaluated and assessed in every area of life and leadership.

Pastors don’t get 2-days off in a row, except on vacation. And, generally, the pay stinks – especially the pay-to-expectation ratio. What parishioners don’t know is that 45% of pastors will experience burnout or depression that will force them, permanently or temporarily, to leave their job. Almost half of all pastors have seriously considered leaving the ministry within the last 3 months. A third of pastors say that being in the ministry is an outright hazard to their family.

75% say that they've had a significant stress-related crisis at least once in their ministry.

I know that there are people in our congregations that work harder, longer, and for less pay than their pastor, but that regrettable reality is not license for pastors to be under-appreciated. Why can't we give our pastors more than they deserve? What are we afraid of? What would happen if a pastor was over-paid, over-rested, and over-honoured? I think that might just be biblical: "And now, friends, we ask you to honour those leaders who work so hard for you, who have been given the responsibility of urging and guiding you along in your obedience. Overwhelm them with appreciation and love!" (The Message)

Leaders must honour their followers and colleagues.

"In humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others." (Philippians 2:3-4) Every person is worthy of honour because of the high value inherent in being a creation of God. If we see God in the person next to us, we would treat them with honour.

We are to show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honour those in authority. Romans 12:10 reminds us to, "Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves." Scripture also take the time to remind us to honour widows (1 Timothy 5:3), elders (1 Timothy 5:17), the elderly (Leviticus 19:32), parents (Ephesians 6:1-3), spouses (1 Peter 3:7), and bosses (1 Timothy 6:1). There are also verses instructing older ministers to honour the younger ones (1 Timothy 5:1-2).

As pastors and leaders we must commit to speaking honorably of other pastors and ministries. It is

easy to find the faults, but godly leaders look for the positive. Andrew Carnegie said, "Finding greatness in an individual is a lot like mining for gold. When you go into the mine you realize that you will have to move a ton of dirt to find an ounce of gold. However, you never go to the mine looking for the dirt. You always go to the mine looking for the gold!" If you go looking for dirt you will find plenty of it.

It is always sinful to join with others to create alliances around a cause that dishonours others. There are appropriate times, situations, and places to voice criticism and complaint. Wise and godly leaders are able to discern these times.

Honour is held in the heart and shown in physical expressions.

Dress - When I ran a small business I occasionally would interview potential employees. I was shocked at the way interviewees would dress. One potential salesperson even came wearing flip-flops, shorts, and an ugly Hawaiian shirt. He had no chance of obtaining my employment. We show honour to another person by what we wear when in their company.

Deference - If we preferred and honoured one another as Scripture says, wouldn't church parking lots fill up from the farthest space first, and then be filled from there to the more preferable spaces? [insert groan here]

Dialogue - How we talk speaks the most about whether we honour others or not. Whatever is in the heart will eventually come out the mouth.

To honour means to value. We honour what we value. We keep it in a special place. We hold it in high-esteem. Honour for another person is displayed in our actions, evidenced by our words, and reflected in our thoughts. Most importantly, honour originates and is held in our heart, for if we do, speak, and think

about honoring someone we still fail if we do not honour in our heart.

Withholding honour always produces negative results.

"If you receive a prophet as one who speaks for God, you will be given the same reward as a prophet. And if you receive righteous people because of their righteousness, you will be given a reward like theirs." (Matt 10:41)

Some leaders and churches are not successful simply because they neglect to dispense appropriate honour to one another and authorities. Honour, according to Scripture, begets reward.

John encourages us to live in such a way that we will receive the full reward. We see this in Scripture as different people connect with Jesus. Mark 6:5 says that Jesus "could do no mighty works" in His hometown of Nazareth. It doesn't say He wouldn't do them, but rather, he couldn't - he was restrained. What restrained Him? The same thing that restrains our churches and ourselves: a lack of honour. They dishonoured Him and received only small, partial reward - only a few minor healings.

Those who honoured Jesus, like the Roman centurion in Matthew 8, received a full reward. Honour was the key. Those who honoured Him in part, like the people of Nazareth, only received a partial reward. And, those who dishonoured him - even if only in thought, like the teachers and preachers of the law, received no reward.

The Scriptures declare that the way we treat others is the way we treat Jesus Himself. If we honour others, we honour Jesus. And there are rewards for showing honour. The blessings of God rest upon one who honours others.

Directory Updates

Rod Bezanson (Tammy): Accepted the call to East Green Harbour as Senior Pastor

Ben Frawley (Denise): Ordination Credential reinstated and accepted the call to Western Shore as Senior Pastor

Evangel Pentecostal Assembly (Hartland): new mailing address - 2780 Route 103 Simmonds NB E7P 2Y5

Scott Herring (Rebecca): resigned from Kingston NS

Graham Knowles (Janelle): Granted a Church Related Credential and on staff as Youth Pastor at Bridgewater NS

The following individuals have been granted the Recognition of Ministry credential: James Baird, David Brewster, Eldridge Burrows, Nancy McCormick, Benjamin Pass.

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Camp Evangeline 2011 Dates:

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| May 15 | Camp Sunday |
| June 10-11 | Camp Work Retreat |
| July 5-9 | Kids Kamp |
| July 16 | Camp Banquet |
| July 16-31 | Family Camp |
| August 5-7 | Young Adult Camp |
| August 8-13 | Youth Camp |



Church Tithe Report

Year to date February 2011

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| Amherst NS | 4,597.77 | Lequille NS | 757.57 |
| Antigonish NS | 830.66 | Liverpool NS | |
| Baccaro NS | 533.66 | Lockeport NS | 1,892.74 |
| Bathurst NB | 1,445.41 | Lyttleton NB | 5,005.00 |
| Beresford NB | 1,773.69 | Mahone Bay NS | 200.00 |
| Bermuda | 2,574.76 | Middlewood NS | 403.03 |
| Bible Hill NS | 1,942.77 | Moncton NB | 14,006.84 |
| Boom Road NB | 4,687.00 | Montague PE | 1,321.00 |
| Boucrouche NB | 2,425.00 | Murray River PE | 864.20 |
| Bridgewater NS | 863.68 | Musquodoboit Harbour NS | 1,282.86 |
| Campbellton NB | | Nash Creek NB | 1,038.60 |
| Canning NS | | New Bandon NB | 440.60 |
| Charlottetown PE | 2,000.00 | New Glasgow NS | 435.06 |
| Clam Point NS | 1,412.00 | Parrsboro NS | 227.13 |
| Coles Island NB | 355.51 | Pokemouche NB | 1,079.92 |
| Dartmouth (Evangel) NS | 4,665.96 | Port Hawkesbury NS | 513.85 |
| Dartmouth (SonLife) NS | 931.00 | Quispamsis NB | 4,519.55 |
| Dieppe NB | 1,331.12 | Sackville NS | 1,666.79 |
| East Green Harbour NS | 480.00 | Saint John NB (Calvary) | 5,070.00 |
| Edmundston NB | 1,612.00 | Saint John NB (North Side) | 906.31 |
| Edmundston Outreach (Clair) | 133.40 | Shediac NB | 1,646.63 |
| Fredericton NB | 2,324.00 | South Lochaber NS | 577.00 |
| Garnett Settlement NB | | Sussex NB | 903.21 |
| Glace Bay (Bethel) NS | 441.00 | Sydney NS | |
| Glace Bay (Lighthouse) NS | | Tabusintac NB | |
| Grand Falls NB | | Tancook Island NS | 140.00 |
| Halifax (Alive) NS | 1,910.24 | Tiddville NS | 648.30 |
| Halifax (Faith) NS | 8,352.68 | Timber River NB | 1,009.44 |
| Halifax (New Life) NS | 200.00 | Truro NS | 1,467.95 |
| Hartland NB | | Western Shore NS | 689.15 |
| Indian Harbour NS | 425.00 | Windsor NS | 920.60 |
| Kentville NS | 3,380.07 | Woodstock NB | 2,105.64 |
| Killam's Mills NB | 2,500.00 | Yarmouth NS | 2,566.04 |
| Kingston NS | 1,355.63 | TOTAL | <u>110,561.72</u> |
| Lantz NS | 772.70 | | |



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Diamonds Conference 2011

One hundred & eighty-four ladies came from all parts of Canada to attend the bi-annual National WM Conference at Delta Beausejour Hotel in Moncton, NB, January 28-30, 2011. The grand opening under the talented musical direction of Pastor Kristen Pollard and the Eastern flavour was the kick off for a great weekend. We gathered as a nation around the flags and were sent home to find other diamonds in this nation of ours, Canada.

Our speakers, Sandra Gill, Shannon Carkner, Paula Morand, Leanne McAlister, Joanne Goodwin and DiAnne L. Dupont shared according to their call/skill. There was time to laugh, to reflect, to meditate about changes to bring, and times of encouragement to return home to keep us shining in the darkness.

Coordinator Sandra Gill, National WM Director and her team spent a year and a half of preparation with Skype calls, requests, letters, advertisement, and prayers that this conference would be remembered as a great success!

A big thank you to Pastor Doug our SUPERintendent, the District Executive and Jim Molloy for their support.

From Beyond Ourselves, we were encouraged to search for other diamonds because everyone matters. So many to discover in our homeland....

REACH— As we approach the District LIFT Retreat, it is a good time to motivate your troops to invest in REACH. It is very encouraging to see many requests coming our way. Please contact Dorothy Burns (dburns@ns.aliantzinc.ca or 902-895-4212) at the District Office with your REACH amounts prior to May 25, 2011.

LIFT THIS SUMMER

Where: Camp Evangeline

When: July 23, 2011

Theme: Shoes

On overview of the day:

A time to create, if you love to paint or do a craft

A time to share your story about your shoes—where and how far they have travelled

A time to have tea

A time for a walk

Will You Be There ???

*« We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well »
 1 Thessalonians 2:8*

Young Pastors Retreat 2011



Sitting around the fire with coffee cup in hand, and friends we don't see that often, trading stories with one another whether they are funny, or whether they are a little less on the light side, add a great speaker and some time to worship, this is what characterizes YPR; a time for our young pastors in the Maritime District to take a few days and just plain relax.

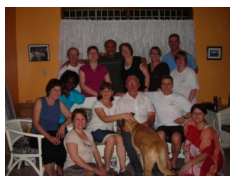
This year we were hosted once again by Circle Square Ranch in Sussex NB. We arrived on Sunday evening to a night of relaxation around the fire. Monday morning started off with Pastor Doug sharing a relevant and challenging message. Then our speaker for the event, Brandon Malo, challenged us differently than our previous speakers. He and his wife Melissa, pastor The Embassy in Waterloo, Ontario. His challenge was directed more towards being

relevant to the culture today when leading an assembly and working to bring people to Christ.

He challenged us to make Christ the center, not just a compartment of our lives, and in living out our everyday lives this way it becomes a way to demonstrate the life of Christ and in turn bring people to faith in Christ. His challenge also encompassed making an effort to become actively involved in the lives of those that do not know Christ, to find a connection point, open up our lives and love like Christ would.

This year's YPR had a slightly different flavour to it, but a refreshing flavour, people left energized and challenged to go back and wrestle with what Brandon brought to the table.

Around the District



Centre Chrétien Évangélique, Beresford, NB
Haïti Mission
January 8-16, 2011

Twelve members of Centre Chrétien Evangelique from Beresford went to minister to Haiti with missionary Michel & Louise Charbonneau. The Charbonneau's have been serving for the last 14 years in one of the poorest countries in the world. Their ministry is directed to the younger generation of 20 years old and younger, through a youth program, school and feeding program for more than 1,200 kids.

The team from Beresford multitasked. They brought with them ministry, medical, education, building, and sewing. Everyone had the opportunity to give and to receive through their experience. We gave a little of what we had and we received a lot as we were looking at the resilience of the Haitian people. They might not have all the material riches we have, but many have found the

pearl of life in Jesus, and in spite of earthquakes and desolation, they are hopeful about their future.

We rejoice in the little we were able to do, either when working hard to undo and redo, when visiting the school to evaluate the needs in order to help in the future, when helping at the medical clinic or even when shopping to buy fabrics to sew curtains for the church. We were especially blessed when Pastor Luc preached the Word and was translated by our Haitian brother Jean Méhu. The team is already talking about the next missions trip. Never underestimate the result of a time set aside to GO and to serve our missionaries and His children. We can always expect the seed to grow.



Children's Ministry

Summer is right around the corner! Now is the time to plan for those beautiful sunny days that await us and there is no better time than summer, to plan a **'children's outreach event'**! No school; clubs are winding down and parents love getting their children out of the house! Have you ever thought of doing a Vacation Bible School? There are many different ways to host this event: either the traditional Daily Vacation Bible School (every morning for one week), or having it in the evenings for a full week; breaking it up and having it once a week for 5 weeks; doing a backyard Bible club; or by joining with other churches in your community....the opportunities are endless!

Last summer I had the privilege of visiting a Vacation Bible School that was taking place at Evangel Assembly in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. Here is a snapshot of their delightful week!

THE FACTS...

- Directors: Tammy Bezanson, Peter Stewart
- # of Volunteers: 31
- # of Children registered: 77 (On the day that I was there)
- Goal: That everyone receives the gospel with fun and love from Evangel's VBS workers!
- Theme: "High Seas Adventure" (Group Publishing)
- Dates: July 19-23, 2010
- Time: 9:30am - Noon daily.
- Ages: 4-11

Closing Service occurs on Sunday evening - ending the week with a Musical Presentation that the children learn throughout the week!

Typical Morning: Open Session, with music, games, video and memory

verse provide an introduction to the day. The children then travel with their teams to different stations:

- Bible Voyage
- Ship Wreck Games
- Clipper Ship Crafts
- Galley Snacks.

Volunteers - Tammy says that she learned the key is finding their interests and placing them in a position that allows them to share these skills.

Tammy described VBS by saying "It provides a safe learning environment for kids to bring their friends from school, and their neighborhood".

The main principle is taught by a catchy phrase that is unveiled at the beginning and reviewed at every station. Each stop adds a new piece to the puzzle - discovering the Biblical truth of who God is and what that means to each child. This helps the children to remember what they have learned throughout the week.

The biggest challenges:

Keeping order during the open sessions and during registration.

Recruiting volunteers... you can always use more!

Thank you Tammy and Evangel Assembly for allowing me to visit this past summer!

If you are planning a VBS be aware that it does not end once the week is over!

Follow-up is extremely important. Invite the children out to the other

events that are going on in your church for the rest of the summer. In the fall send postcards and invitation flyers to welcome the children by name to your regular programs. Also sending birthday cards, or it was nice to meet you postcards are a great way to connect. Children love to get mail (yes, even today in the age of electronics).

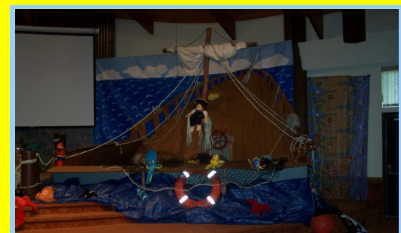
There are different curriculums available for every size church as well as various unique Vacation Bible School formats. They may be adapted for many volunteers or a few. Planning is key ...the earlier you start the easier it will be!

Here is a link that will give you an idea of current themes and curriculum that are available: (Most can be ordered/purchased at your local Christian Bookstore!)

<http://ministry-to-children.com/vacation-bible-school-2011/>



Rev. Laura Hurlbert-Nickerson
District Children's Ministry Coordinator



Faith, Hope and Love

Rev. Natasha Matchett-DeVito
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We see these words on bumper stickers, on plaques, random signs, and in places ranging from churches, to hospitals, to retail shops: Faith, Hope, and Love. Christians understand the Apostle Paul wrote them to the Corinthians, yet I've come to the understanding that these three words are very friendly to the average person. Even nonbelievers will invoke this "saying." Those that may not read the Bible, attend Church, or consider themselves Followers often embrace the idea of "Faith, Hope, and Love."

Maybe we are the ones who confuse it. As the Church are we guilty of presenting them as a package deal? Do we look down on those who choose one and leave the other two? Do we judge people for only taking two and leaving one?

Personally, I've spent much time in the past few years thinking about faith, hope, and love. At times I've found myself thinking that faith was the most important. Without faith we have nothing right? Faith is included in any belief system whether Christian or not. Yet the world – and familiar humanitarian figures like U2 lead singer, Bono – has clung to love. I mean, nobody has a problem with love right? Love is the common denominator in every religion. It streams through society. It connects things. It's included in most mottos for secular groups, boys

and girls clubs, and volunteer organizations. The word love is... well, it's loved. If what you are reading makes sense to you, would you agree that this appears to have left hope with fewer fans? Has hope become the one that is picked last or maybe the one that is overlooked because it's surrounded by others that are more popular or prestigious? Whatever the case, hope has gotten less press.

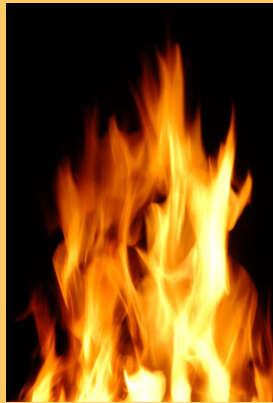
Colossians 1:3-5 says, "We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people—the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel that has come to you". This tells us that faith and love spring from hope. If we provide hope, plain and simple, hope to people through time spent, resources given, feeling welcome even though they may not feel a part, perhaps faith and love will come next?

Jesus encourages us to give a cup of water in His name. This is a basic need we can all provide. Nothing fancy. Can a cup of water produce faith and love? I believe it can and it does. I believe giving hope is a way to build a bridge to love and ultimately to faith. In fact, I'm sure we've all witnessed someone losing hope in their life.

It's sad when we see a person losing faith or love but can be just plain scary when we see someone losing hope. Hope gets us through the day thinking that tomorrow can be different. Unbelievers or those who are confused about religion or God pay no attention if they lose faith and even when love is lost it can go undetected for a while. Yet, when a person begins to lose hope they sense it, they feel it, and they know something needs to be fixed. Hope is essential.

Do they really need to be offered in the order that Paul wrote them? "I will offer you faith and if you take it that will give both of us hope and then we will love you." Have we been guilty of that attitude at times? When in fact it doesn't matter what order we put them in people will still get the message we are trying to send... just like this sentence.

Whatever your thoughts on this famous trio we, as Ministers, should be ready to offer hope and love without any strings attached to faith because some people are not ready for our faith just yet.



82ND ANNUAL MARITIME DISTRICT CONFERENCE
MAY 9-11, 2011
GLAD TIDINGS PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
MONCTON, NEW BRUNSWICK

Personally Pentecostal

"You shall receive power...." Acts 1:8

Guest Speaker

Rev. David Wells

PAOC General Superintendent



**CHECK THIS OUT—
www.songfest.ca**

This website will give you useful information on upcoming concerts in your area. It also allows you the opportunity to print a poster and present PowerPoint to your congregation.

Local Church Annual Report

The District Constitution & By-Laws states that each assembly shall forward to the District Office annually a copy of their financial statement. In that regard, we would appreciate receiving a copy of your 2010 Annual Report as presented to your congregation. Thank you!

Just a reminder ... T3010—Registered Charity Information Return
According to Revenue Canada your church must file its Registered Charity Information Return T3010 within 6 months of its fiscal year end.

LIFT RETREAT

June 3 & 4, 2011

Guest Speaker: Rev Marie Miller, Evangelist

Special Guest: Dawn Samson, missionary in Chennai, India

Theme: Face LIFT... or Faith LIFT...

Location: Nova Scotia Agricultural College (NSAC), Truro, NS

Make sure you register early because places are limited at the NSAC

**** We are looking for Christian books to be placed on an exchange table at the retreat ****

Encourage your ladies to attend this time of Love, Inspiration, Fellowship and Transformation in the presence of God and friends. They Will Be Blessed!

CAMP ESCUMINAC 2011

N'oublier pas d'inscrire ces dates important :

- Travaux (ouverture du camp) Date : 17 au 21 Mai
- Camp familial Date : 28 au 31 juillet 2011
- Travaux (fermeture du camp) Date : mi - septembre

Nos conférenciers pour le camp :
 Dominique Ourlin (adjoint à la communication)
 Michel Bisailon (Surintendant du District du Québec).

Offre de travail :

Avez-vous déjà songé à passer l'été dans la Gaspésie ? Nous sommes à la recherche d'un couple ou d'un individu pour s'occuper du nouveau terrain de camping durant l'été, sauf durant le Camp familial.

Les tâches sont :

- Location des terrains - Entretien des terrains - Entretien du gazon - Entretien des bâtiments

Pour plus de renseignements, veuillez communiquer avec le directeur du camp, Pasteur Denis Lavallée au (418) 629-2992, ou à denislavallee@globetrotter.net

Mark these dates!

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| Working days | May 17-21 |
| Family Camp | July 28-31 |
| Working week | Mid-September |

Our speakers: Michel Bisailon and Dominique Ourlin

Looking for something to do this summer! Why not give your name to come and work on the Camp. Call Denis Lavallée for information. 418-629-2992