

2004



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FROM THE EDITOR



Happy New Year and as Abe Lincoln once said "The best thing about the future is that it comes only one day at a time."

By now our resolutions to become better, fitter, holier people are beginning to wain. Perhaps we didn't even try this year, because after all, change should be a year round thing, eh? Maybe.

So taking the future one day at a time seems a little more manageable. Remember that the present is where we live, love and learn.

This issue is full of articles to challenge and encourage you into exploring 'life in all its fullness' (John 10:10) in 2004.

Our Vision Team at the Place has put together some great ideas on mentorship and why we should get involved with this. We have much to learn from people wiser in the faith and

the struggles and joys of life.

Also we see the start of the Place Practical Helps Ministry. This is really exciting as we put into action plans to enable people to give generously of their time, gifts and abilities to help those in need at the Place, at Lambrick, and in the wider community. We all need to ask ourselves the question:

Do you think of the church first when you think of needing or giving help?

So there is stuff to chew on - bite size chunks that are easier to stomach than failing resolutions or the wild, wild Victorian winter.

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NEWS

Lambrick Park Church into 2004

Prayer needs abound. The staff and elders continue in the long careful process of seeking God's will for our future. Presently they are planning for a transition time to search for the new Lead Pastor, to define Vision and to review organisation structures.

December - a stable month?

Ah December - some would say a time of holy chaos amid the joys of the nativity. Despite all this we have had a great few months with baptisms, testimonies, baby dedications and more...

The first public performances of our gospel choir added some choral zest to the Christmas Dinner Theatre.

The advent celebrations were simple, novel and moving - with the Christmas story through the mind of Mary being illuminated through the media of canvas, story, poetry and film.

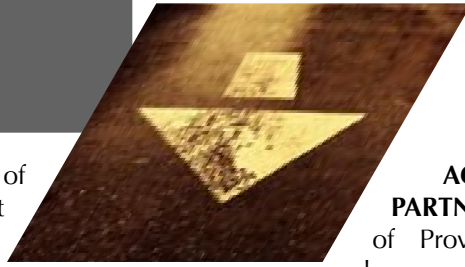


Well over 1500 souls 'lightened' the doorsteps of Lambrick to celebrate the birth of Jesus. It was a chance to tell and live the gospel to our communities and visitors.

Talking of babies, we should end with a report on Aina, a baby girl who had open heart surgery before Christmas. After initial worries, she is now doing really well and we continue to hope and pray for a complete recovery and peace for her exhausted parents Jeremy and Haru.

GROWING IN SPIRITUAL MATURITY THROUGH ACCOUNTABILITY

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WHY DO WE NEED ACCOUNTABILITY?

Christian life is a journey along which all of us not only celebrate life and its joy's but also face challenges, temptations, and the impact of sin that keeps us from growth in depth and maturity. At the Place we want to foster an environment of love and care for one another, and empower each other to grow deeper in relationship with Christ, enriching our relationships, our creativity and our spiritual life together.

Vital to spiritual growth, is integrity and authenticity. We can strengthen our integrity and reinforce our relationships with God and with each other through accountability.

Accountability is also in keeping with our core value of community. It's about helping each other, and spurring one another on towards love and good deeds. It's also about being vulnerable to one another, confessing to one another and bringing our faith out of the private sphere, moving away a guarded personal relationship with Christ and into community.

WHAT IS IT?

Accountability is an obligation or willingness to accept responsibility or to account for one's actions (Merriam-Webster's). Spiritual accountability is being accountable to someone for our spiritual life and growth (in addition to God, to whom we are all ultimately accountable).

Accountability for our spiritual walk is voluntary. In the same way that, with the Spirit's help, it is our choice to respond to Christ, we recognize that it is our choice to grow deeper in relationship with God, who calls us friend, who calls us ever closer.

There are a myriad of helpful relationships that can help us along the path to maturity, each with it's own emphasis. You may have heard the terms spiritual director, mentor or spiritual friend. There is some confusion about these terms, with different authors seeing them as the same or with subtle or substantial differences. For our purposes, we have chosen to recommend three specific types of relationships:

MENTORSHIPS are relationships between a more mature and a less mature person. The relationship is focused on the growth and accountability of the less mature person's spiritual life. A mentor may give instruction to help our growth in particular areas. They must be able to discern the work of the Spirit in another person's life.

Being accountable to one another through mentorship is a Biblical model that we see with Old Testament prophets (Eli and Samuel; Elijah and Elisha) and leaders (Moses and Joshua) and New Testament leaders (Barnabas and Paul; Paul and Timothy).¹

Timothy Jones calls a mentor "a friend committed both to Christ and to our need to know Christ better. ...a companion to walk with a me, a guide to see me through the dim places of my spiritual journey. Really all who quest Christ need such help."²

As Place leaders we would like to see everyone find a more mature person, or mentor to walk with us. However because it can be hard to find the right person, we also see value in the next two kinds of relationships.

¹ Clinton, J. Robert, and Paul D. Stanley. Connecting: The Mentoring Relationships You Need to Succeed, 1992,

² Jones, Timothy. Mentor & Friend, 1991.

ACCOUNTABILITY PARTNERS. The Book of Proverbs says "Iron sharpens iron, as one man sharpens another" (Proverbs 27:17). Accountability partners are spiritual friendships which offer a mutual sharpening – a sharing and encouraging of spiritual growth between peers.

AN ACCOUNTABILITY GROUP is like an accountability partnership, but with 3 or 4 people who feel comfortable enough with each other to share openly and foster spiritual growth in each other.

WHO WOULD BE A GOOD CHOICE?

It should be someone who:

- you trust,
- *you look forward to getting together with,*
- *is a good listener,*
- *will be honest with you,*
- *has a love for God and is motivated to see your growth in relationship with God,*
- *will help ignite your passion for God and for serving him,*
- *will share your joy about what God is teaching you,*
- *will pray and strengthen you spiritually and practically when you are weak,*
- *is almost always your same gender, which helps with honesty and keeping the focus on spiritual growth (although with a large age difference this becomes less important).*

A mentor should be someone who has walked in the faith longer than you, and whose life shows signs of maturity, spiritual fruit, grace and humbleness.



This person does not believe that they have all the answers for your life, but they are willing to seek the Spirit with you as you find your own answers and direction.

An accountability partner should be someone who is a spiritual “peer” – who has journeyed about the same distance as you, and shares a similar passion for spiritual growth. Someone who will walk beside you on the road.

WHAT DO WE DO TOGETHER?

Knowing your purpose of spiritual care and growth, there are no rules for how you spend your time together. You may spend time in prayer and confession (although note that confession is not the primary mandate for these relationships as some have believed). You may read or study something together or ask questions like:

- Where are you weak and how can I walk with you in that?
- What is God teaching you?
- What are you reading?
- What kind of risks are you taking?
- What have you found difficult lately?

Your relationship will be a process of growth in which there may be highs and lows, plateaus and valleys. You should not expect that every meeting will result in a profound experience, or in measurable growth. There may be periods where you don't discuss anything “spiritual,” and instead simply enjoy friendship.

Most accountability partners or mentorships meet monthly. Some meet more often, and some less often, although this is usually a factor of circumstances. You should try to meet for a few hours at a time. An



accountability group may want to meet weekly, so there is sufficient time for each other. Try to find a time and place where you are not rushed and distracted.

Most small groups, including accountability groups, and sometimes mentorships, have a natural lifecycle of 1 to 3 years. It is good to set a timeframe you are comfortable with at the start and revisit it from time to time.

HOW DO I FIND THIS PERSON/ GROUP?

Quite often you already know someone you connect with, admire or respect spiritually and wonder if he/she would be a good mentor. Before approaching that person, you may want to ask a Place leader, who knows both of you, if it could be a good match.

If you approach someone you don't know who has been recommended by someone else, you should suggest a trial period for an agreed upon time, to see how it goes for both of you.

Don't feel rejected if someone you ask for mentoring turns you down. Often people who make good mentors are special people with a lot of commitments, and they may not have the capacity at this time in their life to care for you the way they know you need.

An accountability partner or group will be easier to find. These people are likely one or more of your natural friends, but who are willing to be more purposeful about spiritual growth and mutual accountability with you.

If you need help in finding a mentor, talk to Randy or another Place leader who knows quite a few people at

Lambrick.

BECOMING A MENTOR

As we mature in our own spiritual life, we should expect to move into the mentoring of others. Mentoring someone can be a humbling and challenging experience, but also with the reward of watching someone become all that they can be in Christ.

There are many tools to help as you move into a mentoring role (see for further reading). You may also find it helpful to be mentored by another, at the same time you are in a mentoring role.

Ben and Margot

For further reading:

Brenner, David G. and Larry Crabb. Sacred Companions: The Gift of Spiritual Friendship and Direction, 2002.

Clinton, J. Robert, and Paul D. Stanley. Connecting: The Mentoring Relationships You Need to Succeed, 1992.

Jones, Timothy K. Mentor and Friend: Building Friendships that Point to God, 1991.

Peterson, Eugene. Working the Angles: The Shape of Pastoral Integrity, 1990.

Peterson, Eugene. The Contemplative Pastor: Returning to the Art of Spiritual Direction, 1993.

Reese, Randy D. and Keith R. Anderson. Spiritual Mentoring: A Guide for Seeking and Giving Direction, 1999.



Dressed all in black we ate little balls of cheese and freshly carved fruit from around the world. We turned our noses at each other and poured contempt upon the futile attempts of those past to try and capture the world in paint and photographs....



Actually we didn't. Some of us did dress in all black, and there was a cornucopia of cheeses and fresh fruit, but the attitude at last September's second annual Stickman Art Show was anything but snobbish! With over 30 artists from our community involved, under the great direction of Caren Willms, for three days we took over an entire floor of Lambrick Park Church and transformed it into a gallery upon which we shared our commitment to Beauty. The art was great, and the schmooze was full-on real! Lots of great conversation was provoked by the art, and all involved came away with expectation for next year's show.

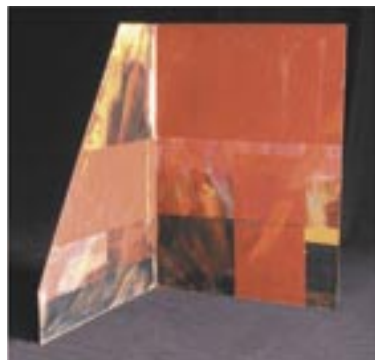


There were photographs, finger-paintings, metal sculptures, pencil-drawings, and some performance art which included a ladder, some eels, and lots of glue. If you didn't make it down, be sure to keep your eyes peeled for announcements regarding next year's third installment.



James K

p.s. there was no "performance art" this year....at least not with eels.



Hey all, welcome to 2004 and a new year for our Small Groups and more Community building. There's a lot that we've been involved in over the past year as we've tried our best to take what happens on a Sunday night at the Place beyond the walls of Lambrick and into our homes and lives. And as we look to the New Year, we can only hope to see this continue.

Community is one of those things we see demonstrated in the early church (check out the second chapter of Acts) but is increasingly becoming harder to do in our busy society. I mean, we're a bunch of students, a bunch of professionals, punks, teens, grandmothers and fathers, single parents, musicians, artists, athletes, - the list is nearly exhaustive - but we're all brothers and sisters in Jesus my friends! And it is this bond that drives us to get together to celebrate the Love first shown us and keep it spreading round to those with whom we live and come into contact.

So as 2004 gets rolling let's keep the community growing, let's keep it meshing, and let's keep it real, honest and transparent. Here's what some people who've been involved in groups throughout the past months have had to say about their time. They're shared here to encourage and interest us all. So sit back, read and realize just how great the inroads we've been making with each other and the Lord are! As always, we're cooking up more groups and other ways which we can welcome and include ANYBODY who wants to get involved... so don't hesitate to drop me an email, or talk to me on a Sunday night, and we can get ya hooked up. Cheers, and God bless

James

"Our group is small and talkative, eight of us ranging in age from 17 to, well let's just say, wise and well aged! It makes for stimulating and diverse opinions and experiences to draw from and best of all to learn from."



"In the past year our small group has grown to 23, spread out to Indonesia and Taiwan, and to a cruise ship in the Caribbean. We journeyed through Galatians, Judges, and are currently meandering our way through the book of Matthew. In 2004 we hope to follow along the Place schedule and embark on a study of the book of Acts." (NB: in case you're wondering about the whole "Taiwan" etc thing.. this group is a daily email bible study comprised of people who have ties to the Place but at the moment may not be in this part of the world...)

"Hello to everyone out there, we're a bunch of university aged women who find inspiration from God, each other, and different women from the Bible each Monday night. We meet each week for a dinner which we all take turns cooking and after catching up with one another over the food. We move into the living room for a time where we go through the book we've chosen for the study (about Women in the bible no less). From dinner, right on through to the study, it's a time when we share our joys, our sorrows, and laugh a lot! All in all its a great time, a time pre-booked into our schedules where we get to relax, hang out with our girlfriends, and devote the night to enhancing our own and each others relationship with Jesus."

"What on earth am I here for? This is the question that we are exploring in our small group. With the book 'The Purpose Driven Life', we have embarked on a twenty-week journey to try and discover God's purpose for our lives and how it all fits together. At this point in the year, we have finished the first two purposes. So far we have delved into how to be best friends with God, what is worship and how it pleases God, what to do when God seems distant, how to experience life together and cultivating community, just to mention a few of the topics."

"It has been an enormous gift, having the opportunity to be part of a small group these last four months. We have studied 'Your God is too Safe' by Mark Buchanan - doing about three chapters a week. Our small group was in reality, quite small which made it easier to share with one another and dig a little deeper into the issues that came up. While the study aspect of the group was interesting and challenging, the community aspect was definitely the highlight for me, especially theme dinners and pumpkin and apple carving. 'Church is community' and there are few things more important to our faith than meeting together to create church week by week."



Weekly Ritual of The Placers

In the Southern quarter of an island situated in the Pacific Ocean, off the North American continent hundreds upon hundreds of people drive for sometimes hours at a time to arrive at a meeting place on Sunday nights. The ritual of this meeting has been observed and partaken in for five years, and I am now prepared to write an ethnographic report on the practices of the society involved in this ritual.

The people of this society live in a region that is driven by clocks and punctuality, but when they gather for this meeting, they disregard the clocks and choose to arrive at their own leisure. This is an interesting and almost contradictory practice, as they regard this meeting as crucial in their weeks. These people will forsake events that would otherwise get priority at any other time of their week, including the homework marathon that most of their academic peers undertake on Sunday nights.

Chairs are sought after commodities at the meetings, as there are never enough, although the high attendance numbers are consistently predictable. However, the persons who do obtain a chair, merely through their punctuality, chose to ignore the chair for most of the meeting, and will stand in front of it, while their punctuality-challenged fellow community members longingly gaze at the unused chairs from the back

of the meeting room.

When the people meet together they will in unison create sounds with their bodies through actions with their mouths and sometimes hands and feet, in an act of uniting together as one body. Many feel they can unite with their neighbours through these actions in ways beyond having a conversation with the person. This is a unique feature that distinguishes these Placers, as they call themselves, from the people of the secular world. When wanting to unite with members of the secular world, that which is outside of the realm of belief that the Placers hold, they will perform a different type of ritual. That is one of consuming a dark bitter beverage that has properties to awaken the human mind. It is a wide held belief that by purchasing a cup of this beverage for a non-Placer, the non-member will be invited in and made welcome to participate in uniting with all Placers if they will join in with the corporate noise making.

The Placers are a people full of love and grace, acceptance and openness. They are warm and friendly with their fellow members and non-members alike, and delight in their Sunday rituals together.

This paper has described the Place Community, a congregation of Lambrick Park Church, a Christian Community Church in Victoria, British Columbia, based on Radcliffe-Brown's Structural Functionalism, focusing on the importance of society as a whole.

Lisa

*They will know us
by our love for one
another*

Jesus asked Peter after He rose again if he loved Him and upon Peter saying yes, Jesus said, "feed my lambs/ feed my sheep/ tend my lambs". In other words if we love God, we will love others. John wrote that in 1 John stating that God is love and if we do not love our brother (neighbour) then the love of God is not in us. Jesus also said in Matt 25 that if we feed the hungry/clothe the naked/visit the prisoner or sick, we have done it unto Him. He said if we give a cup of water to the least of the brethren (people), we have done it unto Him. In reading Brennan Manning's "ragamuffin gospel" last night, he said that we are to respond to God's love for us, the gift of His Son, by first of all responding to that gift of grace (accepting it), trusting in that provision as all sufficient (trust in his redeeming love and that we are forgiven) and by showing gratitude. And gratitude is shown by loving others and having compassion on others.

Anyway, it REALLY hit me last night upon thinking about this that we of course show our love for God and His Son dying for us by loving others - and not by toting our bible around, singing hymns, going to church, hammering people over the head with the gospel message. We love others and when we do, we have loved Jesus. I know loving God and loving others fulfil the commandments, but it really made sense to me last night as I was mulling it over.

So this morning just before noon I was driving up Government approaching Bay when I noticed a young girl in her early 20's standing under an umbrella wearing a t-shirt. She is a hooker. As I drove by, my heart broke and I felt a huge burden for her so I stopped at the Petrocan for gas as



I was on empty. I prayed for her but it was if Jesus was telling me that wasn't enough so I thought what could I do? Anyway I got in my car and I thought I would go back to see her. However she wasn't where I thought she would be. It happened to be the street with the Mustard Seed church on it and as I drove by and saw some very needy people outside. On the walls of the church it has Matthew 25 written on it says, "when I was hungry, you fed me, naked, you clothed me". I went down a couple of blocks, turned right and I saw her near a street corner up ahead. Here I pulled over and she came up to my window. I told her I had something for her and I gave her \$20 and told her it was so she could get something to eat. She was very thankful and asked if I could take her to a drive-thru. I said no as I was working but told her to remember God loves her. She looked at me with a very sad but gentle look and said, "I know". She says that she is going to school and has a child. I told her I wasn't judging her but just wanted to tell her as she reminded me of my daughter. She held my hand very compassionately as she thanked me again and again, looking directly at me. I drove away with tear filled eyes.



I'm not telling you this story to say what a good boy I am. In fact the opposite is true - it made me disgusted at myself for my selfishness in life and how my priorities are often so out of

whack. I pass by people everyday that are in need, to my shame. Jesus didn't talk to me audibly but He did speak to me loud and clear today by putting that young lady on my heart when I drove by her. He came for the unrighteous, not the righteous. He ate with sinners, prostitutes and tax collectors. It is written that Mary Magdalene loved Jesus most because she was forgiven the most. She was at the cross when He was crucified and was the first to see Him after His resurrection.

The young lady on Government knows what she is doing isn't right and that she needs grace and God's mercy, but I wonder what saddens God most: what she is doing or the actions of people like me who have driven by before when God is telling them to reach out to her. Let us not forget the gospel message - the Good News that Jesus loves EVERYONE (even ragamuffins like us) - and we need to let people know that in word AND action.

Frank

Cornerstone 2004

As we start to think about summer vacation plans, and book vacation time, mixed memories surface of the first journey I made to Cornerstone Festival. It was back in 2000.

Arriving after midnight, and 18 hours on the road, I expected to sleep the first night in the car, awaiting the gates to open, not realizing that this was a 24/7 event, or that 20,000 people had already set up their tents, before me. Armed with an ineffective map, and not being a camper, it was a "joyous" occasion to first find a spot to set up my new tent, and then figuring out how to do it in the dark. Quietly.

Weather comes in two's at the Fest. It

can either be blistering hot (like the past three years), or it can rain. It rained the first year.... on the kind of clay ground (farmland) where it turns to ankle deep mud. All 570 acres of it! Take a step and



realize your shoe came off.... and it was back a meter, buried "somewhere."

I discovered something special about the fest that year that has drawn me back three more times. The fest is Community. I still correspond with those I camped beside the first year, and the past two years, I have had the same "neighbours" as attendees tend to stake out the same spot year after year.

The fest is *Music*. Acoustic, rock, punk, goth, metal, hip-hop, incredible blues, praise & worship, drum circle... well there is something among the 330 bands that come for everyone.

The fest is *Seminars*. At The Place, some of the messages will challenge our pet theologies, and force us to search the Scriptures to think those stands out. At C-Stone, they have 200+ hours of seminars that force us to take out our mental screwdrivers and boldly dissect our doubts. We are challenged to avoiding pre-packaged answers by asking serious questions.

The fest is the *Arts*: speakers, hands on mural drawing, a film festival, and an art gallery of some creations from

selected artists. C-Stone celebrates the breadth of God's creativity through the visual arts.

The fest is *Sports*: A 5km run, soccer, a skateboard park, 3 volleyball courts, swimming, canoes, and 3-on-3 basketball present alternatives in the afternoons.

Or, to get into the shade, explore any of the three Exhibition Tents, with every imaginable type of merchandise and mission offerings. Most bands have booths in these tents, so band members become approachable in those venues. Spending money: a must.

The fest is *Breakaway*: A full program for teens, including motivational speakers, drama, and music.



The fest is *Kids*. From spice grinding and coffee-filter butterflies at the 'Art Rageous For Kids', to the Creation Station where a cast presents song, drama, and interaction for children, from 9 am to 4 pm.

Lastly, the fest is *Food*, where a local "store" provides necessities like ice, and over a dozen vendors have a food fair with reasonable prices. Ask Doug about the 5 oz barbequed Rib-eye sandwich!

Dave & Vlasta Booth, Tim Ducharme, Doug Young, and I have all attended over the past 9 years. Secret to deciding to come: Buy your ticket online,



and you will feel obligated to come! For more information, visit the website, or email me at narrowgate@shaw.ca

Phil

Place: Bushnell, Illinois
Date: July 1-4 2004
Cost: US \$ 92 by Jan 31/04 (gate price US\$125) Group rate by Jan 31 US\$88 each (10 or more)
Where to order tickets: www.cornerstonefestival.com When you order, please put my Street Code number at the bottom of the form: 37b2f7
Transportation: Plane, train, convoy, bus, motorcycle (Tim Ducharme took the last option in 2001!)



"...Laying them down for the joy of the Lord..."

In the past, members of our church leadership have stated, "Announcements are part of our corporate worship." This is true in the sense that the announcements profile, promote and celebrate the aspects of community life that comprise our week outside of the Sunday worship service. Implicit in that statement is the idea that our daily business and community life are a part of worship, and that helping and meeting with others is a form of worship. Similarly, the interactions and transactions that occur between us are either glorifying or demeaning to the reputation of God and to our relationship with Him. Therefore, the things that go on in the week are worthy of being emphasized in the context of the service, as part of our worship.

I have been thinking about this concept for a while and I have come to realize that a converse form of this idea is true; our worship is a form of business with God. When we come to God in worship, transactions occur. In other words, there is give and take. It is not hard to see this; worship always involves sacrifice because we give things up to God. In the years before the temple was destroyed, Jewish (and Christian) worship involved (in addition to singing, dancing and reading the Torah) bringing livestock and produce to the temple so it could be burned. The purpose of this was to give back to God a portion of what He had given to His people. (Sound familiar?) When the temple was destroyed in 70 AD by Rome, this method of worship was no longer available to the Jews. However, worship has never ceased to be sacrificial. This is because there are more ways to give back to God than simply killing sheep.

We can give our struggles to God by asking Him for His help and realizing we can't do anything good on our own. We can give Him our resources and our time by being willing to share them with anyone anywhere at any time. We can give Him affirmations, which we do when we sing songs about God and His character; we also do this when we say things like the Apostle's Creed and when we talk about God at the pub (or Tim Horton's). We can give God our rights to privacy by confessing our sins. Even though He already knows what we've done wrong, when we admit these things to Him we are effectively saying "Father, I want you to know everything about me, so I give you the rights to that information, even though it includes things I feel crappy about." We also give over control of our lives when we give God the right to govern us.



These acts of sacrifice are all part of our worship; as Paul says in Romans 12, we are to offer our bodies as living sacrifices, which is our spiritual (or as some translate it, reasonable) act of worship. This worship is done "in view of God's mercy" (2:1), and thus is an act of faith, because you would have to believe in God's mercy to respond in such a self-sacrificial way! And now we come to the most interesting part of the transaction; this faith is one of God's

gifts to us (Eph 2:8) and *is the grounds upon which He gives us all other gifts*. He has given us "every heavenly blessing" (Eph 1:3). In other words, we have everything that Christ has, because we are united to Christ. This fact has many implications.

From a spiritual perspective, it means that we are given eternal life and considered co-heirs with Christ. It means that from God's perspective, we are considered and treated as if we were completely righteous, because Christ has dealt with our sin and hidden it from the record, and has given us His righteousness. It means that we are forgiven of our sins, and that we do not have to walk around feeling like ratbags. It is as if you had played hooky from work all week, only to find out that someone else had punched in on your timecard and worked an eighty-hour week on your behalf, with the boss's full knowledge, and yet the boss still paid you. Imagine the overtime pay!

From a practical standpoint, when we offer God our praises, He renews and empowers us. The Holy Spirit comes alongside us to encourage us. (This is also a gift that comes from being in Christ.) He also draws us into fellowship with each other; He gives us vision and resolution to keep persevering in both life and faith. He helps us to get over our crappy self-images, our fears of failure, our anger and our hurt. He helps us to move beyond the things that trip us up in our earthbound life, because He has planted something in our spirits that reminds us that we are not always earthbound. Peter calls it a "living hope"; the writer of Ecclesiastes refers to it as "eternity in the hearts of men".

In the presence of God, this exchange is always happening; we are always learning to let go and always learning to receive. We trade sorrows and get back joy; we trade weakness and get back strength; we trade anger and get back peace; we trade despair and get back hope. May this always be so; may we continue to give up

our poverty and take up the riches of Christ. Let us never cease transaction until we are made perfect. May God continue to bless us in this New Year, and may His praises not end.

Matthew



My Strength

In loving memory of my Aunt Elsie Iris Wuttunee {1935 – 2003}

I wanted to share the poem I wrote Sunday Nov. 2 before going to The Place. The poem is written from the perspective of my Aunt Elsie – she passed away on Saturday November 1, 2003. My Aunt was an amazing woman, one of the first Cree (First Nation) women to attend the University of Alberta – starting in medicine and then education. She put herself through school by working while raising and supporting her 3 girls, as a single parent. She lived in England for a year and was at one point "summoned" to visit the Queen of England. She has been my role model in many ways and was the person I went to for advice, especially related to school and life. Thanks,

Shalene

My strength comes from my past, my parents, my Cree, My Mother, my Father.

I can and will do whatever I put my mind to.
Why?

I am a Wuttunee, a Woman, a Cree
I am Free

From Red Pheasant to rural to urban to England and back.
I am Free

My Determination can get me anywhere.
My drive and ambition is noticed by others.

I am a role model to many, including my niece.

I am not afraid of the truth. I am not afraid to tell it like it is.
I am not afraid of anything.
I am Free.

I've encouraged
I've raised
I've cried
I've lost
I am Free.

I've been Proud
- Proud of my culture, my family, my daughters, and me.

I've changed stereotypes
The drunken Indian, the savage, the welfare, no education
I am Free.

I've changed lives
The daughters, the little ones, the brothers, the sisters, the niece and nephew
The education system
The man and woman
The friend
I am Free.

I am home... and I am Free.

*Reaching for that
"PLACE" not
built with human
hands.*

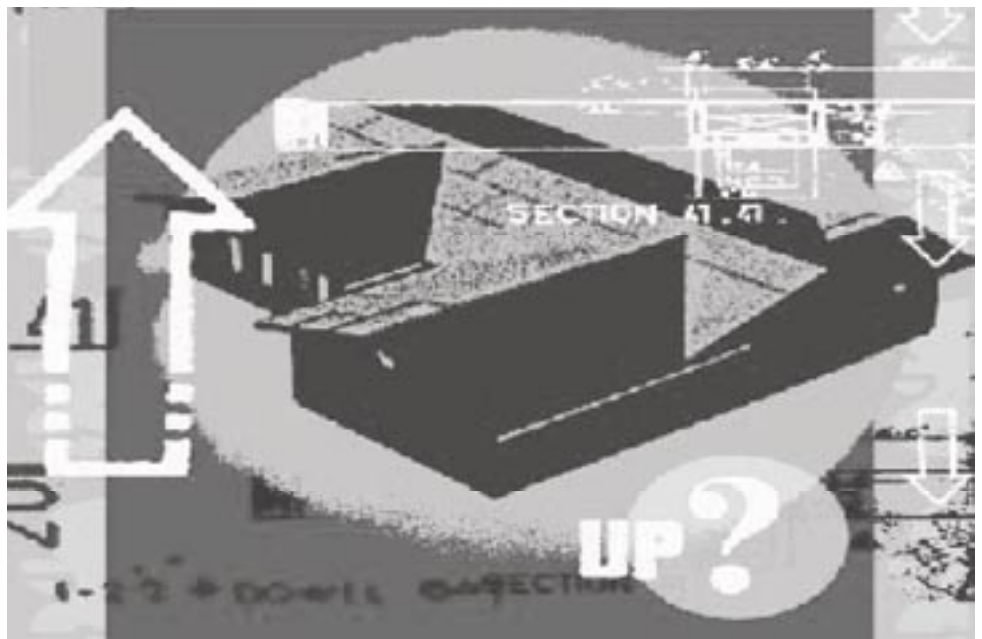
With the first commonPLACE[®] edition of 2004, it's hard not to be thinking of New Year resolutions... and goals to reach... things to build or build upon. What kind of tools are we going to use? Do we have the eyes to see where to build... where to renovate?

In John 2:19-22, Jesus says, "destroy this temple and in three days I will rebuild it." At the cross the temple was destroyed... at the resurrection the "new" temple was raised. In the book of Acts we begin to see the rebuilding of something completely new. We know it is not a temple built with rock and mortar... but a community built of living stones. The Holy City... or the Place is not built with human hands... yet we will see it among us if we have the eyes to see. Here in the Place the Kingdom is both present, right now... and is yet to come. Through Jesus,

the divine creative carpenter... we are being built into a Holy Temple and Holy Priesthood.

I mean isn't it totally wild that the creator of the universe, all that is seen and unseen... is building something here right now. We know for a lot of new believers, it is completely new. We know that those who find it must have left something else behind. We know the search raises new questions and new insecurities... because in essence it is only the naked that can go there. Rather than having great expectations of our wills being met... we just need to be expectant that His will, will be met and greater things than we can imagine will happen.

A quote by author Brennan Manning puts it into perspective; "people can not discover new lands until they have courage to lose sight of the shore." That is why faith is such a powerful verb, it is moving from a place where we momentarily understand to a place where only God understands. With time and the unfolding of God's wisdom it too becomes a place of understanding to prepare us to move again where only he understands. It couldn't have been easy for the first community. It isn't easy embracing insecurity. It isn't easy



leaving our comfort zones, or leaving our previous understanding behind.

"The Place" is more than a place... more than this building on Feltham. It is this transcendent community that assembles on Sundays and smaller clusters throughout the week... a great radiant light that shines, whose rays touch the surrounding world. Because the goal of the community is a spiritual reality... there are no professionals... there is equality, in that all are part of the royal priesthood. In the old temple there were Pharisees, Scribes, Chief Priests, the Sanhedrin... they were professionals that came with the baggage of identity and status. But the new community was filled with amateurs... in the dictionary amateurs are described as lovers, admirers and devotees. Look around on a Sunday night... leadership comes from within... it is the heart of the Place... nothing more than His lovers.

So yes the future... a new year. Will we all, as lovers, devotees and admirers transcend the Place we are now? Will the Place be willing to make transitions... if need be? There is always so much to protect... and too much at stake. There are many established modes and means... it's easy to try and box the things that worked well... thinking they will work well all the time.

I remember around Easter watching a scene from the Jesus movie, where Jesus appears to his disciples in the upper room. Together they kneel in love and awe as He smiles at them. There is none greater than the other... they are lovers and servants, and in His presence they are all on the same level. Community... is about both love and emptiness of our own agendas. Let's

never think we have arrived... finally thinking we have nailed it.



Only those who forsake all for the sake of love can reach a city not built with human hands. As we head into this year let's be filled with excitement and expectation of the great and awesome things He is going to do in and through us this year.

Ron

'Parts as One' Lyrics by Shane Lankford of 'Orphan Project'

Verse 1

This family that I've been brought
into
This brotherhood is so much more
than I've been used to
All used together in so many
different ways
We are moving in many parts as
one

Chorus

You might imagine this constant
pulling
Would one day tear us all into a
million pieces
This constant moving, each part has
its set direction
This body moves, moves in many
parts as one

Verse 2

Moved by a calling, from the one
who grafts us in
So many parts, parts that move in
unison
I have my place, but it's not always
where you are
Filling all the spaces, in many parts
as one

Getting Beyond Productivity

Boredom is dangerous. It is a deceptively easy default attitude that, left unchecked, can lead to a gaping sense of sterility. We must compete to be recognized as important, stimulated sufficiently, or entertained thoroughly. When we do everything we can and still feel that we're lacking, we chorus Kurt Cobain's prophetic mumbling: oh well, whatever, never mind.

This past year I have had the excuse of unemployment to explain away my boredom. Getting Employment Insurance at first was like winning the cake walk. It couldn't keep away the aching possibility that I was doing nothing productive in my life. At first I felt a bit guilty for enjoying myself so much. That was quickly replaced by frustration with the lack of viable work opportunities. Determined nonetheless, I set out to fix my little crisis of meaning. I decided the solution was to become more productive and to find new ways to entertain myself. I soon ran up some daunting bills and eventually grew weary of writing to-do lists that wouldn't be finished. So much for clever solutions. The most reliable feeling I had was one of futility.

A few months ago I started working at a day centre for mentally handicapped adults. It has been a bizarre and revealing experience that has both inspired and frustrated me. The people I work with effortlessly display their humanity and in so doing cause me to scrutinize my own (allegedly competent) ways of dealing with desire, expectation, and disappointment. I consider how desperately I want at times to treat my life like a home improvement project. In the end, all of my well-intended exertion serves as an

exhausting distraction from what God is nurturing in me.

Henri Nouwen discusses in his book, *Lifesigns*, how life in Christ is centered on intimacy, not competition; fecundity, not productivity; and ecstasy, not gratification. Emotion does not validate this kind of life, nor does competition determine the winner or loser. How odd that I still mistakenly believe I am able to manufacture joy. How refreshing to know that there is no contest for grace – only an appropriate posture in which to receive it.

Graeme



me?

you?

us?



**UNDER THE LENS
OF ENGAGEMENT**

We don't do good works because they earn us spiritual brownie badges or even because God will love us more. But engaging our world flows from the experience and understanding that things are different as the result of God's work in the world... as the result of his death and resurrection... and we are to be inquisitive enough to try to find out how. Does our faith in Jesus mean anything to someone in Ethiopia, the office cubicles beside us, the mom at home with her kids, the orphan in Iraq, or the discussions in our classrooms. Does your faith impact how you do business? Does it impact how you treat your employees or co-workers? Does it inform how you vote... or if you vote. Does your faith change how you spend your money and your free time? Does our shared faith as a community mean anything to anyone besides ourselves? These are the questions that engagement demands we answer. - *Daryl Thomson*

At the Place we are seeking to engage problems in the world at global, national and local levels. We try to see the world with God's eyes and to bring about His kingdom on earth in the here and now. Below are some of the agencies we are presently supporting in doing this...

For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.

Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?

Isa 58:6-7

Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.

Matt 25:35-36,40



NOTICES

ADULT LEARNING COMMUNITY

MOSAIC

Starts Wednesday Feb 11th for 10 weeks (not including Spring Break)

- 1) Faith: good or bad faith?
- 2) Church: honest look at the faith community
- 3) History: from Genesis to ... 4 primary relationships
- 4) Jesus: His life and teachings
- 5) Jesus: Why did He have to die?
- 6) Jesus: His deity and resurrection
- 7) Trinity: 3-in-1? Father, Son and Spirit
- 8) Prayer: communicating with the Creator?
- 9) The Christian Life: an invitation to community & engagement
- 10) What's next? Where do I go from here?

MoSaiC is a casual, conversational discussion about the Christian faith. While we live in a very spiritual society, that spirituality rarely translates into faith or church attendance. Since 1997 Lambrick has offered an opportunity to come and discuss matters of faith, spirituality, doubt or Christianity in a relaxed setting. We believe that healthy conversations about God, where questions are an essential part of an honest search for God, are a stepping stone toward developing an authentic faith. Our goal is to provide you a safe, non-threatening environment that incorporates talks, discussions, panels, Q&A times, and small group conversations into a meaningful discussion of Christian faith.

Contact Ray Monteith 472-1243 or raymonteith@telus.net

Contact Karen Brantley 477-9721 or communitylife@lambrick.com

Starts Wednesday Feb 11th for 10 weeks (not including Spring Break)

Our course list is 'fluid' with more courses coming online all the time ... watch your bulletin and website for the brochure.

It begins at 6:30 pm with dinner and an opportunity to further your growth as a Christian in a number of ways - small group discipleship options, classroom style, support group choices, from 1 to 10 weeks.

- Lambrick Park Church
- 6:30 pm for dinner (\$5 suggested)
- 7:30 pm for sessions
- childcare to grade 6

Contact Karen Brantley 477-9721 or communitylife@lambrick.com

MAKE SURE YOUR CAR IS LOCKED as there are thieves active around the church area.

NO PARKING anywhere but LPC carpark or Tyndall. Please respect our neighbours!

NO STICKING GUM under chairs or anywhere in the building. This too is annoying.

DON'T GO NEXT-DOOR People live there now and can see what you are doing. Don't park there or cross their lawn please.

I.D.E.A. CLUB

A new UVIC club discussing the possibility of design in the Universe from a scientific viewpoint in an open-minded, friendly way. Checkout <http://uvss.uvic.ca/clubs/idea>

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EVENTS

Jan. 30th 7:30pm
STARFIELD concert at Glad Tidings. \$8 on door.

Feb. 2nd
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE - www.cccollege.org

Feb. 2nd 7-9 pm
WOMEN'S EVENING EDITION - Discussion at LPC on Music and Spirituality. Coffee. Dessert. Free Will \$5 Call Joan at 812-3705

Feb. 5th-7th
GRACE LIFE CONFERENCE - Get info and registration forms after the Place in the foyer.

Feb. 14th-15th
SKI 'N' SNOWBOARD TRIP - Fun, teaching, worship and an overnight stay. Forms at Place.

Feb. 29th
POTLUCK in Cafe

NEEDS

LPC PASTORAL CARE needs us to fill the grey bin in the foyer with non-perishable FOOD.

ADULT LEARNING COMMUNITY needs cooks. Contact the Stu Rollo at 479-9783, or Karen at 477-9721.

PLACE KIDS MINISTRY - need overall coordinator need. Contact Kim at theplacekids@hotmail.com

All YOUTH MINISTRIES need leaders - see page 16.

INDEPENDENT SINGLE PARENTS need childcare help.

CAFE SUBURBIA

Come experience our own coffee house after the Place every week. Fine coffee, delectable desserts and a chance for relaxing conversation. The Cafe also promotes bands downtown.

Contact Dave at
dbooth@humboldthouse.com

PLACE KIDS MINISTRY

The Place offers a place for Kids who come with their parents to the Place. There is always a staffed nursery at the back of the main sanctuary. For kids (k to grade 6) there are special groups that meet downstairs and are run by groups of caring, responsible leaders. Depending on the age of the child they will be able to play and have fun, hear stories or watch videos, make crafts and learn more about God.

Contact Kim at
theplacekids@hotmail.com

INDEPENDENT SINGLE PARENTS

Every **WEDNESDAY at 6:30-8:30pm**
(LPC downstairs)

A parenting group who want to explore what it means to be a parent from the Christian perspective. We are learning to pray for your kids and each other. Childcare provided. Call in advance to find out the activities (6yrs+ often go swimming).

We have been invited to take part in the Adult Learning Community Supper that starts up again on Feb 11th.

Contact Michelle Maggiora 384-0010
or michmaggiora@yahoo.com

SMALL GROUPS

There are many groups running and starting at the Place - from book clubs to bible studies, baseball to Independent parent groups. Groups like these are a vital part of the Place and if you are feeling left out and needing a friendly weekly community then:

Contact James Kingsley at
theplacesmallgroups@shaw.ca

LPC COMMUNITY GARDEN

This is a group that welcomes gardeners who want to assist in making LPC plots a success! When you join you will meet people of all ages and backgrounds and enjoy an informal and friendly environment while sharing horticultural know-how. \$10 membership fee. The produce grown by this group is donated to Pastoral Care and the Place Practical Helps.

Contact Kathryn at 592-8450 or
kathrynate@hotmail.com

INDOOR SOCCER

WEDNESDAY at 10-12pm (LPC Hall)

We play every Wednesday night in the sanctuary at Lambrick at 10-12 midnight. It is fun, co-ed and for all. Free, bring indoor shoes and up to date medical (!).

Contact Simon at simon@lambrick.com

BOWLING

**Sundays at 1:30-3:30pm at Mayfair
Lanes \$7 (if you can)**

Contact Ron Ross at ranross@shaw.ca

THE REGULARS

YOUTH MINISTRY

SUNDAY MORNINGS

9 AM - "Expedition": A Bible study class for middle school kids (grades 6-8) meeting in room 106 after the first set of worship at the 9am service.

11 AM - "Access": A youth service for high-school kids (grades 8-12) in room 208 during the 11am service. Contact Launa at 4726415 or see www.lpcaccess.com.

SUNDAY NIGHTS

6:45 PM - "Place Middle School Ministry": A class for middle school kids (grades 6-8) in room 106 after the first set of worship. Contact Graeme at graemeb@shaw.ca

TUESDAY NIGHTS (FEB. 3rd)

7:30 PM - "The Lounging Place": A Bible study for High School kids (grades 9-12) in room 208. Contact Hilary at hilary_cain@hotmail.com

THURSDAY NIGHTS

7 PM - "Second Mile": A discipleship ministry for junior high boys (grades 7-9) in room 200 for fun and serious discussions. Contact Jasun at jasunfox@hotmail.com

FRIDAY NIGHTS (FEB. 6)

7 PM - "WYLDLIFE": An outreach oriented, social night for middle school kids (grades 6-8) from LPC and our local community in room 208 every second Friday. Contact James at james@lambrick.com

SATURDAY NIGHTS

7 PM - "For the Birds": A discipleship ministry for junior high girls (grade 7-9) led by Kate Firestone (meeting at Kate's house on Tyndall Road). Contact Kate at tiaraclement@hotmail.com

**We need more leaders so
contact James at 812-6293
or james@lambrick.com**

PLACE PRACTICAL HELPS



Currently, The Place has no formal "Practical Helps" ministry. When needs exist, they are either not met or met informally through several disconnected personal channels. Over the course of the last few months,

the Place leadership has decided that its about time we got more involved with social care at the Place and Lambrick!

We are aware that there are many needs to be met, but we're confident that we can do this. We're also certain that this is an area of the Christian way that we should be concentrating on at this stage of our walk together as the Place Community. We're further convinced this is the path to take when we realize how this has the potential to unify the greater Lambrick church family as we intermesh and work alongside the morning congregation's existing Pastoral Care Ministry.

The plan is to continue identifying practical needs while establishing a leadership team and database of willing people with the gifts, times, and passion to help build up the community and leave no one in need. See the form here.

We're not wagging fingers here and asking anyone to help out of guilt – we're asking you help because the Church is your spiritual family. We're all in this together and when one part suffers, so does the whole. We are connected more than we realize.

Consider the following call to generosity from the Sines' book 'Living on Purpose' (p.125). The section is called 'Waking Up to the Celebration of Whole-life Stewardship'.

A biblical view of stewardship isn't about seeking our oven blessing, sharing 10% of our income, or even doing a simplified version of (our culture's) dream. It is about turning our back on the land of illusions and joining others in seeking to flesh out something of God's shalom future. Whole life stewardship (will) more authentically reflect the values and rhythms of God's new order, and free up more time and money to be invested in advancing this new order

So let's open our eyes and look for the need. Let's open our hearts and offer our service where we can. Let us be servants of the great Servant himself and show those around us that truly we are a people who love.

James and Simon

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Do you think of the church first when you think of needing or giving help?

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General Help	Resources to Offer
<input type="checkbox"/> Childcare <input type="checkbox"/> Babysitting <input type="checkbox"/> Moving People <input type="checkbox"/> Housework/ Cleaning <input type="checkbox"/> Yardwork <input type="checkbox"/> Painting <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening <input type="checkbox"/> Unskilled labour	<input type="checkbox"/> Use of Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Accommodation <input type="checkbox"/> Tools (Household) <input type="checkbox"/> Tools (Garden) <input type="checkbox"/> Clothes <input type="checkbox"/> Ride to appointment <input type="checkbox"/> Car Pool – downtown work <input type="checkbox"/> Car Pool - The Place
Food Related *	Other...
<input type="checkbox"/> Food service (e.g. Pot-lucks, Funeral Teas) <input type="checkbox"/> Communal Kitchen <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-making family dinners <input type="checkbox"/> Preparing food hampers <input type="checkbox"/> Packing hampers <input type="checkbox"/> Food / hamper delivery <input type="checkbox"/> Helping with groceries <input type="checkbox"/> Canning	
Trade to Offer	Community Action
<input type="checkbox"/> Car Maintenance <input type="checkbox"/> Carpentry <input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing <input type="checkbox"/> Electrician <input type="checkbox"/> Computers <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> VOLUNTEER-ON-CALL (Specifically for working with other community groups)
Skilled Advice	Leadership
<input type="checkbox"/> Financial / debt * <input type="checkbox"/> Legal <input type="checkbox"/> Wills <input type="checkbox"/> Job Search <input type="checkbox"/> Medical <input type="checkbox"/> Dental <input type="checkbox"/> Parenting <input type="checkbox"/> Environ. / Fair Trade <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Interested in Leadership of this ministry

*Working closely with LPC Pastoral Care Ministry

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For Everyone	Application only
<input type="checkbox"/> Cafe	<input type="checkbox"/> Scripture Reading
<input type="checkbox"/> Music and Art Setup	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Prayer
<input type="checkbox"/> Ushering	<input type="checkbox"/> Communion Serving
<input type="checkbox"/> Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Room Ministry
<input type="checkbox"/> Nursery *	<input type="checkbox"/> Worship Teams
<input type="checkbox"/> Toddlers *	<input type="checkbox"/> Sound
<input type="checkbox"/> Kids (k-3) *	<input type="checkbox"/> Powerpoint
<input type="checkbox"/> Kids (4-6) *	<input type="checkbox"/> Artists
<input type="checkbox"/> Middle School Ministry*	<input type="checkbox"/> Small Group Leader
<input type="checkbox"/> Welcomers (before/ after the Place)	
<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to talk about this so give me a call...	

**A criminal record check will be taken*

Name:

Phone number:.....

Email:.....

Town/ Area Location (e.g. Duncan or Oak Bay...)

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Age Range (optional)

<18 18-30 30-40 40-50 50-60 >60

University Student: Y / N

Please tick here if you would like to be put on the Place Community eMailout

NB information is confidential and for internal use only and will not be given to other organizations



SUNDAY STUFF

VOLUNTEERING

As you can see from form there are many ways in which you can generously give your time regularly to the Place, both in terms of Practical Helps and helping us run our Sunday meetings. Most of these causes need people throughout the year. In addition to the filling in the cut-off sheet, you can get directly involved by contacting the leaders - they can be found either in our 'The Regular's' or here:

Facilities/ Ushering - Ken Thomson

kenjthomson@hotmail.com

Art and Music Setup - Ant Andrews

canadiandrifter@hotmail.com

Worship and Music - Launa Kremler

placeworship@shaw.ca

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OFFERINGS

Financial support is only one of the ways we can worship God with our life. If you wish to make this easier, more regular and get a tax receipt at the end of the year you can get some envelopes from Simon in the foyer. Interac will be available by February. Also you can set up a PAC.

MERCHANDISE

Brian McLaren's books are well worth a read - and we have them cheaper than anywhere. We're not particularly big on the idea of merchandising, however we do have a huge amount of talent at the Place and so you will find all sorts of odds and ends in foyer after the Place including Disclaimer - a Journal of Christian Thought and Art, CDs from various bands at the Place and other fragrant offerings.



"I DIDN'T JUST WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT; I WANTED TO BE IN ON IT."

Paul in 1 Cor 9:23 (The Message)

On a recent trip to Mexico (slightly east of Eden), Marcy and I befriended a couple of Brits and – during our two weeks of beach-bumming and dinner conversations – discussion frequently turned to matters of the Spirit. Like so many sincere spiritual seekers, they had an interest in anything and everything Paranormal. Given their initial impression of our faith, I didn't blame them for looking elsewhere.

Their impression of Christianity? It is a system of religious beliefs.

Their view of the Church? It is an authoritarian institution that enforces that system of beliefs.

Their impression of Christians? People who look down on others who don't share that system of beliefs.

I told them about the Jesus I found in scriptures: his mercy, his relationship to the Father, his religiousness, his sense of timing, and even his sense of justice. Furthermore, I talked about the church, not as an institution, but as a community of seekers in pursuit of the Holy (not to mention in need of mercy). Suddenly there was a hush in the room. Our conversation with Nick and Anna still continues (via e-mail).

There is a growing hunger for spirituality in our city. In fact, it seems to be a worldwide phenomenon. But the spiritually interested are looking for a vital whole-life faith. Do we possess such a faith?

As we begin our journey into the

history of the early church, something should strike us about these early believers: their name. They were called Christians. It was a name given to them from those on the outside observing the faith community. 'Christian' literally translated means 'little-Christ'. When asked who they were, their frequent response was "we are followers of The Way". Clearly their faith was more a 'way of life' than a 'system of beliefs'.

I ask that you look through and read this issue of commonPLACE? prayerfully. From Margot and Ben's article on Mentorship (p.3) to James and Simon's appeal for more involvement in our community (p.15). In both these leadership initiatives, we are trying to encourage and provide ways in which our faith can have flesh and blood. In doing so, may we grow in our experience of God's Kingdom.

Randy

INTRODUCTION TO OUR NEXT TEACHING SERIES: 'ACTS'

This new year (2004) we will be studying the book of 'Acts' together at 'The Place'. We have been looking at the parables of Jesus found only in Luke. Now we will turn our attention to Luke's second book. It begins with an overlap with the ending of his first book, with Jesus' 'ascension'. Then it continues with the activities of the disciples, who, when the Holy Spirit empowers them, truly become the Apostles Jesus called them to be.

The outline for 'Acts' is found in the eighth verse of chapter one. Jesus says: "...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." The rest of this book shows how God, not humans, fulfills this promise. It is God, the Holy Spirit, who empowers the Apostles, making them His witnesses, first in Jerusalem, then in Judea, then Samaria, and finally to the 'ends of the earth'. This witnessing begins with the miracle of Pentecost, and continues with mini "pentecosts" as God breaks each successive human barrier to the hearing of His good news of redemptive love.

This is a grand narrative of our early faith relatives, forging the new family of God, and being forged by God. We are going to have fun with these great stories, and I hope, learn a lot more about our great God together.

James P

Date	Teaching	Title
Jan 4	Acts 1:1-11	Intro to Acts
Jan 11	Acts 1:12-26	Leadership
Jan 18	Acts 2:1-41	Pentecost
Jan 25	Acts 2:42-47	Community
Feb 1	Acts 3	Power
Feb 8	Acts 4:1-31	Persecution
Feb 15	Acts 4:32-5:11	Sharing
Feb 22	Acts 5:12-42	Preaching
Feb 29	Acts 6:1-7	Deacons
Mar 7	Acts 6:8-8:1a	Martyrdom
Mar 14	Acts 8:1b-25	Scattering
Mar 21	Acts 8:26-40	Evangelism
Mar 28	Acts 9:1-19	Conversion
Apr 4	Acts 9:19b-31	Encouragement
Apr 11	Acts 9:32-43	Healing
Apr 18	Acts 10	Reconciliation
Apr 25	Acts 11	Accountability

SCHEDULE



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