



The Signal

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A GOLDEN NUGGET

The words on the sign outside the building indicated that it was the new location of the local Town Hall.

However, upon close examination, it was evident that it had been a place of worship.

Faintly, but still noticeable, after obvious renovations, is the shadow of a cross on a prominent side of the appealing structure.

What assurance and peace of mind would ring in the hearts of the local residents, if every conversation, every decision and every transaction of the Town's representatives were affected by the message of the cross!

We would do well to echo in our daily prayer the familiar words "...help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me".

The cross makes a difference!



Thank you for receiving this copy of the Signal. It is a pleasure to come to your home and share a message with you.

William Booth said, "Whatever is contrary to the Book must be considered false and thrown overboard." We have seen, in our time, a great departure from Godly principles and sound Bible teaching. Within many denominations there are issues that are causing division. Same sex marriages, ordination of gay ministers, and style of worship are just a few of the topics that congregations are dealing with today.

Last week I was met with the question of what to do. Leave behind the 100,000 and go for the 500,000, or keep the 100,000 happy and forget the 500,000. The proponent of the idea might have been convinced that as a Church we should be more interested in the bigger number. That might be a good practice in business, but the church does not have the option to leave anyone behind. It is not our mission to be selective, for all have need of God's salvation.

There must be room in our Church for all styles of ministry, except that which is contrary to the Book and as William Booth said (and I agree with him) it must be thrown overboard.

How can you and I prevent the erosion and departure from Godly principles? Ephesians 1:7 says "In Him we have redemption through the blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that He lavished on us, with all wisdom and understanding."

"In Him we have..." Might I suggest with Paul that we have all that we need to be spiritually successful. We have it in Jesus! Erosion and departure, they are our doing. A sign on a big red barn said, "If God seems farther away, guess who moved.?"

Hallelujah! No matter where you are spiritually God invites you to come closer, to come back, to start again and to turn around. There is room in the Kingdom for everybody, none to be left behind. Check it out in 'The Book.' Know the truth, it will set you free.

Mrs. Green and I send our warmest greetings and best wishes for a wonderful summer.

We would be pleased to welcome you to His House this Sunday.

Major Wayne & Rosemary Green

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Open Air Meetings begin July 5, 09 at 6:00 pm at the CBS Town Hall Parking Lot.

FROM NIGERIA TO NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR



(L to R) Solomon, Joseph, Joshua and Dena. In November, 2008, Solomon and Dena (George) Okhifoh and their two adorable boys arrived in Conception Bay South and were warmly welcomed at The Salvation Army. For Dena, it meant returning home. However, for Solomon, it was a much different journey.

Solomon was born in Nigeria, a country in West Africa. With his parents, 6 brothers and 3 sisters, he faithfully attended St. Peter's Anglican Church in his hometown. Three of his brothers later became full time Church Pastors.

After finishing his high school grades, he was preparing for university studies. He felt there was something missing in his life. At the same time, a Pentecostal evangelical group came to his church for special services. Solomon was greatly challenged and on May 28, 1989, with a number of other young people, he committed his life to Jesus Christ. As a result, he organized the Anglican Youth Fellowship to support and encourage each other.

In 1995, he graduated from university with a degree in Electronic Engineering. During his time on campus, his love for music was greatly enhanced. As one of the leaders of the 'Christian Union', he was part of the 'Praise Team', involved in the ministry of Christian music. He was inspired to compose about 100 praise and worship songs and desired to pursue his musical talents.

Following his designated year of service to the Government's National Youth Service in 1997, he joined the Redeemed Christian Church of God, where he taught Sunday School, and led a praise team. A year later, Solomon became responsible for another branch of that church, where he was Youth Pastor and led Bible studies and a worship team.

In 2002, a Nigerian friend of his, living in Maryland, U.S.A, suggested that he immigrate there to further his musical aspirations. That turned out to be a learning experience. The cost of producing his music was far more than he anticipated. So, for a couple of years, he worked different jobs, hoping to finish his Masters degree. Again, funding was not available. In the midst of this time of searching, God provided a Christian couple who opened their home to Solomon.

Through a Christian Internet Chat-line during March 2004, he began corresponding with Dena George, who was living at home in CBS. Later while Dena was attending The Salvation Army Bible College in Winnipeg, Manitoba, they continued to correspond with each other. They discovered they shared many interests and goals. They talked and prayed together quite frequently and over a period of time, made a commitment to each other.

It was also at this time that Dena made some visits to see Solomon in Maryland. They were married on December 28, in Maryland with just a few friends in attendance. Sadly, Dena had to return to Winnipeg to finish her studies. While continuing her studies, Dena sought for work in the USA and in April of 2005 she was hired by The Salvation Army in Jacksonville, Illinois as Youth and Older Adults Ministries Director.

In May, 2005, Solomon and Dena began their ministry there. Solomon volunteered with Sunday School, the Worship Team and preached whenever requested. It was in Jacksonville that their two beautiful boys were born, Joshua in 2006 and Joseph in 2008.

When their 3 year work term was finishing, they had not heard that their work visa would be extended, so after much thought and prayer, Solomon and Dena decided to come to Newfoundland.

Since then, Dena gives leadership with the young people and Solomon is involved in Corps ministry again. He is still hoping to continue his studies and to further pursue his musical ministry. He lives by the truth in Ephesians 3:20 "... (God) is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us."

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Maybe it's a Valentine heart, a Christmas snowflake, an Easter cross, a basket of flowers or a Mother's Day rose. No doubt, if you have attended the CBS Corps, at some time, you have received some little crocheted keepsake handmade with love by Mrs. Helen Chaytor.

A quiet unassuming lady, she had enjoyed this ministry for the past 10 years. A member of the CBS Corps since her marriage and a loyal LOBA member for over 50 years, Mrs. Chaytor always finds time to create quilts and blankets for family and friends and afghans for special people. It gives her great pleasure to gather materials and come up with creative ideas to add a little joy to some other person's life.

The Salvation Army CBS Corps recently presented her with a certificate of appreciation (below) which reads "In recognition of her consecration and kindness displayed by her good works and joyful spirit".



It is estimated that she has crocheted over 4000 items so far. Proverbs 31: 13 seems to be her way of life "She...willingly works with her hands."

NEW CREATIONS



Pictured above are members of the New Creations, who have been very busy over the past few months. On display are 39 afghans, 137 hats for newborn babies, 9 quilted children's blankets, 15 socks (for casts), 15 hats for cancer patients, 60 children's hats and 2 teddy bears.

They recently visited the Janeway Children's Hospital and presented most of these items for use there. Seen below making the presentation is the Group Leader Lorraine Spracklin (center), and Betty Tizzard. Michelle Hunt, (right) Volunteers Co-ordinator was very appreciative of these beautiful items which will be enjoyed by many young people.

Congratulation ladies! Keep up the good work!



As you will observe, the Cemetery Committee has done a lot of work in upgrading the cemetery grounds on Reader's Hill Road. You will know of course, such care and attention requires funds in order to maintain this fine quality presentation. Your financial help would be greatly appreciated over the summer months. The annual Flower service will be held on August 23, 2009, at 2:00 P.M. We invite you to come and share in worship and fellowship as we thank God for those who have gone before us. God bless you each one.

CONGRATULATIONS 2009 GRADUATES



Glen Walters, son of Lori Lawlor, will be attending CONA



Chris, son of Cyril & Angela Kavanagh, will attend MUN & Dalhousie (Meteorologist).



Nicky, daughter of Warren & Valaria Eason will attend MUN (Faculty of Education)



Cheryl, daughter of Robert & Trudy Bussey, will attend MUN.



Catherine, daughter of Edwin & Beverly Butler will attend MUN.



Ashley, daughter of Dave & Sherry Banfield, will be attending CONA (Business Administration)



Kayla, daughter of Majors Lloyd & Marlene George will attend MUN (Faculty of Education)

CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES TO MELISSA GEORGE



Melissa graduated from the MUN School of Nursing with a Bachelor of Nursing Degree. She was chosen valedictorian for her nursing class. She was also the recipient of the Association of Registered Nurses of Newfoundland and Labrador Leadership in Nursing Award and the Prentice Hall Book Award For Excellence in Community Health Nursing. She is now employed with Eastern Health as a nurse in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the Janeway Children's Hospital. Melissa is the daughter of Majors Lloyd and Marlene George.

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