



# The Signal

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## Perspective

Major Ernest Eason, out of the old Long Pond Corps, and appointed to Gambo in 1946, introduced that corps to the powerful effect of a prolonged pause in singing.

At home, after a Sunday afternoon praise meeting that year, I announced, "Mom, we got some lazy Major now. Sure, he stops singing to take a spell!"

Much older now, and a little more musically aware than I was 65 years ago, I really enjoy the musical pause. With apologies to *Coca Cola*: it is "a pause that refreshes".

Indeed, the Major's taking suitable pauses between various phrases in the song "Heavenly sunshine", lifted the singing and hearts alike, even though it bewildered a seven-year-old boy.

Pause! We can always learn something beneficial about the songs we sing, and how we sing them, if we remain open minded enough.

-Major Ira Barrow

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## What do you see?



What was the first sign of Christmas for you this year?

In the stores, Halloween treats were quietly replaced with Santa trinkets. Weekly newspaper flyers advertised their Christmas specials. Colored lights were suddenly twinkling in prominent places.

The commercial aspect of Christmas definitely caters to eye appeal. But what really catches your eye? Where are you looking? We need to

look beyond the dazzle and the decorations?

From her Christmas devotional book, "A Christmas Longing", Joni Eareckson Tada shares this insight: "Christmas is a time for **looking up**...and remembering that heaven is your home. Christmas is a time for **looking down**... searching into your heart, recognizing the Christ-Child within you, thanking Him for the Spirit which resides within. Christmas is a time for **looking around**, sharing smiles with friends, buying gifts for those we love. Christmas is the time to be the hands of God... But Christmas is also a time for **looking ahead**; a new year is just around the corner, packed full of opportunities to witness for Him, to share His gospel of peace. Look ahead and dream. Plan and prepare. Be courageous. Be bold. But most of all, Christmas is a time for **looking back**... Look back reverently across the centuries to the stable in Bethlehem. Picture the scene.. step inside the stable and marvel at what you see. Draw near, come close, don't be afraid. This is the Lord of the universe come down to be with you. In your heart, kneel before your Lord. Come worship and adore Him. Why? Because Christmas is a time for looking at the Lord Jesus."

In all the busyness of our lives, let us stop and look. See beyond the dazzling lights, the brightly colored packages and even the delicious looking foods and see Jesus. He is the Saviour of the world. The refrain from one of the carols reminds us "O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord."

Enjoy the presence of the Christ Child as you celebrate His birth.

The Salvation Army Conception Bay South Corps now has its Website up and running. Now available: The Corps Newsletter (The Signal), broadcasts of the Sunday morning worship services, Bible Study presentations by Major Lorne Pritchett and much more. Take time to check it out. You will be pleasantly surprised!

The website address is [www.salvationarmy.ca/longpond](http://www.salvationarmy.ca/longpond)

## Corps Officers' Corner



The sound of the doorbell shattered the peace and quiet of a mid-December evening in our Elliot Lake quarters. There stood a lady I did not recognize, and she was pushing a thick white envelope into my hands. She mumbled something about gifts and food for the needy. As she began to walk away, I called to her to stop for a receipt. She indicated that one was not required nor desired, and continued her quick steps towards the car. In the plain envelope was nearly \$1200.00 in cash!

Throughout that town that very evening, families who were worrying about the holidays did not have the slightest idea that their Christmas miracle had just passed over our doorstep. Even though the anonymous donor may have passed right by their door on her way to our house, they would have only observed it casually and remained adrift on a sea of hopelessness.

A sudden call home. For what purpose? Taxation! A woman in her 9<sup>th</sup> month. A donkey on a crowded road. Grumbling people. Hastily prepared campsites. Early morning starts. And finally - Bethlehem.

Who knew? Did the fellow travelers know that this little family was the main cast in God's incredible miracle? Did the inn keeper know?

Little did the world know that hope was being born that night. Born in 'makeshift' circumstances to ordinary people on an ordinary night - or so it seemed!

Wouldn't it be sad if we who now know the story and lived as if we didn't?

**'For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.'** (Luke 2:11 KJV)

Don't forget to take the verse very personally - for unto **'you'** is born....

We are delighted to be your Corps Officers and pray that God will bless you. We look forward to serving you faithfully during 2012. Should you need us, please don't hesitate to call.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Majors Lorne and Barb

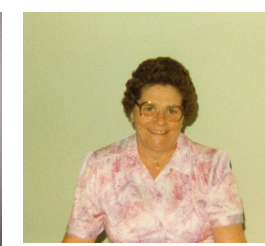
## Promoted To Glory



Walter (Wally) Bishop  
December 5th, 2011  
Age 83 Years



Lorraine Spracklin  
October 22, 2011  
Age 68 years



Evelyn Canning  
October 22, 2011  
Age 87 Years

**Christian joy is not an emotion which has to be worked up from the human end but is a blessing which descends unsought upon the man who is in a right relationship with God.**  
**The Call to Holiness—Frederick Coutts**

## Christmas Greetings

Honourable Paul Davis, MHA  
District of Topsail  
Minister of Service NL



Christmas is a special time, meant for sharing with family and friends. It is a time to give thanks for our many blessings, a time to reflect upon the challenges, opportunities and

successes of the past year and a time to plan as we look forward to the coming year. To all the residents of Topsail District and all Newfoundlanders and Labradorians everywhere, my family and I wish you and yours a safe and very happy holiday season.

**Testimony—Audrey Collins**



I grew up in Carmanville, Newfoundland. As a child, my sister, brother and I regularly attended The Salvation Army. In fact, both my parents were Senior Soldiers in the Corps. I am very thankful for my Christian upbringing and the example they set for us. We were taught the importance of putting God first in our lives and that everything else would then fall in place.

At a very young age, I accepted Jesus Christ into my life and shortly after became a Junior Soldier. I faithfully attended all the youth activities of the Corps that were available for me at that time. At the age of sixteen, I even started attending the Home League and I have been a member ever since that time.

As I grew older, I did wander away from church for a while, but I never indulged in the things that the world had to offer. They had no attraction for me. My peace and contentment was found in my involvement in the church, and Jesus Christ was always the center of my life.

On March 17, 1967, I married my husband, Spencer and moved to Hare Bay, where we raised our three beautiful children. Life seemed to be perfect but there was something missing. I realized that I needed to get back to church again and renew my covenant with God. It was then that

I found my life was complete. I also knew that God had a work for me to do and so I gladly became involved in the different activities there in Hare Bay. I taught Sunday School and was involved in the Girl Guide movement. For a number of years, I served on the Corps Council, and for 17 years, I was the Junior Soldier Sergeant. I also served as the Community Care Ministries Secretary for 7 years and was happy to help wherever I could to share the gospel of Christ.

One of my favorite choruses says :

“All my work is for the Master, He is all my heart’s desire.

O that he may count me faithful in the day that tries by fire.”

I know I am not perfect; I fail many times, but I am pressing on towards the mark, towards the goal so that someday, if I prove to be faithful, I will receive the eternal prize laid up for me.

About 9 years ago, my husband and I moved to CBS to be near our children. I started to attend the Corps in Long Pond and feel very much a part of the fellowship. It is a friendly loving Corps and the people really care about the needs of others. I thank God that I am part of the Corps family.

God is so good. He is the Prince of Peace, the everlasting Father.

As we approach the Christmas season, may we remember the true meaning of Christmas and as we trim the tree or wrap the gifts, I pray that we will focus on the greatest gift of all, ‘Jesus Christ’. May the memories of His birth glow more deeply to us each day. He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under the Christmas tree. Audrey Collins

**Christmas Greeting From the Town of CBS**



It is my pleasure to bring Christmas greetings to you on behalf of the Town of Conception Bay South. Christmas is a time to enjoy and share with family and friends, to reflect on the past year and to rejoice in all its beauty.

On behalf of Shirley, myself and the residents of Conception Bay South, we would like to extend best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a wonderful and prosperous New Year.

Woodrow French, JP CRSP

Mayor

**Message from Honourable Terry French  
MHA Conception Bay South  
Minister of Environment & Conservation**



Christmas is a special time that is meant to be shared with family and friends. This season, I encourage everyone to make an extra effort to spend time with those people we hold dear.

We should also reflect on those less fortunate and do everything we can to ensure Christmas is a special time for all our neighbours.

To the residents of Conception Bay South and to all Newfoundlanders and Labradorians, my family and I extend best wishes for Happy Holidays and a magnificent New Year. Sincerely,



The Women’s Ministry annual Fall Sale and Luncheon was a huge success. Record crowds and a large variety of baked goods, crafts and a delicious lunch resulted in proceeds of over five thousands dollars. Great job ladies!



“Trunk ‘R Treat” night (a first for the Corps) was sponsored by the Pioneer Club. Over 65 vehicles lined the church parking lot and young people stopped at each ‘trunk’ for a ‘treat’, provided by parents and friends. Over 150 people participated..



Samaritan’s Purse Shoe Box ministry was very well supported again this year by the CBS Corps . Coralie Dodge our local coordinator happily receives 262 boxes for this worthy project. A special thanks to everyone who participated.

**A Christmas Prayer**

**Father, help me to keep my eyes fixed on you throughout the Christmas season!  
When the commercialism of the holiday threatens to snuff out the real meaning of Christmas in my heart,  
remind me of the gift of Hope You sent on that silent night so long ago. Amen.**



The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Relay for Life was held at the Sergeant Ned Nugent Sports Complex on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Hosted by a local committee from CBS and representatives from the Canadian Cancer Society, the event began with a reception, followed by the special field ceremonies. Claudette Barnes from VOCM led the proceedings.

From 7:00 pm to 7:00 am, there was a continuous walk around the field by individuals and groups as participants remembered loved ones they had lost to cancer and also in honor of the survivors. Almost 500 lighted candles, placed by loved ones, encircled the field, casting a warm glow as a time of silence was observed. The proceeds of approximately thirty thousand dollars were presented to Daffodil House in St. John’s. Seen in the photo are Zita Butler, Rose Ivany and Joan Banfield, three cancer survivors from the CBS Corps, proudly holding one of the banners.

**Congratulations**



Congratulations to Sara Butler, daughter of Edwin and Bev Butler, who recently received a number of awards at the Queen Elizabeth Regional High School annual Awards night. She was recognized for the following outstanding achievements: 1. Royal Bank of Canada Scholarship for second highest percentage in her graduating class. 2. The Tara Tucker scholarship for highest percentage in Biology and Chemistry. 3. CBS Lions Club Memorial Scholarship for highest percentage in World Studies. 4. Parsons’ and Sons Transportation Award for highest percentage in Biology. 5. The Government Electoral Scholarship for one of the three highest average marks in this Electoral District. Sara is presently studying at MUN and best wishes come from the Corps family at CBS.

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