



The Signal

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Perspective

The Church Calendar

How quickly we move from feasting to fasting, from cradle to cross, from life to death!

BUT the church calendar does not end at the cross. It moves us forward to earth shaking, life transforming Easter morning; Glorious Ascension and Pentecostal outpouring!

Even this is not the end for "Soon and very soon", the Babe of Bethlehem will come "riding on the clouds" as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

This calls for a resounding Hallelujah!

Major Valletta England

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The Journey Continues



Growing up in a Christian home I was taught and learned about God and His great love for each of us. As a child, I remember at Easter in our church, two families would be chosen to depict on a large poster board what that special time of the year meant to them. Each poster would hang on either side of the church, I was so excited when it was our turn and clearly remember that on our poster we had drawn the three crosses with Easter lilies around them.

As Jesus hung on that cross, His earthly ministry was coming to an end, but as I reflected, I realized that the Easter morning message is as powerful as ever.

In my mid-teens my sister and I were invited to attend the Youth Group at The Salvation Army and shortly after, we became regular members. As a result of our involvement, The Salvation Army became our home church for our family. At the age of 16, I was enrolled as a senior soldier and still felt that God was requiring more of me. At youth councils later that year I felt God's calling on my life to full time ministry. I became a member of the Candidates Fellowship and began the process required to enter the College for Officer Training.

At the end of my grade twelve, my father had surgery and suffered a stroke from the movement of a blood clot. Over the next year, his health deteriorated and he was diagnosed with cancer the following June. Our journey over the next 11 months brought with it many unanswered questions from the medical field. I felt that God was not listening, let alone answering my prayers. On May 14, 1993 my father was Promoted to Glory. This began a very different journey in my life. For a time, I felt that God was not part of my life.

Several months ago, our Corps Officer, Major Lorne Pritchett used an illustration in his message about the Lafontaine tunnel in Montreal. I could relate so easily to this as it best described the journey that I went through. I entered the tunnel, turned off my lights and continually switched lanes. I gave very little consideration to the choices and decisions that I was making in my life and even less to what God thought. But as I often reflect on this part of my journey I realize that God did not move away from me, I moved away from Him, and God went on ahead.

I am so happy to say that eventually I found my way back to God. His ultimate construction plan for my life is far from finished. In recent years, my own family has returned to its church roots. God has opened doors allowing me to become actively involved in the ministry in our corps. I particularly enjoy working with the Youth Group. The words of Ephesians 2:10 come to mind **"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."** (NIV) Our Heavenly Father has prepared the way for you too; the question is: "Are you yielding to His plan and purpose for your life?" Don't resist what He is trying to do. His motives are based on His love for each one of us.

Roma Whittle



A COMPLETE MAKEOVER

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

As I write this I am mocking gravity by flying at more than 30,000 feet above ground level - and I am not even breaking a sweat. Well it is obvious to the modern reader that my accomplishment is not one for which I take much credit. I am sitting in row 19A in an aisle seat. It is a modern aircraft and I am simply drinking a cup of coffee and trusting the machine to do its job and get me to Ottawa in just over 2 1/2 hours. I could never accomplish this on my own. I would be a fool to try. But I did have to cooperate with Air Canada to make it happen. They made an offer of a seat which I accepted. I surrendered to their stipulations and procedures and put myself into their hands so to speak. The little map tells me I am just over Blackville NB travelling at a speed of 487 MPH.

Now I am certain that a few people on the ground have already spotted this aircraft, but simply looking at it doesn't take you anywhere. You have to be 'in' the plane to experience the benefit.

As we approach the Easter season, I am very aware of the mind numbing victory that Jesus won for us on Calvary. Here is the offer. 'If anyone is in Christ he or she will be a brand new person.' Now in an age where makeovers of everything from people to houses are so popular, that is an incredible offer. So just like the rules of flight where you have to be 'in' the plane to qualify for the benefits, so we have to be 'in' Christ to qualify for the miracle. Being a spectator or a thinker about Jesus will not accomplish anything. But He invites you to come in! And unlike the airlines, He has reserved a special seat for you and even paid the price.

Do you need a make over? Not the superficial kind a cosmetologist can offer you, but one that turns your life right side up? It is not the kind that behavioural modification can provide by tweaking this and tweaking that. This is a make over that is truly an inner transformation that brings you out of darkness into the marvellous light of a new day? Jesus Christ is your only hope then. He has been changing the hearts of men and women for over 2000 years now. There is room in Christ for you.

Majors Lorne & Barb Pritchett, Corps Officers

Meet The Peddles



Rob and Vonnice Peddle have been attending the CBS Corps for a couple of years.

Originally from Sunnyside, Rob met Vonnice while he was attending the Trade School in Bonavista.

Vonnice attended The Salvation Army in Little Catalina. They were married in 1977 and moved to St. John's in 1983. They have two lovely daughters, Charlette who is married and living in Moncton, NB, and manages a retail store, and Cadet Charlene, who with her husband Cadet Keith, studying in Winnipeg, will be commissioned as Salvation Army Officers in July 2015. They are very proud grandparents to five beautiful grandchildren.

Rob currently works with a national auto parts store and Vonnice, who worked as a cook at The Salvation Army Training College in St. John's is now employed as a baker at a Senior's Retirement Home in St. John's.

In their leisure time, they enjoy walking and fishing. CBS Corps is so pleased to have the Peddles as part of our Corps family as they share their warmth and friendliness with our congregation.



PARTNERS IN MISSION

CBS Corps has set a goal of \$10,000 for our Partners in Mission project for 2015.

We will be supporting our partner territories in Africa, namely Liberia, Malawi and Zimbabwe.

The project theme "Love giving Life" focuses on the varied and sometimes desperate needs facing the people there for food, clean water, health care and education. Our donations will also enable The Salvation Army to continue to present the gospel of Jesus Christ as well. The needs are great and so far, the weekly contributions given in our Sunday morning services has been very generous. We are confident that we will reach our target, if we all join together and give from our hearts.

The Cloudberrries Community Choir



The Cloudberrries Community Choir were recently the special musical guests at The Salvation Army in CBS. Under the direction of Sherry Crowley, with accompaniment by Judy Parsons-Kirby, the choir presented a variety of hymn tunes, with many different styles and arrangements. The audience was truly blessed with their passion and enthusiasm.

The choir presents a number of concerts throughout the year and meet regularly for practise and rehearsals. Linda Wheadon, a member of our Corps, is also a member of the choir. A free will offering was received and presented to the Director. A number of people from the community attended as well.

Junior Soldiers Renewal & Enrollment



In a recent Sunday morning Family worship service, a number of our young people renewed their Junior Soldier pledges (to the right). Two new soldiers (with their certificates) were enrolled; Joshua Pardy and Ethan Holloway. Joshua was proud to say that his great grandfather was a Major in The Salvation Army (Major James Pardy). They are supported by Majors Barb and Lorne Pritchett (Corps Officers) to the left and leaders Claudette Hillier and Rosemarie Dobson (right). Jerry Mercer holds the flag.

Jr. Soldier Promise

I know that Jesus is my Saviour from sin.

I have asked him to forgive my sins, and I will trust him to keep me good.

By his help, I will be his loving and obedient child, and will help others to follow him.

I promise to pray, to read my Bible, and to lead a life that is clean in thought, word and deed.

I will not use anything that may injure my body or mind, including harmful drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Tuesday March 31st at 7:30 pm
Mount Pearl Citadel
Speaker: Lieutenant Colonel Doug Hefford

Wednesday, April 1st at 7:30 pm
Conception Bay South
Speaker: Major Ruby Froude

Thursday, April 2nd at 7:30 pm
St. John's West
Speaker: Major Ken Ritson

Conception Bay South Corps
Good Friday Family Breakfast at 9:00 am (April 3rd)
Worship Service at 10:30 am
Saturday, April 4th (2-4pm) Children's Easter Egg Hunt
Easter Sunday Celebration Services, April 5th
At 11:00 am and 6:30 pm

Come and Worship with us!



A Sunday school teacher auditioned seven year olds for an Easter performance, and one boy insisted he play the part of the rock. "Don't

you want a speaking part?" questioned the teacher. He didn't, and settled for nothing else. After the presentation, someone asked why he wanted to be the rock. He proudly replied, **"Oh, it felt so good to let Him out of the tomb."**

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Congratulations to Major Barb Pritchett who recently celebrated her 60th Birthday with family and friends.



Just recently, a number of members of the Men's Fellowship enjoyed a great day out in the country. Following a very successful time of ice-fishing, they enjoyed some delicious home styled cooking at Randy Butler's cottage (as seen in the photo above). The men really appreciated Randy's kindness and hospitality.



Congratulations to Majors Sidney and Rachel Brace who recently celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary on March 12th. They were married at Green's Harbour by Captains Roger and Millie Hobbs. Best wishes from their family, and all their friends at the CBS Corps.

CBS Winter Festival—Gospel Sing



As part of the Winter fest annual celebrations for the town of CBS, The Salvation Army Worship Team is seen in action at the All Saints Parish Hall. Many other members of local congregations came together and enjoyed singing praise to God and sharing in Christian fellowship. This ecumenical service is well supported by the local Ministerial Association and the free will offering which was received was donated to the local Food Bank.



Special Olympics Medal Winners

Congratulations to Luke Kennedy (left) and Katie Brien, (right) members of the CBS Brightstars Snowshoeing Team who are seen proudly wearing the medals they won at the recent Special Olympics competition in Corner Brook. They won two medals each and had a wonderful time at the event.

Pioneers



The Pioneer Club recently held their regular Awards and Recognition Event. Family members attended to show their support. The Skippers, Scooters, Voyagers, Trailblazers and Pathfinders received their badges for the work they had completed in the previous quarter. They learn social skills, appreciation and respect for family members and life skills. Emphasis is placed on learning God's Word and how it applies to their daily living. Co-ordinator Major Marlene Brace is so thankful that their 80 plus members attend on a regular basis. Approximately 16 leaders and assistants give their valued time in teaching these young people every week.