



# The Signal

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## Perspective

### The Glory of the Cross

**B**illy Graham once asked, "What glory is there in the cross?" He went on to say "with my finite limitations, I cannot fully comprehend the mystery of God's atonement. I only know that all who come to the cross in simple trusting faith lose all their guilty stains and find peace with God."

We will hear a lot about the Cross during this Lenten Season. We will sing about it, and maybe even talk about it.

A line from a beautiful contemporary song reminds us "it was my sin that held Him there." Yes, He took my place, took my punishment.

Consider this -**"The cross of Christ reveals our sin at its worst and God's love at its best."**

The question is **"What does the cross mean to you?"**

We will either accept God's offer of salvation or totally ignore Him. **What will you do?**

Cora Dodge

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## A TIME TO CELEBRATE Blessed Heritage – Brilliant Future



**T**he weekend of April 20-22 has been designated as a time to celebrate 110 years of ministry for The Salvation Army in the CBS area. It will be a time to reflect upon the victories and accomplishments of the past as we look forward to a brilliant, God blessed future!

As a prelude to the celebration weekend, during the evening service on April 15th, the focus will be on our **"Blessed Heritage"** and we will thank God for those who have blazed the trail before us.

During the anniversary weekend, the celebrations will begin with a Corps Dinner on Friday, at 6:30 PM at the All Saints Parish Hall. On Saturday afternoon, there will be ice skating for everyone at the Robert French Memorial Stadium. The "Warm Room" will be available for refreshments and a time for fellowship for non-skaters as well.

Special musical guests, St. John's Temple Songsters and the CBS Corps Brass Band will present "An Evening of Christian Choral and Brass Music" on Saturday beginning at 7:00 PM.

Special Worship Services will be held on Sunday at 11:00 AM and 6:00 PM. Following the evening service, a time of fellowship will be held, with the cutting of the anniversary cake.



Our special guest for the weekend will be our Territorial Commander, Commissioner Susan McMillan, who was commissioned as an Officer in 1979. She has served with distinction in several territories such as her homeland Canada, Mexico, South America East, South America West and at International Headquarters in London, England. Her appointments have varied in scope from Corps Officer to Social Services, Hospital Administration, and Finance Administration. Commissioner McMillan holds a Master of Business Administration Degree and is also a Chartered Professional Accountant. More importantly, she is called by God to **"Preach His Word"**, and we look forward to her ministry during our special weekend together. For more details, check the 'insert' or our website.

## Greetings from Newfoundland and Labrador Division



**I**t is a pleasure for my wife and I to send you greetings on behalf of The Salvation Army Newfoundland and Labrador Division as you celebrate your 110th Corps Anniversary. We thank God for the work He has done in this Corps over those years and for the many lives changed. I trust you will have a God glorifying celebration."

Blessings,  
Lt. Colonel Eddie Vincent, Divisional Commander

## GOLD OR GRACE



Outside of the cross of Jesus Christ, there is no hope in this world. That cross and resurrection, at the core of the Gospel is the only hope for humanity. Wherever you go, ask God for wisdom on how to get that Gospel in, even in the toughest situations of life. *(Ravi Zacharias)*

I once heard an illustration in a sermon, about children chasing bubbles, in an attempt to catch one. We all know the outcome. As much as that elusive sphere looked like it could be held, the minute it was touched, it disappeared. It reminds me of a gigantic rainbow that hung over the bay in Gambo when I was a child. It seemed to end right at the government wharf. With dreams of a pot of gold, I ran as hard as I could. But when I got to the point where I believed the rainbow ended, all I saw was my own reflection in the water – and I can assure you that did not resemble any pot of gold.

If you are 50 years old, most likely, in 50 years time every earthly possession you hold title deed to will either be in a trash pile, or in somebody else’s name. Yet, there is one hope that endures past the grave and we can take hold of that hope today. That certain hope is recorded for us in the book of Romans, by the Apostle Paul where he is speaking to those who have asked Jesus to be their Savior and Lord.

35 “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? 36 As it is written:

**“For your sake we face death all day long;  
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”**

37 **No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. “ ( 8:35-39 )**

No! That is not a pot of gold, but it is a pot of grace – inexhaustible grace which includes a brilliant future even after we die. God bless you!

*Majors Lorne and Barb Pritchett.  
Your day to day Pastors*

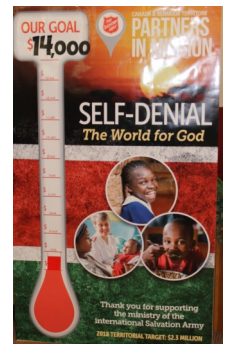


**T**erritorial Commander, Commissioner Susan McMillan is ready to cut the ribbon to officially open the relocated Newfoundland and Labrador Divisional Headquarters, situated at the Village Mall. Following a brief service of dedication, everyone was invited to tour the beautiful facility and share refreshments and fellowship.



**C**orps Officer, Major Barb Pritchett welcomed Major Annette Vardy to a recent Worship Service. Major Vardy served with distinction as a missionary to India for 30 years. She celebrated her 100th birthday on January 25th. She lives in her own apartment and enjoys good health. She was accompanied by her cousin, Mr. David Vardy. Well done, Major Vardy!

**CBS CORPS  
GOAL  
PARTNERS  
IN  
MISSION  
\$14,000**



**H**ighlighted this year, in the 9 week campaign, are the Kenya East Territory and Kenya West Territory, where Lt. Col. Morris Vincent is the Chief Secretary. Funds are used world wide to support health, education and economic development.

## Trusting His Promises



**Deut. 31:6 says “Be strong. Take courage. Don’t be intimidated. He is striding ahead of you. He’s right there with you. He won’t let you down. He won’t leave you. (The Message)**

For a long time, Almeta (Crocker) Ward has taken this verse to be her lifeline. She grew up in a loving Christian family and was enrolled as a Junior Soldier at the age of 7. For a shy little girl, this was a challenge to publicly kneel at the altar. Encouraged by family and friends and by God, she left her seat and quietly made a commitment of her life to God.

When Almeta was 12 years old, she felt God calling her to be a Salvation Army Officer. After much prayer and preparation at the Corps, Almeta entered the Training College as a “**Servant of Jesus**” and was commissioned in 1991. At College, she was sure of her calling, but was plagued by her shyness and her feeling of inadequacy. Still, she clung to her Bible verse and knew that God would never fail. She enjoyed her years of ministry. It was during this time, she met Lester, the love of her life.

In 1993, because of illness and personal concerns, Almeta relinquished her duties as an Officer, and the following year, she and Lester married and moved to Calgary, AB. There, they both worked and for a while, became involved with the local Corps. Life was wonderful. However, in 2011, Almeta became ill and suffered with pain for quite a while. There were a lot of unanswered questions, and so they eventually moved back to NL in 2014. Soon after, they linked up with the CBS Corps. In her heart, Almeta found comfort in knowing that God was with her. Over a period of time, she was diagnosed with Fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue and myofascial pain syndrome and so each new day brings a challenge. While she still maintains a quiet spirit, her warm loving smile lets you know that the joy of the Lord is her strength. Her desire is to serve God as He gives her strength. She often asks “God, how can I be used, when some days I can’t even get out of my home?” However, she believes the words of the chorus, which says “**God will make a way, when there seems to be no way, He works in ways we cannot see, He will make a way for me...**” **Yes, God will make a way.**

Almeta is so thankful for people whom God has placed in her life; people who have encouraged her along the way. Her kind loving ways and her beautiful smile bring blessing to all she meets and is a testimony of the joy in her heart.

## Meet the Batten Family



Wayne and Amy Batten grew up in CBS and attending church has always been an important part of their life. They were married in 1979, and began attending The Salvation Army in 2014. Since then Wayne is part of the Men's Fellowship and Amy is a Sound Room Technician and a featured soloist.

Amy is a retired psychiatric nurse and she enjoys singing, reading and knitting in her spare time. Wayne was a plasterer/painter as well as a heavy equipment operator and still works occasionally. He enjoys hunting, fishing and cutting wood. He is an avid gardener who enjoys growing all sorts of plants, flowers, fruit and vegetables. They take great pleasure in preserving their abundant crop for the winter months.

They have a son Chris, married to Natalie, who are parents to Hunter, their only grandchild. A daughter Lisa lives in Ottawa. Wayne and Amy enjoy Southern Gospel music and are kind caring people. They also serve as greeters for Sunday services. CBS Corps is pleased to have them as part of our fellowship.



Congratulations to Majors Sid and Rachel Brace who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on March 12th. They were married in Green’s Harbour by Captains Roger and Millie Hobbs. Best wishes to you both!

### The Salvation Army Holy Week Services: All services begin at 7:30 am

**Mar 27- Speaker Major Melva Elliott  
Mount Pearl Citadel**

**Mar 28 - Speaker Major Rene Loveless  
Conception Bay South Corps**

**Mar 29 - Speaker Major Woodrow Boyde  
St John’s West Corps**

**Conception Bay South Corps  
Good Friday Service is at 10:30am  
Easter Sunday Services at 11:00am and 6:00pm**



**Major Lillian Norman  
Promoted to Glory**  
February 28, 2018  
She was commissioned as an Officer in 1952, a member of the Intercessors Session.

## Picture This Youth to the Front



Jonathan Pardy and Cullen Hynes are enrolled as Junior Soldiers (top –left) as other Junior Soldiers renew their pledges. They were supported by their leaders and Corps Officers. In the center picture, Majors Lorne and Barb Pritchett welcome Captains Brett and Melissa Haas, who were special guests for a recent Youth Weekend, filled with fun and fellowship and inspiring messages from God’s Word. To the right, Major Jennifer Hale, Territorial Candidates Secretary is welcomed by Divisional Youth Leaders, Captains Tim and Krista Andrews (center). Divisional Commander, Lt. Colonel Eddie Vincent was also present. Emphasis was made on God’s call upon our lives and a number of prospective Candidates, who were present, responded to the challenging messages by Major Hale. Glenda Barrow and Dwayne Whittle shared their personal testimonies.



CBS Corps expressed their appreciation to all who gave assistance during the Christmas Kettle Campaign. Government leaders, local business owners, fraternal societies and many individuals enjoyed a dinner and a time of fellowship.

Members of the Cradle Roll with their Moms and Dads recently enjoyed a special luncheon following the Sunday morning service. Coordinator Loretta Dawe was pleased with the response and thankful to all who helped to make it a great success.

Cec Sturge and Wilson Brenton (above) and Les Ward and Shannon March (below) were declared the winners in the recent “Lumberjack Night” at the Men’s Fellowship! A great lunch and good fellowship was enjoyed by all!



The new Thrift Store for CBS Corps (left) was officially opened on March 10 with a number of special guests as seen in the photo. Located in the former CBS Rentals building, the new store is now open for business. Government leaders brought greetings. This was followed by a time of refreshments. Drop by for a visit! You will be pleased with the bright looking decor and the wide variety of bargain priced available items.



**Men’s Luncheon, (BYOL) Prayer and Bible Study Wednesdays at 12:30 pm, with Major Calvin Fudge!**  
**Women’s Bible Study on Thursdays at 10:00 am with Major Loretta Fudge (Living a Life of Joy)!**

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