

THE FENWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

Including

**“PAST TO PRESENT”**

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## THE FENWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST...PAST TO PRESENT

"A new congregation has been organized at Fenwick." *Gospel Messenger*, December, 1895. This new work was begun by Samuel Keffer. He held a four week gospel meeting in October, 1895, with brethren from Smithville, Rosedene, Tintern and Effingham attending. About 13 people formed the nucleus of the Fenwick congregation. This small group was encouraged by neighbouring congregations and was assisted by regular visits from L. E. Huntsman and Norman Comfort. John Dean, who had been a preacher for many years, met with the congregation regularly and became a leading member. The first meetings were held in Neff's Hall, above the present Golden Grill Restaurant.

Although small in number themselves, they saw the need to contribute to mission work. Alice Diffin, William Crow, and Sisters Haist and Brandt were named by Samuel Keffer as contributors. The fledgling congregation also contributed funds to build meeting houses in Woodgreen and Calgary.

One early meeting was held in Dr. Birdsall's hall. Dr. Birdsall donated the hall, only charging for incidental expenses, but then he felt free to speak up when he thought Brother Keffer was in error. Dr. Birdsall was a leading member and speaker for a religious group called Saints. By the time the meeting concluded, he was convinced by the Scriptures that he and his brethren had been teaching error in some areas.

Fenwick hosted the June Meeting, June 4 to 6, 1904. Speakers included George Gamble and John Dean of Fenwick; William Forester, T. T. Reilly and James Stewart of Toronto; John Yake of Stouffville; O. E. Tallman of Smithville; Charles Claus of St. Catharines; Dr. John Fry and Charles W. Petch of Selkirk; S.M. Jones of Beamsville; W.F. Neal of Meaford; and Ellis Claus of Valdosta, Georgia.

A lot had been purchased for \$60 and at the June Meeting, S.M. Jones appealed for funds to build a meeting house. The first trustees were J. E. Ostrosser; Frank Conn, and Andrew Tice. William Crow seems to have been the secretary and treasurer as he received the funds that were donated. Other active members in the work included William Shriner, John Ostrosser and John Dean. \$427.60 was received from various congregations and individuals. \$170.50 of this amount came from members at Fenwick. With Lution E. Huntsman as the contractor, the building was completed and S. M. Jones preached three times on December 11, 1904.

Charles W. Petch served as the first full-time preacher from November, 1906 to October, 1908.

Fenwick again hosted the June Meeting on June 4-6, 1910. Speakers included Charles W. Petch, S.M. Jones, S. Whitfield, H. Richardson, James Stewart and Albert Brown. Albert Brown had recently come from England. The Monday morning discussion topic was: "Are These June Meetings in Harmony with Scriptural Teaching?" They decided that they were.

In 1921, the congregation felt the need to do more. They asked Brothers Keffer and O.E Tallman to assist in a cottage Bible study. These men, assisted by others, conducted the study each Tuesday night.

The Rosedene church of Christ closed its doors in 1940. As a result, a small number of members (8 to 10) placed membership with the Fenwick church family.

Clifford Lumley of Beamsville was a great help during these years. He not only led singing on many occasions but also conducted singing classes. He taught Bible classes and preached. He also helped with construction and renovations to the building.

The Fenwick congregation was first listed in the Gospel Herald magazine church directory in February, 1945. In 1952, the congregations at Fenwick and Port Colborne agreed to hire L. Louis Pauls to work with both congregations. This arrangement continued with Frank Alexander, Marlin Harless and Max Craddock until 1964.

Renovations and additions to the building were completed in April of 1964. The original building was moved back from the road and classrooms, washrooms and a foyer were added to the front. An open house was held in June with 99, 250 and 112 in attendance that day.

Plans were made to host the June Meeting in 1965 in conjunction with a "Christ For The World" campaign. During the campaign, Bill Craddock of Massillon, Ohio would speak at Fenwick and Bill Heinselmann of Canton, Ohio would speak at Port Colborne. The June Meeting was held at E. L. Crossley High School in Fonthill on June 13. Stanley McNery of Tennessee spoke on that day, as well as the campaign speakers.

21 workers from Ohio and 12 from local congregations assisted in the campaign. Max Craddock reported that the highlights of the campaign were 4 baptisms in Port Colborne, cottage meetings were begun, good public relations established, people in the community became familiar with the church, and good experience was gained. A follow-up gospel meeting was held in November with Ray Miller of Sarnia.

A second campaign was held the following year in the Fenwick area only. It was called "Campaign Canada - Focus/Fenwick". Abe Miller of Byesville, Ohio was the speaker with brethren from Tulsa, Oklahoma assisting in the work. The first Vacation Bible School was held by the congregation in August of that year.

Another addition of 2 classrooms and a baptistry was completed in 1985.

Fenwick again hosted the June Meeting, June 7, 1987. It was held at Centennial High School in Welland. Dale Pauls and David Meyers were speakers.

The congregation celebrated its 100th anniversary in 1995. Activities that year included a youth retreat, the June Meeting, and a fall gospel meeting involving a number of men who had served in Fenwick over the years. The ladies created a centennial quilt and printed a cookbook. The congregation also entered a float in the Fenwick Lions Parade. The June Meeting (the last to be held) was at E. L. Crossley High School in Fonthill on June 4. Dave Knutson, Brad Corbett and Noel Walker were speakers.

The village of Fenwick celebrated its 150th birthday in 2003. In conjunction with that, the congregation held an open house with memorabilia and quilts on display. Members demonstrated quilting, rug hooking and tatting. Ellis, Eileen and Elwin Moore displayed their antique collection on the lawn.

After all this time, elders were first appointed on May 2, 2004. They were Ross Gilbert and Chris Moore.

In 2005, the congregation was bolstered by the addition of 10 saints from the Welland congregation when they decided to cease operations.

Fenwick has been blessed by the support of local congregations and the service of faithful men over the years. Men have travelled from Smithville, Tintern, Beamsville, St. Catharines, Hamilton and other locales to assist the brethren at Fenwick.

Many men have served as evangelists and teachers, either full-time or on a part-time basis. While it is impossible to name them all some do need to be recognized for their service to Fenwick...Samuel Keffer, S.M. Jones, Clifford Lumley, Lution Huntsman, Charles Petch,

Madison Wright, O. E. Tallman, John Whitfield, Bruce Merritt, Walter Cartwright, James Snedden, John Williams, John and Jack Gladwell, C. G. McPhee, W. F. Cox, Claude Pugh, Eugene, Donald and Ralph Perry, Fred Smart, L. Louis Pauls, Max Craddock, Art Ford, Brian Cox, Tom Riley, Walter Cromwell and Felix Turner.

Several of these men, like Charles Petch, C. G. McPhee, W.F. Cox also held many Gospel Meetings at Fenwick. The earliest meeting lasted as long as 4 weeks. Now they may last 4 days. Some other notable preachers to have held meetings at Fenwick include Charles Elerick, Jack McElroy, Willie Bryson, David Meyers, Jerry Gardner, Matthew Moore, Patrick Meade and Michael Mazzalongo.

Fenwick now has a membership of 56 with an average attendance Sunday morning between 50 and 60. The congregation has produced two young men who aspire to be preachers. Paul Moore presently is working with the church planting in Cambridge and Glen Robins is attending Great Lakes Bible College. The church at Fenwick helps to support Roger Saumur in Quebec, Joel Osborne in Japan, and Ray Filion's work in Haiti. Contributions are also regularly made to the Bible College to support a teacher and to Key To The Kingdom television program. Outreach in the community includes a booth at the Niagara Regional Exhibition and Pelham Farmer's Market, participation in the Fenwick Christmas parade, neighbourhood barbeque, Kids For Christ, yardsale give-away, assistance to Pelham Cares, hymn sing and worship on the lawn, prayer cards, singing at a seniors' home and an assisted living facility and more. This fall we are planning a coat drive and give-away. Although we are an aging congregation we are an active one.

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FENWICK, EARLY MENTION IN THE *GOSPEL MESSENGER*

Researched by Myrna Perry

Vol. 2, No. 9, Sep.30, 1895, p. 1

Bro. S. Keffer has moved to Stouffville, where his family will remain during the winter, while he preaches the gospel where it is not known. He will begin a meeting at Fenwick, Ont. next week, so we understand. Brethren, send his family some of this world's goods and thus help to keep Bro. Keffer in the field. Be liberal.

Vol. 2, No. 10, Oct. 30, 1895, p. 1

SOME NOTES, by S. Keffer

The writer began a meeting at Fenwick on Lord's day evening. The attendance was good. We were to have three discourses on Lord's day, but rain prevented a morning and afternoon meeting. This is a new point.

NOTES AND CONCERNS, by L. E. Huntsman

Bro. S. Keffer has been in a meeting at Fenwick, four weeks. He has had a good attendance throughout, with the very best of attention. He has presented the truth in a very clear and forcible way. One man said he had heard straight preaching often—Bro. Benedict and others—but he never heard the truth put quite so straight and clear; and he verified his statement by confessing and obeying Christ. His wife, also, and a young lady made the confession, and all three were buried in baptism at the Twenty on the 20<sup>th</sup> inst. At the same time a young lady from Spring Creek, who had been sprinkled in infancy, and had found that she had never obeyed Christ did so, confessing His name.

Contributions to Missionary Fund

Sister Haist, Fenwick, Ont.,..... 50

The above contributors will please accept our sincerest thanks. S. Keffer

Vol. 2, No. 10, Oct. 30, 1895, p. 8

GOOD NEWS: ONTARIO FIELD NOTES

Fenwick, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1895.—Our meeting at Fenwick is still going on, and much interest is manifested. On Lord's day we had four baptisms, one from Spring Creek, and three from Fenwick. The person from Spring Creek was instructed by Bro. L. E. Huntsman. S. Keffer

Vol. 2, No. 11, Nov. 30, 1895, p. 4

THE SAINTS, by L. E. Huntsman

While at Fenwick, occasionally during the last two months, the writer had the opportunity of attending several meetings held by "The Saints." They do not acknowledge themselves as Latter Day Saints, but saints of the latter days, and claim to be members of the Church of God. I have not learned their teachings fully, and shall confine myself to what I have heard from them, and seen, as report is not always reliable, and I do not wish to misrepresent them.

Vol. 2, No. 12, Dec. 30, 1895, p. 1

The young congregation of disciples of Christ established by Bro. S. Keffer, evangelist, at Fenwick, Ont., will be visited by Bro. L. E. Huntsman, of Tintern, every two or three weeks. It means a great deal for the Fenwick brethren to have the instructions of so able a teacher.

NEWS ITEMS

A new congregation has been organized at Fenwick, Ont.

Vol. 2, No. 12, Dec. 30, 1895, p. 4

THE FIELD, by S. Keffer

Our meeting at Fenwick ended on the first Lord's day in November, resulting in the formation of another congregation in the Niagara district. On November 3<sup>rd</sup> we met to commemorate the death and suffering of Christ. Our hearts were gladdened by the presence of brethren from Smithville, Rosedene, Tintern and Effingham. Bro. L. E. Huntsman was present

and assisted us in the meeting. He will visit this new congregation every two or three weeks. Bro. John Dean, an old disciple of the Lord, and one who has been a good preacher of the gospel, will also meet with them regularly. Thirteen persons, all good material, form the nucleus around which a good congregation may be gathered if the work is followed up with more preaching.

We are thankful for the good accomplished, yet we were disappointed because a number of others that were fully persuaded of the truth spoken did not confess Christ. Our good Bro. Dr. J. Fry of Selkirk, will be pleased to learn that the Reeve of Pelham occasionally attended our meeting. He heard us on "change of heart and conversion," and "witness of the spirit."

He said he could endorse all we preached, except our claims of being non-sectarian.

The meetings were hold in Dr. Birdsall's hall, which we occupied gratuitously (he only charging for incidental expenses), consequently he took the liberty of speaking out when he thought we were in error. This we did not object to. The Dr. is a speaker and a leading member of a religious people called Saints. So called because they teach absolute holiness. They claim all the miraculous powers of the holy Spirit. They claim to speak by the spirit. The Doctor's mind changed somewhat during our meeting, and to his honor be it said, confessed they had been teaching error.

We then presented this question, Does this destroy your claim of inspiration or speaking by the spirit? He answered, "it is possible that we may go in advance of the Spirit." To which we reply: to teach, as they did, that the baptism of a penitent believer IS NOT for the remission of sins, is not going in advance of the spirit, but flatly contradicting the spirit, for the spirit said, "repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins." To substitute the mourners bench for Heaven's appointed institution, baptism, is not only contradicting the Holy Spirit, but going in the way of Cain. Moreover, if a man teaches error and at the same time thinks he is speaking by Holy Spirit, how can he or any other person; know when he is speaking by the spirit? The Dr. was convinced by the Holy Scriptures that he and his brethren were teaching error, therefore the Holy Scriptures are the criterion by which all things must be tried; and by which all our mistakes must be corrected. They are superior to the claims of the saints.

Stouffville, Ont.

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MISSIONARY FUND

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| Sister Alice Diffin, ..... | 50   |
| Bro. W. Crow, .....        | 2 00 |
| Sister Haist,.....         | 1 00 |

S. Keffer

Vol. 3, No. 1, January 1896, p. 4

NOTES, by S. Keffer

I have learned that Bro. L. E. Huntsman's article in the December issue, and also my own have been misunderstood, and caused some uneasiness where the Latter Day Saints (Mormons), are known, and the Saints at Fenwick are unknown. Some thought we were endorsing Mormonism, and standing on fraternal grounds with Mormons. To correct this mistake, let me assure our readers that the Saints at Fenwick, Ont., referred to by us, are in no way connected with the Mormons. They repudiate the book of Mormon, and do not acknowledge Joseph Smith, the head prophet of the so-called Latter Day Saints. Let me again say that the religious people at Fenwick, spoken of by us, are called "Saints" because they claim to live perfectly holy and sinless; but they are in no way connected Mormon Saints. Please reread Bro. Huntsman's article, and see that he has not endorsed Saints' teaching of a sinless life. Nevertheless, we hold that it is the duty of all to make every effort to live soberly, righteously and godly.

Vol. 3, No. 5, May 1896, p. 1

The little congregation at Fenwick, set in order by Bro. Keffer, still continue to keep house for the Lord. Bros. L. E. Huntsman and Norman Comfort visit them every two weeks alternately.

**The Bible Student**  
**Excerpts about Fenwick, Ont.**  
**1904-1913**

Annual June Meeting

The annual June meeting of the disciples of Christ, of the Niagara District, will be held at Fenwick, Ont., on the T., H. and B. Railway, between Hamilton and Welland, June 4, 5 and 6, 1904.

Evangelists Neal, Jones, Wright, Evans and others will address the meeting. The church at Fenwick extends a cordial invitation to all to attend these meetings. A good time is in anticipation. Come and share it with us.

WM. CROW, on behalf of the church.

The Bible Student, May 1904, p. 1

The Field and Workers

The annual June meeting of the disciples of Christ, of the Niagara District, will be held at Fenwick, Ont., this year, June 4, 5, 6. See notice elsewhere in these columns.

The Bible Student, May 1904, p. 3

Meaford Items, W. F. Neal

The writer, and wife, God willing, expect to attend the June meeting at Fenwick and remain for a series of meetings at Smithville.

The Bible Student, June 1904, p. 4

Beamsville Items, S. M. Jones

I expect to hold meetings at the following places before the Bible School reopens (which will be on the 31<sup>st</sup> of October): Erin, this is a new place, a tent will be used; Niagara Falls; Fenwick; Carpenters, Tenn.; Stevens' Point, Wis.; and St. Catharines, Ont.

The Bible Student, July 1904, p. 1

ANNUAL JUNE MEETING, O. E. Tallman

The Annual June Meeting of the Disciples of Christ in the Niagara District, opened at Fenwick on Saturday afternoon, June 4, and closed on Monday afternoon, with the best of weather.

L. E. Huntsman officiated in the afternoon, and short talks were given by Bros. Geo. Gamble and J. Dean, of Fenwick; Wm. Forester, T. T. Reilly and Jas. Stewart, of Toronto; John Yake, of Stouffville; O. E. Tallman, of Smithville; Ellis Claus, Valdosta, Ga; Chas. Claus, St. Catharines; Chas. W. Petch, Selkirk; S. M. Jones, Beamsville; and W. F. Neal, Meaford.

In the evening, Bro. H. M. Evans, of The Bible Student, spoke to a large and interested audience from 1 Cor. ii, 5, "That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God."

On Lord's Day morning at 10.30 we listened with interest and profit to short addresses from Bros. L. E. Huntsman and John Yake, and again at 11.30 W. F. Neal spoke from 1 Pet. v. 7, "Cast all your anxiety upon him for he careth for you," and dealt with the special providence of God.

Wm. Forester presided at the communion service, which was impressive and strengthening.

In the afternoon, Bro. S. M. Jones, of The Bible School, at Beamsville, spoke on "The drawing power of God," from John xii.32, "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me," illustrating with a magnet, nails, money, a whisky bottle, and a tobacco pipe, showing that the gospel would draw the man who was not wedded to his sin.

In the evening, Bro. Ellis Claus, of the Bible School at Valdosta, Ga., spoke from Matt. ix.12., "They that are whole need not a physician, but they that are sick," treating of sin as a disease, its symptoms and cure.

On Monday morning at 10 o'clock Dr. John Fry, of Selkirk, led off with a short exhortation, and then called on several of the brethren for a few minutes each.

In the afternoon, Bro. Chas. W. Petch spoke to a good audience from 1 Chron. xxix. 1-19, "Comparing the tabernacle and the church," after which Bro. S. M. Jones made an appeal for aid in building a church-house at Fenwick. Bros. T. T. Reilly and D. H. Jackson led the song service.

All pronounced the meeting an unqualified success, and the brethren at Fenwick deserve the thanks rendered to them for the thorough preparation in spite of difficulties.

Next year the meeting will be at Smithville.  
The Bible Student, July 1904, page 3

#### Meaford Items, W. F. Neal

Our meeting at Smithville was enjoyed by Mrs. Neal and I very much indeed. While there were no visible results as to accessions to the church, yet the truth was presented, sinners warned to flee from the wrath to come and saints built up in the most holy faith and religion of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Many resolutions and promises to be more faithful and zealous in the Master's cause were made. Brethren from Beamsville, Tintern, Fenwick, Jordan, Attercliffe and St. Catharines attended. A basket dinner on the grounds on Lord's day and three discourses looked like olden times in religious work.

The Bible Student, August 1904, p. 3

#### News Items

The brethren at Fenwick, Ont., have purchased a lot, and are preparing to build a house of worship. They are few and poor in this world's goods, and would appreciate financial assistance from any congregation, or individual, who finds it in their heart to assist them. Send to W. Crow, Fenwick, Ont.

The Bible Student, September 1904, p. 1

#### Editorial Notes

Bro. Jones' meeting at Fenwick closed with a splendid interest. Like many of our meetings it was closed too soon. The churches ought to quit making these mistakes. Many a meeting which should continue six or eight weeks is closed at the end of the third. They sow the seed and then close the meeting just when the harvest is ready.

The Bible Student, October 1904, p. 2

#### Editorial Jottings

The new house of worship at Fenwick is nearing completion. It is now ready for the plaster. Those desiring to help these brethren will please send funds to Wm. Crow, Fenwick, Ont.

The Bible Student, November 1904, p. 2

#### Editorial Scraps and News Notes

The new house of worship at Fenwick, Ont., was opened on the eleventh ult. Bro. S. M. Jones conducted three meetings there that day.

The Bible Student, January 1905, p. 3

#### Fenwick Church Report, Wm. Crow

The brethren, generally speaking, think the moneys received from the churches should be published in the Bible Student, so they could see for themselves whether the same be correct or not. The amounts received are as follows:

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| Elm St., Toronto | \$ | 27 00 |
| Beamsville       |    | 61 35 |
| Attercliffe      |    | 19 00 |
| Jordan           |    | 7 50  |
| Niagara Falls    |    | 9 00  |
| Tintern          |    | 60 75 |
| Smithville       |    | 11 00 |

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|------------------------|----------|
| Fenwick                | 170 50   |
| Free offerings outside | 61 50    |
| A Grand total of       | \$427 60 |

We all feel glad to know that we have now a house of our own to worship in, and thank the above donors for their liberal fellowship in the work.  
The Bible Student, February 1905, p. 1

Fenwick Notes, O. E. Tallman

The brethren here are all thankful to God and His people for the pretty church home with which they have been blessed.

At present the writer speaks twice alternate Sundays with Bro. George Gamble. The services are well attended.

A brother in the Northwest sent in an appeal for an evangelist to hold a meeting there this summer. The Lord willing I purpose going there about August, trusting God's promises for support.

The Bible Student, April 1905, p. 2

Notice, G. W. Schrinier, Wm. Crow

To all whom it may concern:

The church here (Fenwick, Ont.) have followed the injunction given in 2 Thess. iii, 6 and have withdrawn fellowship from David A. Hendershot. Signed G. W. Schrinier, Wm. Crow.

The Bible Student, May 1905, p. 1

Fenwick Notes, O. E. Tallman

Bro. Frank Conn, who has been attending the Bible School at Beamsville, is with us again.

The church here have followed Paul's command in 2 Thess. iii, 6, and have separated themselves from one who walks disorderly.

On Saturday, the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, our Bro. Barnet Hare, aged 72 years and 3 months, passed to realize the reward of his life here. Bro. Hare was baptized by Bro. Madison Wright about eight years ago, and to the best of our knowledge lived a consistent life.

The Bible Student, May 1905, p. 4

Meeting at St. Ann's, J. D. C. MacMurchie

The meeting at St. Ann's began June 18<sup>th</sup> and closed July 2<sup>nd</sup>. I preached nineteen times in the course of that time to very attentive audiences without any additions, but to the best of my ability sowed the seed and trust to God for the growth.

I feel very thankful for assistance received from some of the members of the congregations at Tintern, Fenwick and Smithville, and especially do I feel indebted to Bro. O. E. Tallman, who helped so much in the singing.

The meeting proper is closed at that place, but Bro. O. E. Tallman and myself have thought it best to have a meeting at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. on each Lord's day for an indefinite length of time, and this will begin, the Lord willing, on the 9<sup>th</sup> inst. Brethren, pray for us.

Smithville, July 5<sup>th</sup>

The Bible Student, August 1905, p. 4

Editorial Briefs

Bro. J. D. C. McMurchie reports one baptism at his appointment at Fenwick, Ont., Sept. 17. Our young preachers are beginning to reap as well as sow.

The Bible Student, November 1905, p. 2

An Interesting Discussion, Charles W. Petch

The discussion between Brother S. M. Jones and Mr. Austin, of Niagara Falls, N. Y., a minister of the Church of God (sometimes called First Day Adventists), took place at Pelham Centre, near Fenwick, between Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, occupying eight nights. It was brought on by

some of the members of the Church of God at Fonthill, denying Brother Jones' teaching at Fenwick and desiring a chance to reply publicly.

Brother Jones offered them the chance by sending them the following propositions, to be discussed at or near Fenwick or Fonthill.

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The Bible Student, December 1905, p. 4

#### Editorial Brief

Bro. J. D. C. McMurchie reports another baptism at Fenwick, Ont., Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>  
The Bible Student, January 1906, p. 5

#### Beamsville News, W. F. Cox

... June 17<sup>th</sup>, Bro. N. Smart preached twice for the Church of Christ at Fenwick. We were glad to have brethren from the Meaford Church on Tuesday evening and to have them speak in the prayer meeting. The brethren were: W. F. Ellis, Claude Watterworth, James R. Cox, J. Walker. The writer preached at Fenwick Lord's Day morning and evening June 24<sup>th</sup>.  
The Bible Student, August 1906, p. 3

#### Field and Church Records: St. Catharines, Ont., Chas. W. Petch

... I am now in the beginning of a meeting in Fenwick.  
Bro. Jones has just closed a good tent meeting near Rosedene. One young man was added to the "one body", and many heard the truth in its purity, presented in Bro. Jones plain and forceable manner. They will not soon forget what they heard.  
The Bible Student, November 1906, p. 8

#### Church and Field Reports: Fenwick, Ont., Chas W. Petch

I began a meeting at Fenwick on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October and preached for two weeks with a fairly good attendance. I saw, while here, the urgent need of some one to labor continuously at this place, for an indefinite time, that previous labor done here might not be in vain and that the cause might be more fully established in this section of the country. While I regretted to leave St. Catharines, and the faithful band there, yet I felt that I was needed more at this place at this time. The work at St. Catharines, during the twenty months of my stay there, was pleasant, peaceful and profitable. Not a jar or jangle disturbed the progress of the cause. The disposition to seek their own way and lord it over one another is as little manifested there as at any place that I know of. A bright future is before that church if they continue faithful. I moved here on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, and expect to labor in this community and at Tintern for an indefinite time.  
The Bible Student, January 1907, p. 8

#### Church and Field Reports: St. Catharines, Ont., C. H. C.

...On Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> 1906, Bro. Petch closed his labors with the church here having labored with us about a year and eight months. I am sure that the church has been greatly benefited by his work and labor of love among us. He goes to his new field (Fenwick) not because we wanted him to go, but believe some one was needed in that section of God's vineyard.  
The Bible Student, February 1907, p. 8

#### Our Work – Visit Etc., Chas. W. Petch

Church work is progressing here quietly and peaceably this winter. I have just closed a series of meetings here of nearly four weeks duration. There were no additions, but the attendance was very good, and the brethren were strengthened in the "one faith." Two weeks were spent by me (pleasantly and profitably) at Meaford during Bro. Warlick's meetings there. I was kept busy, visiting from house to house, and baptizing the converts. I also visited the churches at Cape Rich, Bayview and Griersville and found them still "striving for the faith of the gospel."

It is reported that I said I would preach for the Rosedene congregation if they would take their "call" (organ) out of the meeting house. Jeroboam, in order to keep up the enmity and division between Israel and Judah, set him up two calves, one at Bethel, and the other at Dan.

"And this thing became a sin." Modern Jeroboams still persist in keeping up divisions among the brethren. Jeroboam persisted in his way, until he drove Israel from following Jehovah, and they were scattered among the nations. The principle that causes our "digressive" brethren to force the organ into the worship, and cause division and separations is leading them into irreverence for God, and into "church federation" with the denominations, among whom I expect to see them scattered before many years. Let us learn from Jeroboams example to maintain a pure worship "in spirit and truth."

The Bible Student, March 1907, p. 5

Obituary, Chas. W. Petch

Ozras Lundy died on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 1907, at the age of 76 years and 11 months, at the home of his nephew, near Fenwick. Bro. Lundy had been for years a member of the "One body," being regular in his attendance at worship, until too feeble to walk the two miles. After a few days' sickness he quietly and peacefully passed away. "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his."

The writer preached from the above text to a well filled house of sorrowing friends and neighbors, after which the mortal remains were interred in North Pelham cemetery.

The Bible Student, April, 1907, p. 8

Churches of Christ, Annual Meeting, Toronto, June 1, 2 and 3, 1907

The following list, in alphabetical order, gives the numbers as nearly as possible from the various outside congregations, viz:-

Beamsville 10, Carman, Man., 1, Detroit 5, East Toronto 12, Fenwick 3 . . .

The Bible Student, June 1907, Annual Meeting-Extra, p. 1-2 (beginning last paragraph page 1)

Chas. W. Petch, Evangelist

Bro. Petch labored in Manitoba a year and four months in all, at Selkirk, Ont., for near two years; afterwards at St. Catharines, for 20 months greatly edifying the church and increasing the members by one half. From there he moved to Fenwick where he expects to make his home for some time. During the past winter he preached some at Tintern, closing a successful meeting there this spring with six additions.

The Bible Student, July 1907. p. 1

In the Field, Chas. W. Petch

The work at Fenwick moves along quietly. There are possibilities before them of doing much more in the Master's cause, if all would take hold and "do what they can." This is all God asks; but He asks all this. Brethren, are we going to do it?

Forest, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>

The Bible Student, October 1907, p. 5

Evangelistic, Chas. W. Petch

I preached at Tintern on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>. The new converts there are quite faithful. The work there is moving along quietly.

The work at Fenwick is not so lively as it ought to be. It seems hard to get some people interested in Bible study and other Christian duties. There is a lack of energetic workers here. People may easily get into the way of laboring more for the meat that perisheth, than for that meat which endureth unto eternal life. Let us keep ourselves from all idols.

On Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> I am (D. V.) to begin a meeting at Stouffville.

Fenwick Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>

The Bible Student, November 1907, p. 5

Obituary: Smith, Chas. W. Petch

Sarah Eliza Smith, beloved wife of Bro. Samuel Ostrosser, died at Fenwick, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>, 1907, at the age of 33 years. Sister Ostrosser was "baptised into Christ" by Bro. Wright, about eight years ago. Since then she has been a faithful disciple of the Lord. For her we sorrow not as those who have no hope. A loving patient husband and a little daughter are left to mourn their loss. The writer preached the funeral sermon to a meetinghouse full of friends and neighbors. A

sadness has come upon Bro. Ostrosser, which none but those who have experienced it can realize. May "He who comforteth the lowly" comfort and strengthen him to endure this trial.  
The Bible Student, December 1907, p. 3

Fenwick Notes, Chas. W. Petch

The attendance at the regular meetings here has kept up fairly well through the winter. The outside attendance on Sunday night, when I am home, is encouraging. We still hope for good being done here.  
The Bible Student, March 1908, p. 3

Fenwick News, Chas, W. Petch

The work at Fenwick and Tintern is moving along as usual. Bro. Macmurchie preached at Fenwick every other Lord's Day while I was away. The brethren speak well of his preaching. I will be at East Toronto for July 26<sup>th</sup> and spend a few days, and at Stouffville for Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
The Bible Student, August 1908, p. 4

Calgary Church Report, R. Peters

We still have a debt of \$845, to meet on the lots which becomes due in October. How to meet this we know not. Amount previously acknowledged: \$68.25; Bro. Johnson, Lacombe, \$10.00; Sisters York and Constantine, \$10.00; Fenwick Church, \$5.00 . . .  
The Bible Student, September 1908, p. 3

Fenwick Letter, Chas. W. Petch

I closed a meeting here last night Sept., 25, which had continued for two weeks. Sickness kept some away from the meeting, while the "cares of this life" were sufficient to lead others to absent themselves. If the Church does not take hold and work for a meeting, there can be little good done in a place where the cause has been established for sometime. Outsiders will not attend meetings if Church members do not. The words of "the faithful and true witness," Jesus, should ever be remembered, as He looks upon the Churches to-day like He did in John's time, saying "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold or hot, \* \* \* so because thou art lukewarm, and neither hot or cold, I will spew thee out of My mouth" (Rev. 3: 14-16). Oh, that we could see ourselves as Christ sees us: that we could know ourselves as He knows us.  
The Bible Student, October 1908, p. 5

Editorial Briefs

Bro. Petch has left Fenwick, and moved to Stouffville, to take up the work there, and mission points in the surrounding country. He will accomplish good wherever he goes.  
The Bible Student, November 1908, p. 4

Church News: Fenwick, Ont., M.

On the first Lordsday of each month, since Bro. Petch moved away, some one of the students of the Beamsville Bible School, speak for us.  
The Bible Student, April 1909, p. 7

The June Meeting

After a short meeting with short talks from Bro. Walker of Hamilton, Bro. Ablett of Toronto, and an old veteran from Fenwick, whose name we forgot, the advertised meeting commenced at eleven. . . .

It was declared last year that the June meeting at Meaford was the best held up to that time. Perhaps it was. It is now declared that the meeting at Smithville was the best yet held. We trust this is true, and will only be declared second best after the June meeting of 1910 which will (D. V.) be held at Fenwick.  
The Bible Student, July 1909, p. 1

#### Church News

I preached at East Toronto July 11, and found the work there going along as usual. I also visited the church at Fenwick and preached three nights to very good and attentive audiences. The brethren came out well to the meetings, and seemed encouraged by the discourses and pleased with my visit among them, as I also was. They are striving to hold up the truth and are "keeping the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" fairly well. I also preached at Tintern on July 18, and at Beamsville at night. The churches at these places are carrying on the work steadily. Two of those baptized during the Smithville meeting were from Tintern. Let us provoke one another to love and good works.—Chas. W. Petch.  
The Bible Student, August 1909, p. 9

#### Obituary: Dean, N. R. Smart

Sister Marion Dean, of Fenwick, Ont., departed this life Aug. 6, in her 29<sup>th</sup> year. During the fourteen years of her Christian life she never wilfully absented herself from the Lord's table. She found a delight in the house of the Lord. She leaves an aged father and mother and one brother to mourn her loss. The funeral which was largely attended, took place on Aug. 8, the service conducted by the writer. We extend our sympathy to the sorrowing loved ones; but if faithful unto death they will join her in the realms above.  
The Bible Student, October 1909, p. 8

#### Church News: Jordan, Ont., Nov. 5, D. H. Jackson

Bro. W. D. Campbell, of Detroit, began a series of meetings with the church here on Oct. 18, and continued until the 28<sup>th</sup>. ... Lordsday the 24<sup>th</sup> was a big day. Many brethren from other congregations met with us. Pekin, Tonawanda, St. Catharines, Beamsville, Tintern, Fenwick, Toronto were represented.  
The Bible Student, December 1909, p. 8

#### Publisher's Desk

Don't forget the June meeting at Fenwick, Ont., June 4, 5 and 6, 1910. See page 7.  
The Bible Student, April 1910, p. 5

#### June Meeting

The annual June meeting of the churches of Christ will be held at Fenwick, Ont., June 4, 5, and 6, 1910. A cordial invitation is extended to all. Further announcements will be made in May issue.  
The Bible Student, April 1910, p. 7

#### June Meeting, C. W. Petch

The Annual June Meeting of the churches of Christ of the Niagara District will be held at Fenwick, on the T. H. & B. Railway, between Hamilton and Welland, on June 4, 5, and 6. The meetings will commence at 3 p.m., June 4. Bro's. S. M. Jones, the writer and others will be present to address the meetings. The brethren everywhere are most cordially invited to attend, and are assured a hearty welcome.  
The Bible Student, May 1910, p. 7

#### The June Meeting, Chas. W. Petch

The June Meeting held at Fenwick, Ont. June 4, 5, 6, passed off very well. The wet weather kept some away, and the attendance was not so large as usual. The meeting on Saturday was given principally to discussing "The Needs of the Cause of Christ in Ontario." Some of the points emphasized were: "The Need of Christ Himself," "Christ in His People, --shown in their pure and holy living;" "More Personal Effort and Pure Living;" "More Laborers in the Field;" "More Unity Among the Forces." In the evening Bro. Albert Brown, late from England, gave a good gospel sermon in his plain, clear, earnest style.

On Lordsday morning some short addresses by different brethren were given, followed by a sermon by Bro. S. M. Jones: "Making Things as Sure as We Can." At the close of the

discourse one man confessed his faith in Christ and was baptized by the writer the same day, and four others restored to fellowship, renewing their covenant with God. Bro. Brown then presided at the breaking of the bread. At 3 p.m. the writer addressed the meeting on "The Christ of the Scriptures." Bro. S. Whitfield spoke at night on "Life."

The Monday morning meeting was devoted to a pleasant discussion of the subject: "Are these June Meetings in Harmony with Scriptural teaching?" All concluded that such a meeting as this was fully in harmony with the Scriptures. Bro. H. Richardson preached at 3 p. m. on "The Blessings in Christ." Bro. S. Whitfield again spoke at night on "Habits." The writer concluded the meetings on Tuesday night by speaking on "The Christian's Hope." Bro. Jas. Stewart, of Toronto, was present and aided much by his talks and prayers. All seemed to enjoy the meetings, and the church at Fenwick will be much strengthened and encouraged. The accommodation and hospitality of the brethren at Fenwick was all that could be desired.

The Bible Student, July 1910, p. 3

Woodgreen, Ont., S. Whitfield

The following is a report of all money received outside of the members at Woodgreen, for the meeting house at Woodgreen.

Bro. D. L. Purcell, of the Clachan congregations, \$50.; . . . Church at Fenwick, \$5; . . .

The church at Woodgreen desires to thank all the above for their fellowship in this work and also to let you know that the meeting house was all paid for before the close of 1911.

The Bible Student, February 1912, p. 5

EXCERPTS ABOUT FENWICK, ONTARIO FROM  
*THE CHRISTIAN MONTHLY REVIEW*  
1919-1933

Researched by Myrna Perry

Vol. 6, No. 10, October 1921, p. 20

FENWICK

Brethren living near and in Fenwick, deploring the lack of work there, asked Bro. Keffer and myself to assist them in a cottage Bible study.

We have been attending this work now for six weeks, each Tuesday night, and find good interest. Other brethren have and will assist us from time to time. We are studying Paul's letter to the Philippians.

O. E.

Tallman, Box 193, Jordan

Vol. 9, No. 9, September 1924, p. 9

News Paragraphs, H. M. Evans

The congregation at Selkirk enjoyed a very pleasant visit from Bro. and Sister C. H. Claus, of St. Catharines, Ont. and Bro. and Sister F. L. Conn, of Welland, on Aug. 10, when they became host and furnished an enjoyable dinner, while wife and I became the guests of our visitors. This little visit recalled some of the joys and sorrows of the past. It is just fourteen years ago next December since the writer was called home from the St. Catharines congregation on account of the illness of his wife, and only three days before this sad event he had performed the ceremony which made Sister Ethel Claus and Bro. F. L. Conn one for life. Bro. and Sister Conn now have four nice children and a happy home. How comforting it is to see young Christians selecting Christian partners and in a Christian home bringing up their children in "the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Bro. Conn was baptized by the writer in a meeting he held in Fenwick, Ont., some 22 years ago, and still has a deep interest in work and worship in the Church. Visiting brethren are always welcome in Selkirk. Such fellowship draws us nearer to the Lord and to one another.

Vol. 13, No. 3, March 1928, p. 12

CONN

Sister Martha Conn passed away, in the 69<sup>th</sup> year of her life here, to her reward in the life beyond. She was born in Pelham Township, and lived near Fenwick, Ont., all her life until about twenty years ago, when she moved to the home of her son, brother Frank Conn in Welland, at whose home she passed away, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, leaving Bro. Frank her only son to mourn her loss.

Sister Conn obeyed the Gospel about twenty eight years ago, and has every since been a member of the body of Christ

The funeral took place from the house in Welland Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> and the remains were laid to rest in the Dawdy Cemetery, Ridgeville. The writer officiated with Bro. O. E. Tallman assisting.

May it be ours to fall asleep in Jesus.

L. J. Keffer

Vol. 14, No. 4, April 1929, page 11

CROW

Sister Sarah Jane Crow passed away on Thur., Mar. 7, in her 87th year. The funeral was held in our meeting house at Fenwick, at 2.30 p.m., Mar. 10. The house was almost filled to capacity with sympathetic relatives, brethren in Christ and friends. Sister Crow was well and favorably known by a wide circle of acquaintances. Deceased was a sister of the late Sister Oliver Tallman, of Smithville, Ont., and Sister Flora A. Martin, who died some years ago. She had three children, Nellie, who died in childhood; Mrs. Alice Diffin, who died recently in Florida; and A. W. Crow, who lives in Detroit.

Aunt Sarah Jane, as she has been called by many of us younger folk, obeyed the gospel under the preaching of my father who started the work in Fenwick, about thirty-five years ago. Uncle William, her husband, who predeceased her fourteen years ago, was baptized at the same time. So it is that Sister Crow, with a number of others have been prominent and faithful,

according to their ability, to the Lord Jesus and his cause in Fenwick. Fenwick holds many sacred memories and associations for me as for my father before me, and it is with a good deal of joy that I knew I was counted worthy, according to her wish, to preside over the services held in her memory. Bro. C. G. McPhee assisted the writer. L. J. Keffer.

EXCERPTS ABOUT FENWICK, ONTARIO FROM THE *GOSPEL HERALD*  
1943-1999

Researched by Myrna Perry

Vol. 9, No. 5, May 1943, p. 7  
The Editor Reports

...Bro. Cox baptized a precious soul from Fenwick following the evening service at  
Niagara St.

Vol. 10, No. 14, January 1945, p. 6  
New from Fenwick

(The following is taken from a personal letter but I am sure will be of interest to our  
readers)

Fenwick, Ont.

Dec. 11, 1944

Dear Brother Bailey:

I am renewing my subscription to the Gospel Herald. We enjoy it very much. We like to  
know of all things that are being accomplished by the church.

Here at Fenwick we have redecorated our church building and it surely looks nice. The  
work here is going very well. We had Brother Cox here for a meeting last spring and there were  
seven members added. Brother Cox has worked very hard to make the work here successful.  
Everyone here thinks a great deal of him for his good work in the Lord.

Your brother in Christ,  
Ed Cook

[Fenwick is first listed in the Gospel Herald church directory in February 1945]

Vol. 12, No. 4, May 1946, p. 14  
Bro. W. F. Cox Reports

FENWICK, Ont.—The special evangelistic service closed last night with a large crowd. The  
meeting should have gone on through another week. It is true the people attending were getting  
very busy gardening and seeding but apparently they were willing to make the necessary sacrifices  
to have the truth established. Three renewed their fellowship; five were baptized and two to be  
baptized later, all adults. The interest and attendance from non-members were beyond our  
expectation. The attendance of visiting brethren added to the success of the meeting.

Bro. Clifford Lumley, of Beamsville, led the song service. I do not hesitate to say it was  
done well. He is a very pleasant fellow with whom to work. This was not the first time he and I  
have worked together in such meetings.

I've accepted an invitation from our good brethren in Windsor, Ont., to spend the month  
of May with the church there with the view of furthering the cause of Christ in their community.

Vol. 12, No. 8, September 1946, p. 12  
Bro. Douglas LaCourse Reports

Since arriving home from Harding College, I have preached in Sarnia, Hamilton, Port  
Huron, Fenwick and Beamsville. While at Fenwick one lady made the good confession and was  
taken to Beamsville for baptism. In a short service there, another lady came forward and desired  
to be immersed. Our hearts were made to rejoice upon the obedient faith of these two souls.

I plan to return to Harding this fall.

Vol. 12, No. 12, January 1947, p. 15  
News from the Niagara District

From November 10<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup>, Jack McElroy, of Nashville, Tenn., was in a meeting at  
Fenwick. The crowds were good throughout and one was baptized and one restored. From there  
he went to Jordan. Stirring the people with his preaching, he baptized fourteen and restored five.

It was indeed a great meeting.

There was not one small crowd and the last night the house was packed to capacity ... and then some! The church at Jordan worked hard in the meeting and appreciates the harvest.  
ALLEN KILLOM

Vol. 13, No. 1, February 1947, p. 15  
OSTROSSER

On December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1946, the writer was called to Fenwick, Ont., to conduct the funeral of Edgar Ostrosser. Edgar was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ostrosser who were charter members of the Church of Christ at Fenwick. With the co-operation of other good brethren the Church of Christ became a great influence for good. Being reared under an environment of that kind, Edgar accepted the truth, confessing his faith in Christ and being baptized into the one body. After which he became an active member of the congregation at Fenwick, Ont. For many years associated with his brothers in the flesh and younger brethren in the church, Edgar did much of the teaching and bearing his share of the responsibility of the work connected with the welfare of the church.

Bro. Ostrosser was in his 75<sup>th</sup> year when he passed on to his reward. Due to failing health, he was forced to discontinue his activities as one of the leading members of the congregation. The floral display and the goodly number attending his funeral expressed the high esteem in which he was held in the community in which he lived most of his life. He leaves to mourn his loss three brothers, William of St. David's, Burwell and Blake of Fenwick, and a host of relatives and friends.

"Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city" (Rev. 22:14). "And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Right Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them" (Rev. 14:13) W. F. Cox

Vol. 13, No. 10, November 1947, p. 1  
Fenwick

It seems that many of the rural churches have suffered because of people moving into the cities. This is not always true, in every case, for one of Niagara Street's most faithful families, the Gays, moved to Fenwick and another to Tintern, that of Oliver Tallman.

Vol. 13, No. 10, November 1947, p. 9

#### Fenwick Church House

The members of the church in Fenwick and district began meeting in Neff's Hall at Fenwick for regular worship in 1899, under the leadership of S. M. Jones. Others prominent in the work at that time were Brethren John Ostrosser, William Shriner, William Crowe and Dean.

Bro. Jones was largely instrumental in having the present Meeting house erected in 1903. Lucien [sic] Huntsman was the contractor and several of the members worked on the building. The first trustees were Frank Conn, Edgar Ostrosser and Andrew Tice.

In addition to Bro. Jones, several well known evangelists worked with the congregation since that time; the names of Madison Wright, C. W. Petch and W. F. Cox being most prominent in the memory of the members.

Of late years, Bro. Cox has done a great deal for the church here. The congregation was small but through his special meetings and help to get speakers, much was accomplished.

The members are nearly all country people.

At present John Whitfield, who is the minister of the church at Raymond Street, St. Catharines, comes out here to speak after the Sunday night services there.

During July and August, Brother Bruce Merritt, of Beamsville, worked with the congregation full time.

At the time of writing, Bro. C. G. McPhee is here as the speaker in a special series of meetings for two weeks to end October fifth. He is so well known and his ability as a preacher of the Truth so well established, that many have come from nearby congregations in large numbers to hear him. Bro. Clifford Lumley of Beamsville, has been present as often as possible to lead the

singing. He is another who has been helping for several years as a teacher of singing and as a Bible teacher.

Other names could be mentioned, as this congregation owes a lot to many who have assisted. There are some here who have been faithful for years when things were not very bright ... others have gone on to their reward. These serve as examples to us, and we hope to see the church grow in zeal and numbers, during the coming years, so that ... with many others ... we may all make our calling and election sure.--C. H. Gay

Vol. 13, No. 10, November 1947, p. 21  
Bro. C. G. McPhee Reports

...  
Upon our return home we started a meeting at Fenwick, Ontario. We are in our second week; interest is good, but the farmers are very busy with their crops. We close Sunday night.

...  
Vol. 14, No. 12, January 1949, p. 9  
FENWICK MEETINGS ENLARGED

A letter from Brother Ed. Cook tells us that they have three services there each Lord's Day. Bible classes in the morning at ten. They have the regular meetings at eleven for worship. They have a preaching service at 8:30 Sunday evening. Brother John Whitfield of St. Catharines does the speaking.

Your editor appreciated an invitation to pay a personal visit.

Vol. 18, No. 7, August 1953, p. 6  
NEWS FROM FENWICK, ONTARIO

Sometimes it is felt that we should make new members acquainted better with the brotherhood. Therefore we are happy to make known two baptisms here this week. Sister Donna Cook, a very fine young lady, obeyed her Lord the other night. Brother Pete Martinek [sic] also obeyed his Lord; he is also a very fine young man who was brought up in a Catholic home. We are proud of these young people, and as older members we all have responsibilities to guide and encourage them in their new work. Louis Pauls

Vol. 18, No. 9, October 1953, p. 14  
BROTHER LOUIS PAULS REPORTS FROM FENWICK

Another fine young man came forward last night to confess the Lord. The baptism took place the same evening. Lloyd Burton lives in Fonthill. We commend the courage of the young man, who early in life obeys his Lord. May the Lord keep him all his days.

Vol. 18, No. 10, November 1953, p. 14  
Meetings: Fenwick

We hear that Bro. Jack MacElroy [sic], well known evangelist of Tennessee will begin a meeting with the Fenwick congregation the last Lord's day in November. Brother MacElroy's [sic] efforts in this area have been blessed with considerable success in the past. Those within driving distance will want to attend. Let us pray for this and similar efforts.

Vol. 18, No. 12, January 1954, p. 12  
FENWICK, ONT.

Brother Jack MacElroy [sic] finished a two week meeting here on December 13<sup>th</sup>. The report has not yet been received.

Vol. 19, No. 1, February 1954, p. 10, 15  
FENWICK

On December 13, the congregation here closed a meeting held with Brother Jack McElroy. The attendance was good on the part of members, as well as many visitors from other congregations. Therefore the work here should grow as a result of the gospel which was faithfully preached. The last Lord's day evening we had a record attendance of about 165, a full house.

A special meeting is never finished when the speaker leaves the meeting, The truths presented should be remembered, and applied in the daily life of everyone.

We are deeply grateful to Bro. McElroy for his efforts in the meeting, also for the efforts of Bro. Ernie Burdette, who so faithfully discharged the duties of a song leader.—Louis Pauls

Vol. 21, No. 6, July 1955, p. 8

Notice changes in the directory notices of Jordan, Port Colborne, Fenwick and Owen Sound, Ont....

Vol. 22, No. 1, February 1956, p. 12

Clara Edna Crowe: A large number of relatives and friends paid tribute to the late Sister Edna Crowe, as funeral services were held December 27th from the Lampman funeral home in Fenwick. Sister Crowe was in her 69th year, she had been in failing health for the last few years.

Sister Crowe had been a life-long resident of Gainsboro township, and leaves behind a fine family, two daughters, Mrs. William Hipwell (Gladys) and Mrs. Asa Chambers (Grace) and one son, Naaman Crowe, as well as grandchildren.

I spoke words of comfort and exhortation to the living, choosing the words of James 4:14 "For what is your life?" I was ably assisted by Brother C. G. McPhee, and a quartet from Tintern sang "Going down the valley" and "Sometime we'll understand."

"Friends pause as you pass by

As you are now, so once was I,

As I am now, you soon must be

And so prepare to meet your Lord." --Louis Pauls

Vol. 22, No. 5, June 1956, p. 4

THE CHURCH IN ONTARIO: FENWICK

36 members meet here; there is an average attendance of 45 on Sunday mornings. Bro. Louis Pauls works with this church as well as at Port Colborne. They have their own meeting house.

Vol. 22, No. 11, December 1956, p. 10

FENWICK NEWS

On the Lord's day of October 21<sup>st</sup> we rejoiced to see a very fine mother make the good confession to be buried with her Lord in baptism that same day.

Sister Bill McPherson is the first in her family to obey her Lord. Along with her husband they have three very fine children. We believe she will be a very great influence on her whole family, and a very worthy mother indeed as she continues to grow in her new relationship with her Lord.

This winter we have started a Home Bible Study in a home at Dain City a few miles out of Port Colborne. This appears to be a very profitable way of studying the Bible. Interest is real good to start with. We hope to have more such meetings as time goes along.—Louis Pauls

Vol. 23, No. 4, May 1957, p. 15

FENWICK NEWS

The congregation here rejoices on April 9<sup>th</sup>, when a very fine young mother confessed her Lord before men, and was baptized that same night. Sister Smith is the mother of a very fine family, along with her good husband, and four boys who are all married except one, and one married daughter Sister Gordon Young from Kingston.

Sister Smith is most anxious now that her entire family may find the same happiness in the Lord that she has found, may the Lord richly bless her in her new life, and help her to realize her desire some day soon. May her whole family hunger and seek after righteousness as she has done.

Vol. 23, No. 7, August 1957, p. 8

Plans are for Stanley McNery to conduct a meeting at Fenwick Oct. 27-Nov. 8

Vol. 23, No. 10, November 1957, p. 8

Stanley McInnery [sic] of Tenn. begins on Oct. 24 at Fenwick.

Brethren from congregations of Hamilton, Fenwick, Port Colborne, Tintern, Beamsville, St. Catharines and others were present on Sept. 20 to see the cottage meeting filmstrips being demonstrated. About 100 were present.

Vol. 23, No. 11, December 1957, p. 11

#### FENWICK NEWS

The congregation here closed a good meeting with Brother Stanley McInery from Cookeville, Tennessee on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Over 1000 invitations were sent out for this meeting. The response was good from both outside interest, as well as other congregations.

Brother McInery has a very effective way of building up the church. Wherever he went, in the home, or in the pulpit people soon learned to appreciate him a great deal. A favourite expression of his is, "Christianity must be worked at, and not played with." He proved that he believed this to be true.

The attendance was very consistent during the entire meeting, and the last evening there were four who made the good confession, and were baptized that same night. Barbara Glover from Great Lakes Christian College, then Carol Hipwell from Fenwick, and Ivan McCombs and his daughter Shirley. We trust that these new members will find real happiness in their new walk of life, may they grow into great usefulness for the Master.

Brother McInery proved that strong preaching to the church will not interfere with interest. More interest has been stirred up in this community during this meeting than ever before. We pray that this interest may yet result in a great harvest of souls for the Master, to Whom we give all the praise.--L. Pauls

Vol. 26, No. 4, May 1960, p. 10

PORT COLBORNE, Ont., Mar. 27: Bro. and Sis. Marlin Harless, who have been working with the Maplewood congregation, began full time work with the church in Port Colborne and Fenwick last Lord's day.

Vol. 26, No. 11, December 1960, p. 10

Fenwick, Ont., Nov. 20: "Last Lord's Day morning at the close of the worship service two precious souls came forward, manifesting a desire to obey the gospel of Christ. They were: Miss Sharon Cook, and Mr. Herbert (Bert) Tibbel. Also at the close of the evening worship service, we witnessed two more responses --Mrs. Elsie Brady, and Mrs. Winnie Leadely. They were "buried with the Lord in baptism, Sunday evening at the Raymond and Beecher Sts. church building in St. Catharines.

Vol. 27, No. 11, December 1961, p. 10

Port Colborne: "From the bulletin from Port Colborne and Fenwick we read that Bro. Marlin Harless will be moving to Springfield, Vermont on November 24<sup>th</sup>."

Vol. 29, No. 3, April 1963, p. 19

#### PORT COLBORNE AND FENWICK

The Port Colborne congregation had a baptism on March 10, 1963. Mrs. Pearl Smith was baptised into her Lord.

The Fenwick congregation is also progressing and at present time a series of cottage meetings are in progress.

All services are well attended and the interest seems to be improving.

The correspondence Course which was offered by mail has proved satisfactory. There were many responses to this course.--Max E. Craddock

Vol. 30, No. 2, March 1964, p. 10

Fenwick, Ont.: The contribution recently reached \$129.15. Alexander Bigelow of St. Catharines recently confessed faith in Christ at Fenwick and was baptized. He may attend at St. Catharines.

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Fenwick Church of Christ - Max E. Craddock

The Church of our Lord began meeting in Fenwick, about 1899. The congregation first met in Neff's Hall, which was near where the meeting house was later to be built. Brother S. M. Jones had a great deal to do with the work being started in Fenwick. Brethren John Ostrosser, Wm. Shriner, and Wm. Crowe were also instrumental in its beginnings.

The first meeting house of the Church was built in 1903. Brother Jones is also said to have been influential in the erection of this place of worship.

The names of Madison Wright, C. W. Petch, and W. F. Cox stand out in the memory of the brethren here. The memory of Brother W. F. Cox is held in high regard by the members of this congregation. Many wonderful stories have been told of efforts Brother Cox put forth at Fenwick.

In 1952 the congregation at Fenwick and the Brethren from Port Colborne met and agreed to hire Brother Louis Pauls to work with the two congregations. This manner of providing a regular minister for the congregations has continued to this time. After Brother Pauls moved to N.B., Brother Frank Alexander worked for a time in this area and he was followed by Marlin Harless. In August of 1962 Brother Max E. Craddock moved to work in this area.

The congregation has just completed an addition to the building which was built in 1903. We now have four classrooms, and two washrooms in the addition. The auditorium has been fixed up with a new lighting system and new pews and the walls done over with panels of mahogany. The old gas heater has also been replaced with modern infra-red heating.

We feel that '64 is going to be a wonderful year for us, in that we now have a better place in which to teach God's Word. We now have the space to have more, larger, and we pray more meaningful Bible classes. The people of the area seem to be becoming aware that we are in the village and we pray that we may be able to seek out and use every opportunity to teach God's Word. We ask for your prayers and also invite you to come worship with us whenever you are in our area.

Vol. 30, No. 5, June 1964, p. 20

Fenwick, Ont.: Attendances at the recent open house were 99, 250 and 112. Contribution was \$139.27.

Five young people were baptized during the meeting held by David Meyer of Ohio.

Vol. 30, No. 6, July 1964, p. 11

The Fenwick, Ontario church has requested to have the June Meeting in 1965 and is making arrangements to hold it in the E. L. Crossley Secondary School on Highway 20 just west of Fonthill. Our records show that Ottawa church has spoken for this meeting in 1967 but that 1966 is still available.

In addition to the five baptized during the recent meeting by David Meyer of Ohio in Fenwick, there were four who responded asking for the prayer of the church.

Vol. 30, No. 8, September 1964, p. 10

Fenwick, Ont.: We wish to correct an error that appeared on page 17 of the August issue. Fonthill and Fenwick are adjoining communities and we unintentionally reported that the evening services at Fonthill would be at 7:30 beginning Aug. 16. This should have been the church at Fenwick, since a church does not meet in Fonthill.

Vol. 30, No. 11, December 1964, p. 10

Fenwick, Ont.: "Things continue to go well in planning our "Christ For The World Campaign" for the Fenwick-Port Colborne area. We are asking brethren everywhere to join with us in prayer for God's blessings upon us and all the works being done for the glory of God. December 31<sup>st</sup> is a time when Christians enjoy fellowship while waiting for the new year to come

into being. We ask you, brethren, wherever you are on this night to join with us in a time of prayer. Plans are at Fenwick to meet at the meeting house and there join our hearts in prayer to God. Will you not join with us at that time?"--Max Craddock

Vol. 31, No. 3, March 1965, p. 17

Fenwick, Ontario has made plans for this June at the E. L. Crossley Secondary School on Highway 20 just out of Fonthill.

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FENWICK AND PORT COLBORNE CAMPAIGN  
JUNE 14-25

Theme: by Max Craddock

"Christ For The World" will be the theme for the campaign to proclaim Christ that is planned for the Fenwick – Port Colborne, Ontario area this summer. This theme has been chosen because of the questions raised in recent months by "leading religionists" concerning the being of Jesus Christ, God's Son and our Saviour.

Planning:

Plans for this endeavor have been in the making since June of last year. A group of preachers in Stark County, Ohio expressed an interest in coming to help in a campaign to proclaim Christ in this area.

While in Ohio holding meetings in August I met with an interested group of preachers and church leaders and talked with them about helping with such an effort. Their response was such that we knew we could gain the support needed to see our ideas through. We set goals of 120 workers and \$2500.00 for the campaign and set the dates of June 14-25, 1965.

In December I made another trip south and talked with brethren in Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky about our plans. This trip was a success both in money raised and workers committed.

Speakers:

The speakers for the campaign will be Brothers W. L. Craddock of Massillon, Ohio (Fenwick) and Bill Heinselman of Canton, Ohio (Port Colborne). Both these men have had much experience in proclaiming the truth of God's Word and we're sure they will do a good job for Christ here. Their home congregations are sponsoring these men in their work with us. Both these men will be speaking at the June Meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> as well.

JUNE MEETING:

The June Meeting this year will be held on June 13<sup>th</sup> at the E. L. Crossley School on No. 20 Highway near Fonthill, Ontario. Besides our two campaign speakers we will have Brother Stanley McNery for one of the services of this meeting. We believe the June Meeting Sunday will be a real good way to start into our campaign.

Advertising:

By way of advertising we are planning to use street banners, highway signs, posters in public buildings and in cars, newspapers, Gospel Herald, handbills, and radio. In fact the Fenwick town council has given permission for us to attach directional signs on the poles below the stop signs where needed. We have also received permission to put a street banner above the highway in the town square.

A five minute radio programme will be aired daily over the radio station, C-HOW, in Welland. This programme will feature the two speakers of the campaign in lessons vital to the times. Also we will have announcements daily about the campaign. On top of this the radio station has promised us some extra announcements daily, over and above the ones we are paying for.

We are using two newspapers for advertising. We plan to have \$65.00 ads, about ½ page, in the Welland paper on June 12 and 19. Then there will be ads every other day in the Welland papers throughout the campaign. The Welland paper has 14,784 subscribers in the area we are going to cover. Then we plan to put two \$35.00 ads in the St. Catharines paper. It has a circulation of 565 in the area around Fenwick and Port Colborne.

Needs:

We still need some workers that can come for one, or more, days and help in the door to door work. If you live close enough to our area to drive in for a day, or want to come and stay longer, please contact me at P.O. Box 90, Fenwick, Ontario. Also we invite you to attend the services each evening in either Fenwick or Port at 8:00 p.m.

Let us all remember to pray daily for all the efforts to teach Christ planned in our land this summer.

Vol. 31, No. 6, June 1965, p. 17

Fenwick, Ont.: One young man was obedient on May 9.

Vol. 31, no. 7, July 1965, p. 11

Fenwick, Ont.: The campaign is still in progress with some encouraging response from the community. Don Alexander, a G.L.C.C. student will be assisting with this work through the summer months.

Vol. 31, No. 9, September 1965, p. 15

#### "CHRIST FOR THE WORLD CAMPAIGN"

The "Christ For The World Campaign" in Fenwick—Port Colborne area was very successful in many ways. Our thanks goes to God our Father who made it all possible by His continued watch-care over us in His work.

#### Four Baptized

Four young people in Port Colborne obeyed their Lord in baptism during the campaign. (There were no baptisms in Fenwick.) We believe these four are only the beginning of the good people whose hearts were touched with the message of Christ and his love for us.

#### Cottage Meetings

Several cottage meetings are now or soon will be, in progress both in Fenwick and Port Colborne. Many people showed an interest in the Church of our Lord because of the personal contact made during the effort.

#### Church Known

More personal contact was made during the campaign than had ever before been made. We are encouraged by the way people accepted us at their doors, and talked about things spiritual. We had visitors every evening during the meetings, many who had never before attended a service at the Church of Christ. The fact that material concerning the Church was given to each home in the area is a great step forward we believe.

#### Good Relations

Since the campaign has ended we have heard from people of the area that one thing they appreciated was the cheerful, friendly manner in which the material was presented. We pray this will have a good effect in removing some of the obstacles we usually run against in trying to talk with people about the Church.

#### Personnel

Because of space I'll not try to list all those who helped with the campaign from the U.S. and Canada. We had 21 workers from the U.S. (Ohio) and 12 brethren from area churches that came and worked with us. We are very thankful for the help of all these brethren and pray they may be blessed as we were by their presence with us.

#### Follow-up

We are now involved in follow-up work and this will continue for many months. We have some plans already at Fenwick for a Fall Meeting with Brother Ray L. Miller of Windsor speaking. We're sure this will help keep the church before the people of our area. Plans are also in making for another campaign next year.

#### Conclusion

Both the Church at Port Colborne and at Fenwick can say with deep conviction that we have been greatly blessed by having had this experience. We know, however, that this is only the beginning of our responsibility. Therefore we ask for your prayers in filling our responsibility to those we contacted during the campaign.

Max E. Craddock

Vol. 31, No. 11, November 1965, p. 10

Fenwick, Ont.: Ray Miller of Windsor is scheduled for a meeting Oct. 24-Nov. 3. A campaign with Abe Miller as speaker is being planned for June 26-July 8, 1966. Other plans call for increased attendance at all meetings, a contribution of \$140 and a V.B.S. in August.

Vol. 32, No. 3, March 1966, p. 10

Fenwick, Ont.: The campaign with Abe Miller of Blyesville, Ohio is announced June 19 to July 1. The first V.B.S. is planned for August 29 to Sept. 2.

Vol. 32, No. 4, April 1966, p. 10

Fenwick, Ont.: Some of the brethren of the Valley View church in Tulsa, Oklahoma will be assisting in the campaign this summer, June 19-July 1.

Vol. 32, No. 12, December 1966, p. 10

Fenwick, Ont.: Bob Craddock of South Point, Ohio will be the speaker in a meeting Dec. 4-11.

Vol. 33, No. 5, May 1967, p. 6

#### TICE

The church at Fenwick, Ontario, was saddened by the passing of one of its oldest members, Oren A. Tice. Bro Tice was born in Pelham Township, but moved to Gainsboro Township, where he farmed for more than half a century. He was highly respected in his home community and loved by the church members. His sudden passing in the Henderson Hospital, in Hamilton was a shock to all.

He leaves to mourn his departure, his wife Mabel Robins, one son Glen, and one sister, Ella Crow of Fenwick.

A large audience attended the funeral, held in the Lampman Funeral Home in Fenwick. The interment was in North Pelham Cemetery.

Vol. 33, No. 6, June 1967, p. 12

Fenwick, Ont.: The CKTB radio preaching at 8:15 each Lord's Day morning has been assumed by the Beamsville, Tintern, Niagara Falls and Fenwick churches. Keith Thompson has been doing the preaching.

The Fenwick church is entering a float with the theme "Christ for the World" in the Centennial parade.

Vol. 34, No. 3, March 1969, p. 9

Fenwick, Ont.: Sunday evening services have been showing an increase recently. Fred Smart of Beamsville has recently started a Wednesday night meeting with good interest.

Vol. 36, No. 10, October 1970, p. 9

Fenwick, Ont.: "Our encouragement and prayers are extended to Bro. Ray Cook who has returned to God for help with his life."--The Gospel Gazette

Vol. 38, No. 10, October 1972, p. 11

Fenwick, Ont.: Mathew Moore of Buffalo, N.Y. is scheduled to hold a meeting at this place November 13-26

Vol. 38, No. 11, November 1972, p. 11

Fenwick, Ont.: Mathew Moore of Linwood Avenue, Buffalo, N.Y. is the scheduled speaker for a meeting here, November 13-26.

Vol. 39, No. 5, May 1973, p. 11

Fenwick, Ont.: this church decided at a recent business meeting to send some financial help to assist in improvements at Omagh Bible Camp. It was also decided to support brother Nsuk, a young gospel preacher in Nigeria.

Vol. 45, No. 3, March 1979, p. 10

Fenwick, Ont.—"Two families have identified themselves as members of the church here since the beginning of the year. L. Louis Pauls has been working with the congregation since November, 1978, having moved here from Tintern. This is the first known fulltime worker here in many years since the days of C. W. Petch. The Pauls selected the Fenwick work upon an invitation to return for a second term, having served here parttime from 1952-1958. They have appreciated other invitations extending from Halifax to Vancouver. The Fenwick work shows signs of progress. The Pauls supplement their salary with their pension."

Vol. 45, No. 7 July 1979, p. 5

BIBLE CALL IN THE NIAGARA PENINSULA by Don Whitfield, St. Catharines, Ontario

The church of Christ in St. Catharines (Ontario Street) has installed four automatic play-back telephone machines in their building and are co-ordinating the Bible Call program with other churches of Christ in the area. Niagara Falls, Tintern, Fenwick, Jordan, Smithville, and Beamsville congregations are all within the local phone-call range and all residents in these areas are able to make use of the Bible Call Service.

Vol. 45, No. 7, July 1979, p. 10

Fenwick, Ont. – "This congregation plans to hold a meeting Nov. 4-6 with Jerry Gardner of North Bay as our speaker.

Presently we are using the New Series on Back To The Bible by B. J. Humble each Sunday evening. This series was preceded by the filmstrip on Church History by Jule Miller. This makes a good combination for a refresher course for any congregation. We also advertise each week-end on CHOW, Welland, including the Bible Call program."-- L. Louis Pauls

Vol. 45, No. 8, August 1979, p. 10

Fenwick, Ont. – Louis Pauls writes: "The church here has just completed the use of the new series on Back to the Bible by Bill J. Humble. We are sharing ideas about the use of this excellent series.

"One baptism took place recently when Ronald Hopkins completed his obedience to the gospel. This completed the oneness of a very happy couple in Christ.

"Our fall meeting with Jerry Gardner is planned for November 4-9. Advertising the place and events of the church continued each weekend over CHOW, Welland."

Vol. 45, No. 10, October 1979, p. 10

Fenwick, Ont.—"The church is planning a fall meeting with Jerry Gardner from North Bay. The dates will be November 4-9. Special deliveries will be made into homes with brochures including invitations, teaching material, and Bible Call advertising"—Louis Pauls.

Vol. 46, No. 1, January 1980, p. 10

Fenwick, Ont. – "The church here conducted a successful meeting with Jerry Gardner from North Bay in November. Jerry preached a great series of lessons on the theme of Christ And Him Crucified, in his usual fine style. About 3,000 pieces of literature put up in packets were distributed to advertise the meetings. Bible Call programs were included.

Shortly before the meetings a husband and wife, Philip and Eileen Davis, were baptized. We continue weekly studies with them on the subject "Now That I Am A Christian". The total membership of this congregation has increased by ten, or 20 percent during the last year."—L. Louis Pauls.

Vol. 46, No. 2, February 1980, p. 10

Fenwick, Ont. -- Bro. Louis Pauls writes: This congregation had further occasion to rejoice when Andrew Mason rendered obedience to the Lord. He is the third in his family to be added to the church in recent months. Andrew is a young man in Grade 12 in high school. He has a noble desire to become a preacher in the future. We trust that he will be encouraged in his new life in the Lord.

Vol. 46, No. 6, June 1980, p. 10

Fenwick, Ont. – "On April 30, this congregation rejoiced greatly as they witnessed the baptism of Gerald Lampman. Gerald had attended services for some time previously, and we rejoice with him in his new life.

"Some thought is being given to having a Vacation Bible School here this summer for the first time, in spite of limited facilities. Another meeting is also planned this fall to be held during the first week in November."—L. Louis Pauls.

Vol. 46, No. 7, July 1980, p. 10

Fenwick, Ont.: "The most recent baptism here has been on May 18 when Harry Comfort obeyed the gospel. Harry is the oldest son of Roy and Marilyn Comfort. We rejoice when a young man responds early in life, and wish him much happiness in serving his Lord."—Louis Pauls.

Vol. 46, No. 10, October 1980, p. 10

Fenwick, Ont. – "A special meeting is being planned for November 9 to 16. There will be two speakers with the first speaker during the first half of the week not determined yet. Brother Gary Martin, well known to the students at Great Lakes Christian College, has agreed to be with us the last half of that week. Our special theme selected for both young and older is 'Better Things Expected of You.' We look forward to a rich spiritual fellowship during that week."—L. Louis Pauls.

Vol. 46, No. 11, November 1980, p. 10

Fenwick, Ont. – "Some slight changes in our meetings with the dates being November 13 to 16 at 7:30 each evening. Brother Gary Martin will speak each night on the theme, Truth For These Times. Brother Martin works with Young Movements, and will be interesting for all ages. Young people, bring your parents."—L. Louis Pauls.

Vol. 47, No. 10, October 1981, p. 10

Fenwick, Ontario. – "A fall meeting is planned for Nov. 9-15<sup>th</sup> with David Meyers of Ravenswood, Ohio. He is known and loved by the brethren in this area. A recent addition to our membership is Harry Robins who was baptized in Niagara Falls. Harry was taught by Henry Boland, but resides in Pelham. We welcome him in our midst. People still inquire about nine local young people baptized last fall. They are growing faithfully in the Lord, and we commend them for their participation in the Lord's work. A VBS is being planned for August 1982, which will be a first for this congregation."-- Louis Pauls.

Vol. 48, No. 2, February 1982, p. 12

Fenwick, Ontario – "A successful meeting was concluded in November with David Meyers from Ravenswood, W. Virginia. Each lesson was carefully planned for the edification of the church, as well as the visitors who attended consistently each night. This congregation also demonstrated their talents commendably during the illness of Louis Pauls. Speaking appointments were capably carried out by the local brethren. One of them spoke for the first time, and did very well. This is progress we need. A Vacation Bible School is planned for August of 1982. It will be the first time such a school is conducted at Fenwick. Fenwick grows in brotherly kindness."—Louis Pauls.

Vol. 48, No. 7, July 1982, p. 12

Fenwick, Ontario – "A mini VBS is planned for August 16-20<sup>th</sup>. It will be a first for this congregation. For lack of sufficient space it will be styled 'mini' with only four classes, deleting the usual nursery and teenage groups. Pre-enrolment limiting each class to ten students is planned. This may be a helpful suggestion to others with limited space. Don Hipwell will be director. A fall meeting is planned for November 1-7<sup>th</sup>. Brother Blaine Cook of Winter Haven, Florida, will be the guest speaker."—L. Louis Pauls

Vol. 48, No. 8, August 1982, p. 12

Fenwick, Ontario – "Members of this congregation rejoiced again when Aaron Hipwell was baptized after the morning service on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Aaron is the oldest son of Don and Virginia. V.B.S. is planned for August 16-20".—L. Louis Pauls.

Vol. 49, No. 1, January 1983, p. 12

Fenwick, Ontario – "A young lady named Deanna Comfort, the daughter of Roy and Marilyn Comfort, was baptized October 31<sup>st</sup>, the Sunday before our special meetings. May her new life in Christ be meaningful to her throughout life. A good gospel meeting was conducted November 1-7<sup>th</sup> with Blaine Cook from Winter Haven, Florida, speaking each evening. The lessons were well planned, and dealt with things concerning Christ and his kingdom. Attendance was consistent throughout, and the work strengthened as the result of God's word being preached. Art Ford made a presentation here on New Guinea November 24<sup>th</sup>.

Vol. 49, No. 10, October 1983, p. 12

Fenwick, Ontario – "A baptism took place on August 21<sup>st</sup>, when Cheryl Beamer completed her initial obedience to the Lord. Cheryl is an important addition to the present active group of young people serving faithfully in various activities... Another VBS was conducted August 15-19. A pre-registration of four classes with ten students per class was surpassed this year. Ninety students and parents enjoyed the cook-out the last night on the new lawn. The congregation has recently purchased an adjoining vacant lot, which will greatly help to improve facilities in the future." – L. Louis Pauls.

Vol. 51, No. 1, January 1985, p. 12

Fenwick, Ontario – In 1984 our third successful Mini V.B.S. was conducted with a full house pre-registered. The fall meeting was November 12 to 18, with brother George Mansfield. It was directed to the Church and was a highlight of the year. There were two additions by baptism during the meeting, two cousins, Bruce and Scott Gilbert. Then, one week later, Chris Rowe was baptized. This congregation has been blessed with five additions during 1984. One family, the Roy Comfort family, placed membership with the new Welland work, thereby helping them.

Vol. 51, No. 4, April 1985, p. 10

Fenwick, Ontario – Adjoining property has been purchased and fenced in past months, and two good sized classrooms are now being added to the building.

At this writing Louis Pauls is on a tour of Bible lands lead by his son Dale of Stamford, CN.

Vol. 51, No. 5, May 1985, p. 10

Fenwick, Ontario – Fred Knutson of Bramalea is being engaged for a meeting in November.

Vol. 51, No. 11, November 1985, p. 16

#### JUNE MEETING

The church meeting at Tintern, Ontario, has announced plans to sponsor the 1986 Ontario June Meeting, in the facilities of Great Lakes Christian College on May 31. It appears that the nearby Fenwick church will be planning to be the host congregation in 1987.

Vol. 51, No. 12, December 1985, p. 10

Fenwick, Ontario – The church in Fenwick hosted a ladies luncheon on Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. Lou Hipwell was the speaker, using the topic, "Don't Drown the Flowers" ... Fred Knutson will hold a meeting with the church November 11-17<sup>th</sup> on the theme, "The Joy of Living with Christ." Lessons for the series will be taken from the book of Philippians.

Vol. 51A, No. 1, January 1986, p. 10

Fenwick, ON: "A successful fall meeting with Fred Knutson concluded on November 17, 1985. The selected theme was The Joy of Living With Christ as taken from the book of

Philippians. The lessons were presented in a clear, orderly style each night. These faithful lessons coming from a younger man like Fred, indicate a bright future for the Church.

"One evening service appeared to be Preacher's night with more than twelve preachers in attendance. A Pot Luck dinner was enjoyed by all during the last Lord's Day. May 1986 be another challenging year with challenges met throughout the year. ...L. Louis Pauls  
Vol. 51A, No. 6, June 1986, p. 11

Fenwick, Ont.: This church is seeking a full-time preacher. It plans to host the 1987 June Meeting.

Vol. 52, No. 3, March 1987, p. 10

Fenwick, ON: June 7 is the date for the June Meeting to be held at Welland Centennial School and hosted by the Fenwick congregation.

Vol. 52, No. 5, May 1987, p. 9

#### JUNE MEETING AT FENWICK [1910]

This meeting was held as announced, June 4, 5 and 6 and was fairly well attended, brethren being present from Toronto, Hamilton, Beamsville, Selkirk, Smithville, Tintern, Welland, Omagh and Wardsville. The hospitality shown by the Fenwick brethren is not to be lightly esteemed, and evidently all enjoyed the meeting.

The meeting on Saturday was given principally to discussing "the needs of the cause of Christ in Ontario." Some of the points emphasized were: "The need of Christ Himself," "Christ in all His people, shown by pure and holy living," "More personal efforts and pure living," "More laborers in the field," "More unity among the forces." In the evening Bro. Albert Brown, late of England, gave a good gospel sermon in his plain, clear, earnest style.

In spite of the rain, there were three good meetings on Sunday. From ten to eleven o'clock several interesting short speeches were given by various brethren. After eleven Bro. S. M. Jones gave a splendid sermon, using as a foundation the words of Pilate to the chief priests and Pharisees (Matt. xxvii.65), "Make it as sure as you can," and also "Make your calling and election sure." This he showed was done by clinging to the Book. After the discourse four persons who had fallen by the way in the Christian life came forward to be restored and another confessed his faith in Christ and was baptized after the afternoon meeting. Bro. A. Brown presided at the Lord's table. Bro. C. W. Petch addressed the afternoon meeting on "The Christ of the Bible," showing that the scriptures presented a much higher idea of Christ than that entertained by many who claim to be Christians today, that of his pre-existence, creator of all things, miraculous conception, miraculous power, blood shed for remission of sins, resurrection, and authority as King of kings and Lord of lords, reigning at God's right hand. In the evening Bro. S. Whitfield, of Wardsville, spoke on "Life" showing that as physical death was "separation," life must be "union," applied the same to spiritual and eternal life as union with God – life; separation from Him – death.

Many took part in the discussion of the June meeting problem on Monday morning. All seemed free to speak their mind, and various objections were brought up and answered. Some points were, that it was called a June meeting simply because it was being held in that month, that occasions of jealousy could be made anywhere, that if much money was spent in traveling to these meetings, etc., would it be used in the Lord's work if brethren did not come; all receive new vigor at these meetings; they were not meetings of the churches, as simply brethren coming from different places, while each congregation had its own meeting for those not at the June meeting; brethren from nearly all the world composed the first church at Jerusalem; brethren came together to discuss questions, Act xv; that nothing should be done at these meetings not done as an ordinary congregation, and that being stirred up with the sweet fellowship and knowledge gained, many can return home and tell what they have learned.

It was proposed by Bro. T. W. Bailey, of Selkirk, that the meeting be there next year.

#### JUNE MEETINGS AGAIN, by H. McArdle

The church at Fenwick conducted a series of meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> inst., and judging from reports of some who attended, much good was done in the name of the Lord. The scripturalness of such meetings has been discussed and questioned, but because God commands Christians to meet together (assemble) on the first day of the week to break bread, sing, exhort and

edify one another, fellowship in contribution, etc., and to study, teach and preach the word, surely all meetings for accomplishing the same are justified by the scriptures.

But presumptuous men have misrepresented these meetings by publishing them to be "The Annual June Meetings of the Churches of Christ of the Niagara district and of Ontario." Why presumptuous?

Well, (1) the churches of Christ in the scriptures have no such custom; (2) the churches referred to were never consulted thereon; (3) no one has authority to commit churches of Christians to a position or practice they do not pursue; (4) there is not example or command for a union or joint meeting or convention of churches, or for churches to co-operate with churches for or in any meeting or work.

If this is not presumption and misrepresentation, what is?

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Vol. 52, No. 5, May 1987, p. 11

Fenwick, ON: This congregation will host the annual June Meeting on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, with Dale Pauls and David Myers as speakers. It will be in the Centennial High School, 240 Thorold Rd., Welland. See map elsewhere in this issue.

Vol. 52, No. 6, June 1987, p. 12

St. Catharines, Ont.: A collection of \$1,902 was given on March 29 to help the Fenwick congregation.

Vol. 52, No. 7, July 1987, p. 11

Fenwick, Ont.: A pleasant fellowship was enjoyed by several from scattered points who attended the June Meeting held in Welland.

Vol. 52, No. 11, November 1987, p. 13

Fenwick, Ont.: A meeting with R. C. Oliver of Parkersburg, West Virginia, is scheduled for November 1-6.

Vol. 53, No. 2, February 1988, p. 10

Fenwick, ON: At Fenwick we have rejoiced in the experience of God at work in our lives as we witnessed two baptisms in the past year. On April 2<sup>nd</sup> Lynn Pederson and on November 6 John Paul Riley put on Christ.

We held the June Meeting with guest speakers, Dale Pauls and David Myers speaking on the unity in Christ.

A V.B.S. was enjoyed by all as we used the teaching station method. We had the teachers teach the same lesson each day to each level while the students moved from room to room. Our average attendance was 30 students from 4-11 years of age.

Our Fall meeting was with R. C. Oliver from West Virginia. His topic was "What the Bible says about back to Bible teaching". Our average attendance was 74. Plans are now in the works for this year's Fall meeting.

We have had great attendance each and every Lord's day through out the past year and look forward to the coming year with God's help. T. A. Riley

Vol. 53, No. 5, May 1988, p. 10

Fenwick, ON: Jacinda Riley was baptized into Christ in mid-February.

Another classroom is being finished with the prospect of starting another Sunday School class.

Vol. 53, No. 10, October 1988, p. 11

Fenwick, ON: V.B.S. was conducted from 1:30-3:30 August 22-26. Contributions averaged \$551.71 in June and \$567.49 in July.

Vol. 53, No. 11, November 1988, p. 11

Fenwick, ON: A gospel meeting conducted by Blaine Cook took place October 11-16.

Vol. 54, No. 7, July 1989, p. 11

Fenwick, ON: Arrangements are being made with Roy Puckelwartz of the U.S. to be the new preacher.

Vol. 54, No. 9, September 1989, p. 11

Fenwick, ON: Roy Puckelwartz has arrived from the U.S. and started his work here on July 9. The work is quite encouraging at this point.

V.B.S. is scheduled for August 28 to September 1.

A meeting with Jack Gladwell of Ohio is scheduled for November 6-12.

Vol. 54, No. 10, October 1989, p. 13

Fenwick, ON: A "Gospel Sing" has been announced for October 6, 7:30 – 10:30 p.m.

Vol. 54, No. 11, November 1989, p. 11

Fenwick, ON: V.B.S. in late August averaged about 55 children and 12 parents attended the closing event. The Gospel Sing on October 6 went very well with 102 in attendance.

Jack Gladwell of Ohio will preach in a meeting, November 6-12 on the theme, "God's Grace in Troubled Times".

Vol. 55, No. 1, January 1990, p. 11

Fenwick, ON: Over \$100 was given to the Hugo relief fund. Plans include a song and prayer meeting December 31, 11:30-12:30 and an area "Gospel Sing" January 19, 7:30-11:00.

Vol. 55, No. 5, May 1990, p. 11

Fenwick, ON: Cindy Koosman was baptized in late March. She plans to attend Harding University this fall.

Vol. 55, No. 8, August 1990, p. 11

Fenwick, ON: Sylvia publicly requested prayers in mid-June. Roy Puckelwartz has left this work and moved back to the U.S. A replacement is being sought.

Vol. 55, No. 10, October 1990, p. 13

Fenwick, ON: Walter Cromwell and family of Sarnia are coming to fill in the gap and work with this church. Average V.B.S. attendance was 48.6

Vol. 55, No. 12, December 1990, p. 11

Fenwick, ON: Glenn Gray was the speaker for a meeting in early November.

Vol. 56, No. 6, June 1991, p. 11

Fenwick, ON: Don Smith of Sundridge will preach the fall meeting. The Cromwells have a new son, James Francis, as of April 9.

Vol. 56, No. 8, August 1991, p. 15

Fenwick, ON: Randy and Shirley Wilson and children have placed membership.

Vol. 56, No. 11, November 1991, p. 11

Fenwick, ON: VBS averaged 68 students with capacity of about 50. A VBS workshop with neighboring congregations was held on September 19.

Vol. 57, No. 1, January 1992, p. 11

Fenwick, ON: "1991 has been a very blessed year for the congregation. We have seen some substantial growth. Our Sunday School has grown to four times the size in the past year and this has meant that we have had the pleasant obligation of getting teachers for more classes. We have gone from one children's class to five this year.

"Our Vacation Bible School had at the highest attendance 85 children. We can comfortably accommodate 50 children. A V.B.S. workshop for small congregations was well-attended.

"We had a good representation from many of the churches in the area of our annual November Hymn Sing. We had many people from the community come out as well as a minister from one of the Town of Pelham denominations. We were all uplifted by the messages that brother Don Smith presented during the week of 4-10 of November and were blessed with seeing brethren from as far as Selkirk and Brantford. Our November meeting in 1992 will be from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> and Max Craddock will be our speaker.

"Beginning in January we will be hosting a monthly recreational activity for all Christian men in the Niagara area. The activities will differ each month. A letter will be sent to all neighboring and interested congregations with a schedule of these events. Beginning January 24 a Floor Hockey game is planned, the place is yet to be decided, the game starts at 8:00 p.m.:"—W. Cromwell

Vol. 57, No. 2, February 1992, p. 11

Fenwick, ON: The brethren were happy to witness the baptism of Mary Hipwell in late December.

Vol. 57, No. 3, March 1992, p. 11

Fenwick, ON: The congregation here rejoiced with Randy Wilson as he made his decision to become a member of the Lord's body through baptism. It is also reported that a good number attended the Philippine friendship day last month.

Vol. 57, No. 5, May 1992, p.11

Fenwick, ON: Brent Colyn, formerly of Tintern, has been welcomed as a part of the church family here.

Vol. 57, No. 7, July 1992, p. 11

Fenwick, ON: This church reports over \$700 special collection for the Good News campaign.

Vol. 57, No. 10, October 1992, p. 11

Fenwick, ON: VBS the week of August 17 was tremendous with 89 enrolled in contrast to 72 last year. It was necessary to divide into morning and afternoon sessions because the facilities could not accommodate this number at one time. Average attendance was 80. Some teachers helped Welland with a VBS the following week.

Vol. 57, No. 12, December 1992, p. 11

Fenwick, ON: Plans are being laid for 1993 VBS on the theme, "Kids Are Important" with stories about young people from the scriptures. Discussions are also in process regarding the celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this church. There have been two Good News responses.

Vol. 58, No. 2, February 1993, p. 11

Fenwick, ON: About 56 attended the hymn sing in late October, which was followed by a one-week Good News meeting by Max Craddock of Toronto.

In November, Brad and Laura Corbett began worshipping with this congregation.

Vol. 58, No. 4, April 1993, p. 11

Fenwick, ON: This church is planning to host the June Meeting on the first weekend of June in 1995. We have not heard whether there are any churches planning this meeting for 1993 and 1994.

Vol. 58, No. 7, July 1993, p. 11

Fenwick, ON: The Cromwells have moved to their new home in the community. This church sent five courses to Newfoundland, and one person sent back two more names.

Vol. 58, No. 9, September 1993, p. 11

Fenwick, ON: V.B.S. is scheduled for August 23-27.

Vol. 58, No. 10, October 1993, p. 10

Fenwick: A great V.B.S. was well attended by community people and has resulted in increased Sunday School attendance.

Vol. 58, No. 11, November 1993, p. 11

Fenwick: David Myers of Columbus, Ohio will hold a gospel meeting November 1-7. Lou Hipwell was one of the guest speakers at the Ladies Renewal in Owen Sound. The congregation will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1995. We will host the June meeting as part of our celebration.—Walt Cromwell

Vol. 58, No. 12, December 1993, p. 11

Fenwick: David Myers of Columbus, Ohio, who was in a meeting here, presented a very inspiring lesson at a church leaders' luncheon in Milton on November 2. The highlight of the month of October was the annual "Hymn Sing" on the 29<sup>th</sup> with attendance of 76.

Vol. 59, No. 1, January 1994, p. 1

Fenwick: David Meyers [sic] of Westerville, Ohio held a meeting on the "Family" with average attendance of 61.

Anyone having information, old pictures or articles about Fenwick should contact Walt Cromwell, 392-4557 or 892-5661.

Vol. 59, No. 4, April 1994, p. 11

Fenwick: Bill and Gladys Hipwell hosted the annual Valentine's party. The men cooked for the ladies. Recent speakers were David Stuart, Brad Corbett and Tim Johnson. Tim spoke about the work in New Brunswick.

Vol. 59, No. 5, May 1994, p. 11

Fenwick: VBS theme for this year is "People Who Met Jesus".

Vol. 59, No. 6, June 1994, p. 11

Fenwick: The ladies' class began a new series of lessons led by Julie Cromwell. They also began a quilt for the Fenwick church's centennial,

We are again working cooperatively on our VBS with Welland, sharing resources and staff.

Ron and Hilda Hopkins celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary May 2.

Vol. 59, No. 7, July 1994, p.11

Fenwick: Brad Corbett will be the speaker on June 4, 1995 for the June Meeting and Fenwick's Centennial celebration. Brad is working as an intern in Fenwick. VBS begins August 22.

Vol. 59, No. 8, August 1994, p. 11

Fenwick: Centennial plans are progressing at Fenwick. A Youth Retreat, the June Meeting and a series of meetings for the fall are all in the planning stages. While a main speaker has not been confirmed for the June Meeting, Noel Walker and Brad Corbett will deliver short afternoon lessons about the family from the young person's perspective. The fall meetings for 1995 will involve a number of men who have served at Fenwick over the years.

A November meeting for 1994 has been planned with Jack Gladwell doing the speaking. Gladys and Bill Hipwell will be celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 15.

Vol. 59, No. 9, September 1994, p. 10

Fenwick: Congratulations to Gladys and Bill Hipwell, who celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary August 20, from 2-4 p.m.

Vol. 59, No. 10, October 1994, p. 10

Fenwick: A successful VBS saw attendance of 70 with 22 adults and young people helping. In preparation for Centennial celebrations in 1995, a Heritage Night at the George Hipwell home featured slides, photos and movies of the past.

A fall meeting with Jack Gladwell, November 7-13 (excluding Saturday) will be preceded by a hymn sing on November 4.

Vol. 59, No. 12, December 1994, p. 10

Fenwick: A profitable VBS and Bible Class planning meeting was held in October. Several changes have been made to provide better opportunities for learning God's word.

Shirley Wilson hosted a costume part for the young people. About 18 people attended.

A brother from Trinidad spoke to the congregation on October 23 concerning the work on the Island.

This congregation had a Gospel Song Service on November 4, followed by our fall meeting with Jack Gladwell of Marion, Ohio, November 6-13 on "Jesus, Our Lifeline to Heaven".

Vol. 60, No. 1, January 1995, p. 12

Fenwick: Jonathan Straker, student from GLCC, spoke on December 4. Ninety were present.

Vol. 60, No. 2, February 1995, p. 11

Fenwick: An inspiring series of lessons, centering around Jesus in our lives, was given by Jack Gladwell. Attendance averaged just over 58. Thirty people attended a crokinole and surprise 80<sup>th</sup> birthday party for Grace Cook. On November 26 friends and family attended an open house in honour of Elsie Comfort, who turned 90 on Dec. 19.

Vol. 60, No. 4, April 1995, p. 15

Fenwick: Our centennial year is upon us, and festivities have begun. In March the congregation enjoyed a talent show and potluck on the 16<sup>th</sup> and an informal evening of singing hymns on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Another potluck is set for April 9, and is planned for Sunday evening, April 30.

A "Bible reading" service is planned for Sunday evening, May 14. A committee is also working towards entering a float in the Fenwick Lions parade on May 26.

Fenwick will be hosting the June Meeting on June 4 at E. L. Crossley Secondary School in Fonthill. The theme is "Will the Lord Find Faith" presented by Dave Knutson. Also speaking in the afternoon will be Brad Corbett and Noel Walker. A "song and scripture service" is also scheduled for Sunday evening, June 18.

Vol. 60, No. 5, May 1995, p. 15

Fenwick: On March 19 long-time member Ivan McCombs passed away at age of 87.

Centennial activities in April included a potluck on the 9<sup>th</sup>, young people reading about the crucifixion on the 16<sup>th</sup> and a prayer meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

Plans call for a special Bible reading service on May 14 and a centennial float in the parade on May 26.

The June Meeting will be hosted by this congregation on June 4 at E. L. Crossley Secondary School in Fonthill with Dave Knutson as the keynoted speaker. The theme will be "Will the Lord Find Faith?" A scripture reading and song service is set for the evening of June 18.

Vol. 60, No. 6, June 1995, p. 11

Fenwick: The June Meeting will be held at the E. L. Crossley school. On July 1 this congregation will celebrate Canada Day at a picnic at Dandelion Acres. A centennial float is being prepared for the city parade.

Vol. 60, No. 7, July 1995, p. 11

Fenwick: On July 1 this congregation will celebrate Canada Day at a picnic at Dandelion Acres. The ladies have completed a centennial quilt and are printing a cookbook. The float entered in the Fenwick Lions parade was well received. It presented the church name and history to many for the first time. At least 300 attended the June Meeting and heard Dave Knutson's lesson "Will the Lord Find Faith?" VBS is scheduled for August 21-25.

Vol. 60, No. 8, August 1995, p. 11

Fenwick: Approximately 300 attended the June Meeting. A Father's Day Tea, attended by 33, and a Canada picnic, attended by 33, and a Canada picnic, attended by 58 were held at Dandelion Acres. V.B.S. is scheduled for August 21-25 on "The Life of Jesus". A Youth Retreat is scheduled for September 23.

Vol. 60, No. 9, September 1995, p. 11

Fenwick: The 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of George and Fay Hipwell was celebrated on July 22.

Vol. 60, No. 10, October 1995, p. 11

Fenwick: Ron and Patti Bergeron and their children, Amanda, Adam and Jordan, have been welcomed. Also three young people, Jenny Wilson (August 25), Paul Moore (August 30), and Ruth Maddeaux (September 4) have committed their lives to Christ in baptism.

Gladys Hipwell, a long-time member, passed away on August 11 and will be missed.

The V.B.S. saw 65 registered. A planned Youth Retreat was rescheduled from September 23 to September 30. Darren Douglas of Niagara Falls was a guest speaker on September 3.

Vol. 60, No. 11, November 1995, p. 11

Fenwick: Mike Wood, a student at Niagara College, was baptized on September 25. A Youth Day was enjoyed on September 30 and a Friends Day and potluck on October 15 was attended by many community friends. The Sunday School has grown to 22 children. A teacher's meeting was held to organize classes and begin planning for VBS 1996.

Vol. 60, No. 12, December 1995, p. 11

Fenwick: Louise Boyd, who worshipped at Fenwick for several years, passed away in Sunset Haven, Welland at the age of 98 in early October. Friends day on October 14 saw an attendance of 91, and the November 3 hymn sing 56. Shrubs and trees have been planted in front of the building.

Vol. 61, No. 1, January 1996, p. 11

Fenwick: Although attendance was lower than usual, the November meeting was a success with excellent lessons.

About 100 attended an annual lighting party at Gilbert's Florists. The ladies have completed their centennial cookbooks and have arranged Christmas baskets for shut-ins and elderly. A New Year's party is planned.

The "Rainbow Connection" singers sang at a community fund raiser and at Balls Falls on December 2 and 3.

Vol. 61, No. 2, March 1996, p. 15

Fenwick: Several Bible studies are in progress in various members' homes. Plans are being made to take the Word to the community, especially to a new subdivision.

The men treated their Valentines to a meal on February 9. Our young people have been busy – visiting GLCC, attending youth rallies, and joining with the Niagara Falls young people for recreation.

Vol. 61, No. 5, May 1996, p. 11

Fenwick: \$1,000 was received from the estate of Louise Boyd. Louis and Nellie Pauls celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on April 6. Their son, Dale, of Stamford, Connecticut, spent three weeks in February and March doing some teaching/preaching in Saudi Arabia. The young people have been active, and tentative plans are to take them to help with the church effort in Wausen [sic], Ohio. VBS plans are beginning; an entry in the parade is possible.

Vol. 61, No. 6, June 1996, p. 11

Fenwick: Elizabeth Maddeaux was baptized on April 29. Walt Cromwell spent a few days in the hospital. The brethren plan to have a float in the parade this summer.

Vol. 61, No. 7, July 1996, p. 11

Fenwick: On May 8 the GLCC chorus presented an entertaining and uplifting evening of song. A number of Fenwick church members and volunteers walked in the Fenwick parade to advertise our VBS (August 19-23). John and Brent Colyn provided horses and a wagon as an added attraction to our contingent. Several are planning to go to Wauseon [sic], Ohio as part of an outreach there on July 13-14.

Cynthia Moore was baptized on May 19.

Walter Cromwell has resigned as minister at Fenwick as of May 19.

Vol. 61, No. 8, August 1996, p. 12

Fenwick: A number went to Wauseon, Ohio to help in a community outreach, July 13, 14. Fifty-one attended the annual Canada Day Picnic at Dandelion Acres. A wiener roast, hayrides, ball games, fireside devotional and fireworks provided enjoyment for all.

Vol. 61, No. 11, November 1996, p. 12

Fenwick: Carol Wilson was baptized on Saturday, September 28. Brent Colyn and Richard Maddeaux have departed to attend Michigan Christian College.

Violets and a letter of welcome have been delivered on behalf of the church to the occupants of Fenwick's new subdivision.

The regular fall hymn sing was moved to October 18, and a meeting with Brian Cox followed, October 21-27. The Church and Change Seminar is scheduled for November 16-17.

Vol. 61, No. 12, December 1996, p. 11

Fenwick: Brian Cox was the speaker for a gospel meeting October 21-27. Lessons on the Beatitudes were presented in an interesting and challenging way. Attendance for the meeting averaged 50. The Fenwick teens are meeting before church services on the first Sunday of each month for a period of devotion.

Vol. 62, No. 2, February 1997, p. 12

Fenwick: Fellowship activities have included the annual lighting party at the Ross Gilbert residence, a winter season welcome party at the Chris Moore home and a new year's party at Sheryl Wilson's. The ladies prepared seasonal baskets for the elderly, and the Rainbow Connection presented performances at Ridgeville and Fonthill.

A number have been meeting for prayer prior to the Sunday evening service. Max Craddock was the speaker for a planning seminar on January 12.

Vol. 62, No. 3, March 1997, p. 12

Fenwick: A number of young people attended the Sundridge Youth Rally in January. Our planning seminar proved beneficial. Committees were established to do further planning in Social Activities, Personal Evangelism, Worship and Youth Rally. A website is also being established.

Fourteen men cooked for the ladies for the annual Valentine Party. A class for new Christians has been started.

Vol. 62, No. 4, April 1997, p. 11

Fenwick: The church has planned a "Church and Change" seminar April 26-27 with Max Craddock, Geoff Ellis and David Knutson.

Jean and Bill McPherson celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with an open house on February 15. A "Welcome Spring" and crokinole party was hosted by Chris and Nancy Moore on March 21.

About a dozen people met for an informal singing time on March 7. New songs were sung, and a couple of the young men had the opportunity to lead. A personal evangelism class is being held every other Thursday. The ladies have added a craft time to their regular monthly study.

Vol. 62, No. 5, May 1997, p. 11

Fenwick: Youth Rally and Worship groups have been working on plans. A spring crokinole party at the Moore home was attended by 28 and Kevin Wilson and Scott Hipwell became the season's champions.

Personal Evangelism classes and classes for new Christians continue.

Gloria Tighe was baptized into Christ on March 28.

Vol. 62, No. 6, June 1997, p. 11

Fenwick: A "Church and Change" seminar was held April 27 with Max Craddock, Geoff Ellis and David Knutson.

Vol. 62, No. 7, July 1997, p. 11

Fenwick: The Church and Change Seminar went well and much was gleaned from the sessions. Personal evangelism classes, young Christian classes and ladies' classes continue. A spring work day was spent doing odd jobs and painting within the building.

Richard Maddeaux won the Bertha Eckstein Bible Award for the highest average in the Bible Department at MCC.

Money has been sent to help Rick Pinczuk in Kiev and also to help with the building of a meeting place for the congregation in Costa Rica.

The Annual Canada Day Picnic is planned again for the Hipwell farm, Dandelion Acres.

Vol. 62, No. 9, September 1997, p. 11

Fenwick: "Congratulations to Tyler Hipwell for being named Honour Boy at GLCC this past school year."

"Several 'fellowship' activities have taken place. Chris and Nancy Moore hosted a Welcome Summer Social on June 11. Forty-five people attended the Canada Day picnic on Dandelion Acres. The ladies also held a picnic at Lou Hipwell's on July 15, and Shirl Wilson hosted a potluck on July 6. Jack and Winnie Leadley celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with an open house on July 26.

"We praise God for the safe return of Judy and Arleen Robins from the Philippines. Arleen had a good visit with her mother, who is in ill health.

"Felix, Barbara and Steven Turner will be moving to Fenwick at the end of August, and Felix will begin working with the congregation in September."—Submitted

Vol. 62, No. 10, October 1997, p. 10

Fenwick: Felix Turner, who has been preaching in Owen Sound for a number of years, has moved, along with Barbara and Steven, to Fenwick to work with the congregation.

A meeting with Don Smith centering on Spirituality is scheduled for October 19-21 and a seminar with Ron Pauls on Depression for November 21-22. November 23 is Friendship Day.

Vol. 62, No. 11, November 1997, p. 11

Fenwick: On October 19-21 Don Smith led us in a "Faith Building Seminar: Questions About Our Spirituality". The autumn hymn sing was October 24.

Ron Pauls will be leading a seminar about depression on November 21-22. An extra effort will be made to invite the community to "Friendship Sunday", November 23.

Vol. 63, No. 2, February 1998, p. 11

Fenwick: Activities have included a depression, loneliness and stress seminar with Ron Pauls; a potluck; a lighting party at Ross and Lucille Gilbert's; fellowship evenings at Don and Lou Hipwells' (December 29) and Shirl Wilson's (December 31); distribution of goodies to the elderly; and collection of non-perishable food for Pelham Cares.

Felix and Barbara Turner became grandparents again with the arrival of Anna Kathlene Turner on December 1. Betty Burton was baptized on December 21.

The video series "Friendship Evangelism" is being used in a Sunday evening series on evangelism led by Felix Turner.

Vol. 63, No. 3, March 1998, p. 11

Fenwick: Youth and prayer meetings are continuing. The young people are planning several social outings. Thirty-one people enjoyed the Valentine's fellowship evening. The men are beginning a monthly study, looking at the role of men in the church, as husbands and fathers. Ron Hopkins celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 28.

Vol. 63, No. 5, May 1998, p. 11

Fenwick: The young people and their families fellowshiped on Merritt Island on April 13. The Moores hosted a crokinole party on March 27 and Paul is hosting a Bible reading time on Thursday nights.

Bill Hipwell, longtime member here, passed away on March 19. The Turner family made a trip to Kentucky due to the passing of Barbara's mother on March 26.

Sarah Joy Maddeaux was baptized in Port Colborne on March 22 and Andy Wilson in Fenwick on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

Vol. 63, No. 6, June 1998, p. 11

Fenwick: A congregational retreat is being planned for July or August. Work is being done towards hosting a youth rally on September 26-27. The young people had an outing at Merritt Island on April 13. A Fall Meeting with Peter Morphy on the topic of Commitment is scheduled for October 18-21. Kevin Wilson was baptized on April 19.

Vol. 63, No. 9, September 1998, p. 11

Fenwick: "Several things have happened over the last couple of months. We were saddened by the passing of Elsie Comfort on June 9. She was 93. The Moores hosted a congregational meeting and picnic on June 14. Dandelion Acres was again the location of our Canada Day picnic. Sixty-three attended. The Fenwick teens prepared a meal and treated their parents on July 18. Several from Fenwick sang at Ball's Falls on August 9. A congregational retreat was held at a local park on August 21 and 22. Other activities are planned for the future. A Youth Rally is scheduled for September 26 and 27. A Gospel meeting is planned for October 18-21 with Peter Morphy. The topic is "Commitment."

Vol. 63, No. 12, December 1998, p. 10

Fenwick: For the first time Fenwick hosted what it is hoped will be an annual Youth Rally. It was on September 26, 27 with Don Hipwell as the speaker and concluded with a congregational potluck on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

The sudden death of Harry Gilbert on October 7 was a shock to us and our prayers are with his wife Rosemary and his brother Ross and their families.

Peter Morphy from Sudbury held a meeting on October 18-21. His topic was "Commitment" and the lessons were good and thought provoking. The average attendance was 50.

The men are beginning monthly studies of which the first was hosted by Felix Turner on November 10. Minor changes in our Bible classes and a VBS for next summer are being considered.

Vol. 64, No. 3, March 1999, p. 11

Fenwick: A toboggan party was held at Dandelion Acres in January. The annual Valentine Day dinner, prepared by the men, was held in February.

Plans are being made for a meeting with Bill Swartz in April.

Vol. 64, No. 4, April 1999, p. 11

Fenwick: An old time movie night with 18 was hosted by the Ross Gilberts and a Valentine day party with 25 by the Chris Moores. Bill Scharz of Waterloo is scheduled for a meeting on the Power of Mentoring, April 17 (7:30) and 18.

Vol. 64, No. 5, May 1999, p. 11

Fenwick: Bill Schwarz, of Waterloo, held a meeting April 17 and 18, entitled "The Power of Mentoring."

Vol. 64, No. 6, June 1999, p. 10

Fenwick: The GLCC chorus was at Fenwick, April 17 & 18. New hymn books were purchased in memory of Harry Gilbert and Elsie Comfort and we are meeting to learn new songs.

Vol. 64, No. 10, October 1999, p. 12

Fenwick: The annual Canada Day picnic was attended by 74. The men's and ladies' lessons were held outside and combined with a picnic. A group participated in Heritage Day, on August 8, at Ball's Falls by singing in the Old Church. A VBS was held in August, the first in four years. Many pitched in to help.

Wil Maddeaux has accepted a full-time evangelist position in Wauseon, Ohio, beginning September 12. Parties were held for his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday and for his departure.

A meeting with Brian Cox is scheduled for November 7-10 on the topic, "Are You Ready for Y2K?."

FENWICK, ADDENDUM

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BRO. W. F. COX REPORTS

Attendance and interest much improved during the last few weeks at Fenwick, Ont. An unusually large crowd was present last Lord's day, at which time eight or more non-members were present and seemingly enjoyed the simplicity of the service. Since last report another precious soul has been added to the saved by confession and baptism. A special evangelistic effort is being considered by the leaders for this Fall. We are happy to report one of the outstanding features of this congregation, they are united in their efforts and have a will to work.

*Gospel Herald*, Vol. 12, No. 9, October 1946, p. 14

Report from St. Catharines

Brother Jack McElroy, of Nashville, Tenn., will soon be with the brethren at Fenwick for a meeting. He will also be at Jordan in a meeting.

*Gospel Herald*, Vol. 12, No. 11, December 1946, p. 14

NEWS FROM ST. CATHARINES

Jack McElroy, of Nashville, Tenn., began a meeting Sunday (Nov. 10) at Fenwick with a full house that evening. After this effort he is to be at Jordan from Nov. 24 to Dec. 8.