



## PUPPETS AND THEIR PEOPLE



MARGARET LAKING

The Cathedral Puppets recently preached in the Parish of McAdam. Here they are after the service with their people. Front row Brendan McGuire, Danielle Upshall, Andrew Barfitt, Anna Solven. Middle row Sam Mayo, Jamie Morell, Justin Upshall, Elizabeth McCabe. Back row Beverly Morell and Caryn Crowe. Story on page 4.

## Newlyweds prepare for African mission

Michael and Anna (Ford) Caines leave August 20 to work with the Rev. Paul Jeffries, principal of Bishop McAllister School in Kyogyera, in the Diocese of West Ankole, Uganda.

"We plan to stay in Africa for a year to teach sciences, create Christian youth programs for the students and help musically with the worship in the daily chapel services. We are excited to use our talents to serve the Lord in Uganda," says Anna.

This mission was born in the fall of 2002, nearly a year before Michael and Anna were married.

"We were discussing our plans and realized we both had a passion to do a mission," says Anna. "But the question remained: Where does the Lord want us to go? Soon after that discussion, a family member suggested we learn more about the Rev. Paul Jeffries' work in Uganda. We arranged to meet with Dean Keith Joyce to discuss our interest in missions on the Sunday Paul spoke at the Cathedral. Coincidence?"

Paul advised the couple to register with Volunteer's in Mission (VIM), the National Church program through which he works. He first went to Africa from this diocese under the Companion Diocese Program.

"In the Spring of 2003, Michael graduated with a Bachelor of Engineering, and I



Anna and Michael Caines

graduated with a Bachelor of Education following my BSc.," says Anna. "It was then VIM accepted us as volunteers for our mission to Uganda as well so it was a busy time for us. Our summer flew by in a blur of wedding plans, and camping." Michael spent the summer as director of Camp Medley, Anna as director of Camp Brookwood.

The Caines have a willing and able support committee working on their behalf to make their mission dreams a reality, and until they leave for Africa they will continue to hone their youth-work skills. Michael, who grew up in Trinity Church in Sussex, has a youth ministry in St. Jude's, St. George's and the Church of the Good Shepherd on the west side of Saint John. Anna, who grew up in St. Mark's in St. George is a part-time youth minister for the Parish of the Nerepis and St. John

For information on the Caines' mission, see [www.mikeandanna.ca](http://www.mikeandanna.ca).

To support the mission, send a cheque to Canon David Kierstead, 325 St. James St. West, Saint John, E2M 2E7

## Time to write in the sand

BY DAVID WATTS

The Anglican communion needs to take the time to 'write on the ground' as it deals with the divisive issue of blessing same-sex relationships, said Bishop French Chang-Him in his keynote address to the 10th annual mission conference of the Diocese of British Columbia. In his address, Bishop Chang-Him reminded the 50 delegates that the Anglican church around the world now finds itself in such a situation as it faces uncertainty and a widening disconnect from many provinces.

Held at St. George's in Cadboro Bay, BC on Feb. 6 and 7, the conference focused on the way in which our hidden assumptions and misconceptions can impact on missions in cross-cultural associations. Members of the national Partners-In-Mission committee attended the conference following their meeting held in Victoria.

"There is a gap developing in the Anglican communion right now," the bishop said, and he used his own reflections of the 1988 and 1998 Lambeth Conferences to explain. In 1988, bishops from the south arrived in Canterbury with concerns for evangelism while northern bishops brought their agenda for the ordination of women. The way the resolution was worded made it possible to move forward in a way that provinces opposed to the ordination of women could accept while the Communion committed itself to the Decade of Evangelism requested by the provinces of the south. In 1998 it was a different story; the southern bishops came prepared to draw their line in the sand against the sexuality issue they knew the northern provinces would bring to the conference, while the northern bishops were so focussed on sexuality that they didn't hear the southern

bishops' life and death concerns about poverty and debt. The result, said Dr. Ellie Johnson, director of Partnerships for General Synod, was that neither side listened to the other. We now see the sad results.

"We, in the communion, need to take time to 'write on the ground' like the female deacons of Great Britain did," said Bishop Chang-Him, remembering that they waited for ten years until women's ordination was approved.

Using the story of the woman caught in adultery, the bishop explained that Jesus, when confronted by a conundrum posed by the legal authorities, bent down and used those few moments doodling in the dust to contemplate and pray. He suggested that the Pharisees operated on their own hidden assumptions when they attempted to engage Jesus in this legal argument. But Jesus

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# Confronting hidden assumptions

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used the time-out to gather his thoughts, to go to God, and then to turn the tables on them.

The family of the Anglican communion is in pain and Bishop French made it clear that if we don't deal with it now, the effects will be passed on to our children. He looked to biblical examples, first citing Joseph's forgiveness of his brothers in Egypt, then the father welcoming home the prodigal son, and Jesus preparing a breakfast following his resurrection. In his homily at the closing

eucharist, Bishop French reminded participants that in each of these stories, the common feature was a meal, a feast. The ultimate banquet for us is at the table of the Lord. It is there that we must confront our own pain, our differences, our hidden assumptions about each other as we take time to 'write on the ground'.

The lesson in all this for those involved in missions, the bishop suggested, is to recognize that we all have hidden assumptions to confront when we deal with the church in other cultures.

Bishop Chang-Him is the

recently retired bishop of the Diocese of the Seychelles, an island in the Indian Ocean off the east coast of Africa, and was the international partner on the Partners-In-Mission committee for the past three years.

*David Watts is a member of the Partners-In-Mission committee. He attended the committee meeting and British Columbia diocesan missions conference in Victoria last month and wrote this article for the Diocesan Post. It is reprinted here with permission.*

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## ATLANTIC SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY PRESIDENT

Atlantic School of Theology (AST) of Halifax, N.S., seeks a President as its spiritual, academic, and administrative leader, to succeed the incumbent who is retiring.

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The Board of Governors seeks a strong leader to continue implementation of the strategic plan, which features a recent affiliation with Saint Mary's University, a newly designed curriculum focused on transformational leadership for church and world, and a capital fundraising campaign.

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The Job Description may be viewed at [www.astheology.ns.ca](http://www.astheology.ns.ca), under Employment Opportunities. Submit applications and nominations in writing, including curriculum vitae to: Charlotte Cochran, Chair, Search Committee, Atlantic School of Theology, 660 Francklyn St., Halifax, N.S. B3H 3B5 CANADA. Deadline for applications March 31, 2004.

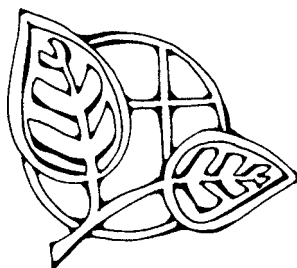
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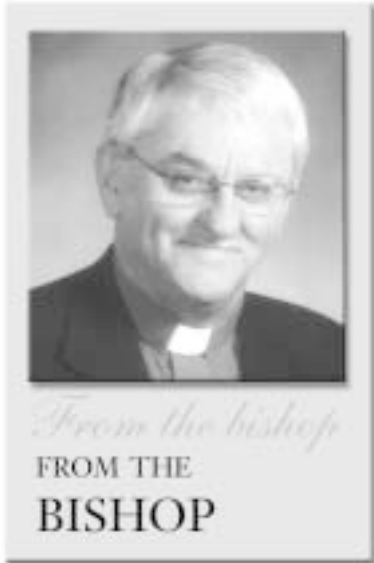
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THE BISHOP'S PAGE

# We must take youth faith formation seriously

One of the great privileges afforded me as bishop is the laying on of hands at confirmation. In preparation for this, young and adult candidates write to tell me why they wish to be confirmed. It is a fairly recent convention, so I doubt many of us had occasion to do this, to actually sit down and articulate why we believe confirmation is an important step on our journey of faith.

A general theme runs through the many letters I receive — a great desire to know God, Jesus, and how the Holy Spirit works in the lives of the faithful. “I want to know God better” and “I want to grow closer to God in faith” are common ways to express this. Sarah (not her real name) said: “I want to be confirmed because I want to understand the Bible and God’s ways better, and I would love to learn and hear more information about my faith so I can teach others about God and his life and to live in peace.”



These wonderful letters give me a real sense of hope for the place of the Church in a otherwise bewildered world. Sarah’s thoughts especially reflect a sense of mission.

The following letter gave me pause. I hope it causes you to reflect as well.

“When I was younger I never had the choice to learn about God, his church or about faith. I didn’t have anyone in my life to explain what religion is or who God is. My father doesn’t believe in the church or God and he didn’t want me to experience it either. If my father had anything [to] say about it I would still not know anything about God or his love. However now that I am older I chose to find God and his love. I found a faith I am interested and believe in and I want to experience it fully with a pure heart.”

Jesus said “Let the children come to me! Don’t try to stop them. People who are like these little children belong to the kingdom of God. I promise you that you cannot get into God’s kingdom, unless you accept it the way a child does.” (Mark 10.14-15)

During our Lenten reflections I encourage your thoughts and prayers for

the youth of our diocese. Remember this month’s Youth Consultation, the Teens Encounter Christ weekend in May, the ongoing preparations for camping season at camps Brookwood and Medley, the continuing work in your parish in support of spiritual development and Christian education, and the vital ministries of the Rev. Dr. George Porter and the Rev. Patricia Drummond.

May God strengthen our service to the youth of our diocese.



Claude Miller is bishop of Fredericton

PRINCIPAL ENGAGEMENTS

- March 12-13  
Youth Consultation  
Fredericton
- March 19-20  
Diocesan Council  
Villa Madonna
- March 24-25  
Installation of Suffragan Bishop.  
Halifax
- March 30  
Bishop’s Counsel  
Pilgrim House  
Hoyt
- April 10  
Christ Church Cathedral
- April 11  
Easter Sunday  
Christ Church Cathedral

# Hockin to lecture at Clergy College

Bishop William Hockin, founder of the Clergy College and recently retired from this diocese, is one of three expert faculty members at the fourth annual Clergy College. It takes place at the Hugh John Flemming Forestry Centre June 14-18.

Bishop Hockin will focus on preaching. Dr. Marva Dawn, an internationally renowned theologian, author and educator, will lecture on worship. Medical

doctor David F. Allen will focus on contemplation.

The overall title of Bishop Hockin’s presentations is “Help! — for the preacher.” He describes it as a workshop for those who stand between the sacred text and a hungry congregation.

In his first lecture he will explore the place of preaching in pastoral ministry. Then he will go on to explore ways of reading the biblical text in order to find

the key issues relevant for people’s needs. In his third lecture he will develop the use of illustrations and quotations that support the biblical message.

In his final presentation Bishop Hockin will share his insight into developing a discipline and formula for the preparation and writing of the sermon.

Bishop Hockin and his wife Isabelle came to this diocese

from Toronto. They recently built their retirement home on the St. John River at Mactaquac.

Active clergy in the diocese are encouraged to take advantage of this outstanding professional development opportunity.

Clergy College details are on-line at the Diocese of Fredericton website, [www.anglican.nb.ca](http://www.anglican.nb.ca).

## Appointments

Mr. William Gerhardt was appointed chair of the Anglican Hospital Chaplaincy Committee for Moncton on February 2.

The Rev. Anthony Kwaw is appointed rector of the Parish of Bright, effective July 1. A former Roman Catholic priest, he is an aspirant at Christ Church Cathedral and employed by the provincial government. There will be a formal reception of his orders, at a date to be announced, before he begins his ministry in the parish.

LETTER

### Concerned about future coverage

I was interested in your February article on the Diocesan Council. It disturbs me it is considering the freedom of the *NB Anglican* to report on meetings. Although I am not presently a member of Council, I was a member for nine years. I have always found your coverage to be fair and accurate. You have quoted me on a number of occasions and always accurately.

Whenever I get up to speak at a public meeting, I expect the media to quote me if they think it is important to telling the story. At a time when our diocese is exploring the whole area of communication, it would seem like a backward step not to allow council meetings to be reported on. Is the next step to ban the media from synod?

I was also interested that a nominating committee was struck to prepare a slate of members to be elected to council sometime before the March

meeting. The new constitution clearly states that the Diocesan Council shall consist of “three lay members, or substitute lay members, of the synod, appointed by the Diocesan Council at its first regular meeting following a regular meeting of synod,” and the same goes for the youth member. It seems strange the first council meeting under our new constitution ignores it.

I would also like to comment on Wilf Langmaid’s letter. I wonder why the bishop would set up a commission when it would appear that he had no intention of accepting its recommendations if they did not fit his agenda. It would seem to me that it is not good stewardship of members’ time.

Sincerely,  
Neville Cheeseman

The Rev. Neville Cheeseman is rector of Fredericton Junction and chair of the New Brunswick Anglican Advisory Board.



## PARISH NEWS

# Parish talk focuses on early Anglican history

BY PATTY FLEMMING

The American Revolution ended in 1783 and roughly 10,000 Loyalists refugees moved from New York City to the soon to be created Colony of New Brunswick. Among this mass exodus of humanity were a mere two clergymen of the Church of England. With that, the Rev. Dr. Ross Hebb began a recent focus night presentation to the people of St. Margaret's in Fredericton. The rector of St. Peter's in Fredericton (at Springhill) knows a lot about Anglicans in Loyalist New Brunswick, it was the subject of his recent doctoral thesis.

"New Brunswick was a wilderness when the Loyalists arrived and there was no Church of England presence in the colony at all — not even a single congregation," said Dr. Hebb. "The Loyalists found an Aboriginal population which had been ministered to by Roman Catholic missionaries, Acadians who had escaped the deportation of 1755, as well as Congregationalist Planters in Maugerville and Germans along the Pettitcodiac, but no Anglicans anywhere.

Compared to the Loyalists we are spoiled, we take life for granted. Women and children cried as they disembarked at Saint John and saw nothing but scrub and rocks — and this was to become the city. The entire colony was little more than lakes and rivers and virgin forest. The initial challenge was

to survive the first winter, sometimes, as at Fredericton, in tents. The climate was hostile and after one year, rudimentary houses were built.

Because many of New Brunswick's early clergy were from there, Dr. Hebb spoke of conditions in colonial Connecticut prior to the American Revolution. There taxes collected were in support of the Congregational Church which was the state sponsored 'established' Church in the colony. Despite this official aid, it was the Church of England which grew and expanded in that colony during the 18th century.

How then did a young man become a clergyman in an officially Congregationalist state, which lacked an Anglican college? There wasn't even a single Anglican bishop in any of the 13 Colonies.

Dr. Hebb briefly outlined the challenges faced by a student minister who would have to travel to England to become ordained. Before that he would need to be tutored by local Anglican clergy, then he would need to travel by ship with letters of reference for the Bishop of London and the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (SPG), the English missionary society which paid all clergy salaries in the colonies. His stay in London often lasted a year. During that time he would have to meet church officials, be examined as



**The Rev. Dr. Ross Hebb, left, recently spoke on early Anglican history in New Brunswick at a focus night at St. Margaret's Church in Fredericton. With him after the presentation are parishioner Andrew Gunter and Canon Jon Lownds, rector of St. Margaret's.**

to his education, be ordained both deacon and priest, gain a license from the Bishop of London and secure employment from the SPG. This year would be costly, stressful and dangerous. Candidates often died due to exposure to diseases uncommon or rare in the isolation of small New

England communities. Upon return to the New World they usually had to create their own parishes in the frontier areas of the colony.

Such was the background of most of New Brunswick's early Anglican missionary clergy. With their arrival in 1783 these men, usually in their late 40s or early

50s, had to begin all over again.

The early days were hard times, the preacher would travel by horseback or on foot. There were no roads, just paths, but the parishes they founded and the people to whom they ministered were devout and determined. Their legacy is with us yet today.

**THE PARISH OF ANDOVER  
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Order of St. Luke  
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March 31-- April 1**

**Missioners**

**The Rev. Canon Jon Lownds  
The Rev. Jane Arnott**

**Wed. March 31**

12:00 Noon

Lunch, Trinity Church

1-3 p. m.

Teaching Sessions led by

Canon Lownds & Mrs. Arnott

5:30 p.m.

Pot Luck Supper, Trinity Church

7:00 p.m.

Holy Communion & Healing Service, Trinity Church

**Thurs. April 1**

10 a.m.

Morning Prayer at Baird House

10:15 a.m.

Teaching Session

12:00 Noon

Lunch at Baird House

## Puppets make entertaining preachers

### Cathedral puppeteers visit McAdam

BY MARGARET LAKING

The Cathedral Puppeteers recently delivered a lively and entertaining sermon at St. George's in McAdam. This unique group is the creation of Beverly Morell, the adult advisor and founder of the group. The puppeteers refer to her as the token adult.

"About six years ago I was looking for a way to keep the older youth involved within the framework of the church," says Ms. Morell. "I found that they seemed to disappear when they were about 14 or 15. When they had finished with Sunday school, been confirmed and maybe helped out a couple years in the nursery or the Sunday school, they seemed to vanish!"

At any given time, about half the eight to 10 members (any more and they wouldn't fit behind the puppet theatre curtain) are high school students, the other half attend community college or university. The lower age limit is 15, there is no upper limit.

Young people have come and gone over the past six years, but four of the originals remain, including Caryn Crowe (21) and Jamie Morell (24), who are directors for the shows.

"These kids are fantastic young people and there is a real fellowship and caring for one other within the group. They truly enjoy each other's company and look forward to getting together for practice each Tuesday," Ms. Morell continues.

Practice involves a Bible study led by one of the members of the group, followed by puppeteering practice with work on technical skills and the current show. There's a new one each month to present to the children of their home base Sunday school at Christ Church Cathedral in Fredericton, and the group is available to travel to other churches on the fourth Sunday of the month. The traveling show is developed on an annual basis.

Each puppeteer has his or her own puppet to work with for talking roles, so the puppets develop unique personalities and the main talking puppet

varies from show to show. In McAdam's Earth Creation performance Zeke, a puppet operated by Jamie Morell was the star. He is an engaging, talkative, inquisitive and happy puppet who loves purple.

Each show's theme is developed from a passage of scripture. The group collaborates on a script that serves as a starting point. Once the puppeteers sink their teeth into it they improvise, revise and make it their own.

It is a fun process to watch and to be involved in, the kids are creative and witty. They are also dedicated to getting the message across. They want everyone who sees their show to learn something about their faith and grow in some way.

They also take their shows to secular locations like public schools and events, like the Peace Day rally in Fredericton last fall. There is no charge for the presentations but they do appreciate donations, especially enough to cover their gas when they travel out of town.

**Contact the Cathedral Puppeteers through Beverly Morell at 506/454-6495.**

# From the Archives



On June 14, 1966, Archbishop A.H. O'Neil dedicated what have become known as The Vi Gillett Memorial Murals on panels attached to the walls of Trinity Anglican Church hall in Andover, New Brunswick.

Painted by well-known Perth-Andover artist, Violet (Vi) Gillett, they were a memorial to her parents, Walter and Ada Gillett, who were associated with the church for many years. The four murals (a total of 13 panels) were inspired by well-

known children's hymns. The centre panel is based on the baptism hymn lines "When mothers of Salem, their children brought to Jesus." Ms. Gillett's childhood conception of the children gathering about

Jesus is set in a park near her childhood home in England, but features the images of real children from the Perth-Andover area. She wanted to convey the idea that Jesus' invitation is for today's children

as well as the children of his day. The smaller panels on either side of the larger panel mural show children at play and children doing their duties.

In 2000 the panels were sent to Mount Allison University in

Sackville for cleaning and restoration. This breath-taking collection is cherished by the parish and is part of the rich material heritage of the Diocese of Fredericton.

Diocesan archivist Frank Morehouse recently photographed the murals for the Diocesan Archives collection. They join another Vi Gillett creation, a colourful 1967 painting of Bishop John Medley in his episcopal vestments.

## Thank You

From the board of directors, port chaplain and the manager of the **Saint John Seafarers' Mission** for donations to our Christmas Away From Home program. Through your generosity the Mission was able to provide more than 300 Christmas packages to visiting seafarers far from home. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

Preliminary planning notice for the first diocesan-wide

## Church School Conference

Saturday, October 2, 2004  
Christ Church (Parish) Church, Fredericton  
Workshops, displays and presentations.  
Plan a day out with all your teachers.  
Registration fee of \$5 includes lunch.  
Further information to come.

## ORGANIST/ CHOIR DIRECTOR

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MUSIC FOR HOLY WEEK

## FAURE'S REQUIEM

April 4, 4 p.m.  
Christ Church (Parish) Church  
245 Westmorland St.,  
Fredericton  
The adult Choir and Friends  
Directed by Dianne Wilkins  
Organists  
Peter Waterhouse  
Stephanie Burgoyne  
Bass: David Perritt  
Soprano: Justing Blizzard  
Piano: Georgina Poulin  
Admission \$5

## DNS WEEKEND

St. Thomas University  
Conference Centre  
Fredericton

June 11 - 13, 2004

**Leith Box** *Drawing near through prayer*

Leith's experience as a spiritual companion qualifies her to journey with you through spiritual direction.

**Bishop Claude Miller** *Now You're Talking*

Our Bishop is well equipped to help you voice topics that have been a challenge for you to present to others.

**The Rev. Canon Ed. Coleman** *A Brush with time*

Ed can help you enjoy your gifts, and the gifts of others, through his knowledge as an artist and a priest.

**Betty Kennett** *Keeping us in stitches*

Share some of Betty's sewing expertise gained through hard work and prayer.

**Senator Marilyn Trenholme - Counsell** *The Lord's song in a strange land*

Learn how Dr. Trenholme-Counsell uses her Christian convictions in the workplace

**Capt. Jonathan Springthorpe** *Walking in the floodlights*

Jonathan is passionate about bringing the Gospel to life through Drama.

**The Rev. Bev. Brazier** *Sacred Movement*

Experience Liturgical Dance through Bev's passion for wholeness in worship

**The Rev. Pat Drummond** *Children & the Christian community*

Pat will share her extensive knowledge of teaching children and her love for them.

**The Rev. Canon Don Trivet** *Inside Pastoral Visitation*

Don is trained in Human Relationship Development and can help you gain confidence as a Pastoral Visitor.

**The Rev. Dr. George Porter** *Mobilizing our Youth*

George looks forward to sharing this exciting and innovative ministry with you. Registration forms available from your rector or [www.anglican.nb.ca](http://www.anglican.nb.ca). Please register before April 30.



## COLUMNS

# Vacation Bible season is on its way

BY PAT DRUMMOND

Most days we're sure winter will never end, but deep down inside we know spring will come. After spring comes Vacation Bible Season, so it's time to think about what is available for this year.

The Olympic Games are inspiration for two Vacation Bible School themes this year: God's All Star Champions — Training to Win God's Way; and Son Games — the VBS of Champions. Two other companies were inspired by



super heroes and the idea of being empowered by Jesus or the stories of giants of faith. The results are Jesus Helps You Power Up, and Hero Quest. Another theme is very loosely based on the popular Survivor series. Lava Lava Island — Where Jesus' Love Flows, comes

complete with a daily challenge.

The price of a purchasing materials to run any one of the above programs varies tremendously. A basic no-frills edition costs just over \$100, excluding craft supplies. Take home booklets, puppets, books of craft ideas, craft kits and music (usually) are extras. The sky is the limit if you get all the bells and whistles.

Most churches have strict budgets. It is often worthwhile to purchase the puppet and the take home booklets, but most prefer to use do-it-yourself crafts and to avoid the gimmicks

which go with each lesson.

It is important to make vacation Bible decisions early. Check with neighbouring churches so your dates don't clash and start recruiting helpers in March. Ordering should be done by the end of May. Popular programs may be sold out by the end of that month as companies never know which series will be the hit of the year. They make limited quantities so they don't end up with losses created by leftovers.

If it all seems too great a challenge, the Church Army has a team of senior students

who are available to run two-hour Monday to Friday clubs. Their All Aboard!: Jubilation Station is for five to 12-year-olds. The cost to the parish is \$300 plus board, lodging and craft supplies. Call Reed Fleming at 693-8975 if you are interested or e-mail [flemingr@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:flemingr@nbnet.nb.ca).

Running a vacation Bible club is an ideal way to get children excited about faith, jump start a new Sunday School, or to bring new families into your church. The results make it well worth the time and effort.

## This year's VBS choices

### God's All Star Champions

Cook Communication's

\$119.99

[www.cook.ca](http://www.cook.ca)

This is an inexpensive one-volume programme. The binder includes preschool and elementary guides, crafts, games and snack ideas, a reproducible take home Athlete's Handbook and a music/clip art CD. Children discover how to become God's All-Star champions by taking part in soccer, bicycling, softball, field hockey and mountaineering. Gear used in the activities — like bicycle helmets and hockey sticks — is compared with items in St. Paul's full armour of faith. The kit could be used for a five or 10-day program or for summer Sunday school.

### Gospel Light's Son Games

\$74.99 starter kit

[MYVBS.COM](http://MYVBS.COM)

The Olympic theme is very prominent in this five-day kit. Evangelistic in tone, it follows the adventures of St. Paul and ties each lesson to a featured Olympic athlete. Unfortunately for Canadian children, they are all



American athletes. Olympic decathlete Dave Johnson is featured in the story of Paul weathering the storm in Acts 27. The focus is God's promise to help us through tough problems. The more expensive super-starter pack (\$264.99) includes the craft book, decorating and resource pack, music and skit production pack and reproducible CD and cassette.

### Cokesbury's Hero Quest

\$99.95 starter pack

[www.cokesburyvbs.com](http://www.cokesburyvbs.com)

This five or 10-day program asks what makes a hero. It leads children to discover that it is what is in the heart that counts and that Jesus is their #1 hero. The starter kit includes a director's manual, teacher, student, decorating, music leader, storyteller, recreation, snack and craft leader guides (one of each), plus the music CD. The full-body puppet, Herringbone Quentin III, is an additional \$60, but it would be possible to adapt and use something else. Crafts are all made from inexpensive dollar-store or found items, and there are crafts suitable for different age groups offered for each day. The Hero Quest fun pages are reproducible.

### Group's Lava Lava Island

\$99.99 starter kit

[www.groupcanada.ca](http://www.groupcanada.ca)

Groups of five children form an island crew and rotate

through five stations each day, exploring the same Bible point — the way in which Jesus' love flows — in a new way at each station. The crafts are pre-formed and purchased, needing only assembly. Each crew chooses a new challenge each day. They are to share Jesus' love in a special way at home, and then report to their team. Challenges relate to the theme of the day and are child-appropriate like: secretly make your brother's or sister's bed; set the table without being asked..

### Jesus Helps You Power Up

\$87.00 starter kit

Standard Publishing

[powerup@fdi.ca](mailto:powerup@fdi.ca)

This program is based on Acts 20:32: "God is able to build you up." It uses ants reminiscent of characters in "A Bug's Life" in the dramas and puppet shows. The lessons, based on New Testament stories, teach the need to love, accept, serve, comfort and forgive one another. The starter kit contains everything needed for a five-day program, including a reproducible praise CD, but does not include the crafts manual. The Power Pack, which costs an additional \$271.99, does include the crafts manual, which gives ideas for original crafts (in addition to the purchased fit-together ones). It also has drama resources, material for an additional five lessons, and decorating ideas and other resources.

# Slow down, and make yourself available to God

BY RUTH COLEMAN

I recently attended a 24-hour silent retreat at the Villa Madonna in Rothesay. It followed a busy work week that ended at 4 o'clock on Friday, so I was neither mentally nor emotionally free when the retreat started at eight.

As my busy life collided with silence, stillness and solitude, I felt like Wylie Coyote running into a trap he set by himself to capture the Road Runner. I felt like a mosquito that suddenly realizes the donor of my next meal is safely behind a windshield coming toward me at 120 clicks. Before I can change direction, I'm toast ... I look more like jam, but I'm toast.

Life is a highway and it's much safer when we choose to slow down on our own Accord or Tercel than it is to come to a screeching and unpredicted halt. Trust me. I have the skid marks to prove it and the insurance rates to match.



Rough as the transition was, I was able to bring a resounding message from God away from the retreat. I've had the message before but found it difficult to listen to it, let alone embrace and practice it. The message, of course, is SLOW DOWN.

"Be still and know that I am God," says the Psalm. God wants all of us to make ourselves available to Him. It's not about unbearable discipline and sacrifice, it's about spending time with Him, listening to Him..

Imagine if the queen called and asked you to tea. "I just want to spend time with you," she said. It would be awesome, but wouldn't you wonder why?

Would you wonder what you had done wrong, what you could possibly have to say that would interest her? I expect you would go through a series of scenarios trying to fathom why someone of such influence and power would desire an audience with you.

Yet how many times in scripture are we invited to a get-away with God? How often does He invite us to his table? These are personal invitations to be present with the King of Kings, the God of Glory. If we listen carefully, we will hear God summon us on a daily basis.

If you are anything like me, you like company but want advance notice. It's embarrassing when the sink is full of dishes, every newspaper for the last week has its own chair in the living room and the bathroom looks like a display case for Hanes underwear. Would you keep someone from visiting just because your house is not in order? Sometimes the

answer is yes and that's the wrong answer. If clutter is such a problem that it prevents us from sharing our lives with one another or with God, then it's time to clean up or get comfortable with who you are.

They say the way to get rid of the clutter in your house is to organize one room at a time. I have a friend who is doing it. She is working through her house room-by-room, selling off spare stuff at a flea market and feeling really good about her accomplishments. That won't work in our house, every time I get rid of something, seven more appear to take its place.

God just wants to share space with you. Open the door, He'll find His way in, even if your life isn't tidy.

Living in a rectory has always been a challenge for me. It's my space but it's also the parish's. I've had to learn to balance my responsibility to maintain the integrity of the

property as well as to provide for the needs of my family. We all need space to relax and be ourselves. Maybe not everyone can live with this, but it works for me and I think God is okay with it too. He wants to come in, feel welcomed and at home. We all need a little space.

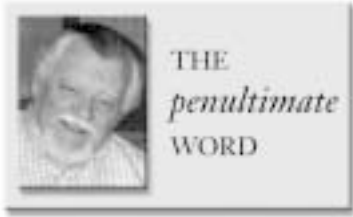
We may not always be able to walk in silence but it's good to do it when we can. Stillness is difficult for most of us because of time pressures, but if we give ourselves the gift of time it is amazing how much can happen spiritually in small pauses throughout our day. If we have any control in our lives then we can create a space for God. We know that "nature abhors a vacuum and regularity no less." I feel the same way about vacuums and regularity, but sometimes I just have to suck it up.

*Ruth Coleman lives, writes, dances and vacuums in Hampton.*

# Victim and abuser meet on Good Friday

BY JIM IRVINE

*Purple is fashionable twice — This season of the year, And when a soul perceives itself To be an Emperor.*



Emily Dickinson penned those words 140 years ago. In a brief span of phrases she was able to express a wonderful insight and capably capture the irony so often lost through familiarity.

Mark sets the style for Lent. After the sentencing, the soldiers led Jesus into the courtyard and clothed him in a purple cloak. They twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on his head. Then they began to salute him,

"Hail, King of the Jews!"

The sarcasm of the soldiers added humiliation to the accomplished denigration of the prisoner in their custody. A cloth of purple cloaked the object of their abuse.

This season of the year there is no lack of purple threads to adorn clergy and churches, to wrap our worship in cloth and ribbons of fabric coloured in fashion. We know the season by the turning of the cloth and mark the year in passing – but purple is fashionable twice.

Monarchical models of both royalty and the episcopate carry the heavy weight of purple. Those who perceive themselves in this role know the weight of such cloth. They know the irony of the colour; if not the humiliation then they come close to humility. Cloth of purple cloaks, and what it hides from view speaks of Jesus' closeness to broken humanity — sinful humanity.

Dickinson noted that purple is fashionable, but only twice.

In other respects, purple is unfashionable.

Exhausted, beaten, bruised, Jesus knew not only the jeers of his captors but their whip as well. The thin covering reserved for royalty hid welts and bruises bloodied and purple from the flogging. He knew the proud flesh accompanying his beating, and would wince at the weight of threads bearing down in ridicule. No healing bandages, these.

Abuse has sought to cover wounds in every generation.

Jesus' experience draws divine healing close to victims of abuse. You may be familiar with it. Perhaps your mother or your grandmother knew it. Your aunt may have been a family secret, or perhaps it was a cousin, or a

niece. Does your sister know proud flesh? Your daughter? The threads that cover arms, legs and shoulders aren't always purple. Long sleeves, high necks and slacks hide purple flesh from judging eyes.

False modesty poses for denial. The colour of cloth knows no season, and silence in the church is a conspiracy that hides the victim and protects the abuser.

Victim and abuser meet on Good Friday. They meet in the suffering and tears of Jesus as he spoke, briefly, to the women of Jerusalem. Familiar purple on human skin, swollen and smeared with blood, reminds unnamed women of how close Jesus came to their domestic experience.

Mindful of Jesus' anguish, monarch and bishop cannot help but know the abusive weight of their cloth. Ignored abuse weighs heavily in the purple stripes worn around the necks of priest and deacon. The silence of countless scores of victims of domestic abuse weighs heavily on altars across the Church.

I wear a purple ribbon on the lapel of my coat. I picked it up a few years ago at Sobey's. "Raise awareness of domestic abuse," said the unobtrusive sign on the container of ribbons beside the cash register. It was December, in the season of Advent, around the anniversary of the horrific murders at the Ecole Polytechnique de Montréal.

Some people are curious about my ribbon and ask why I wear it. Their reaction often surprises. If the ribbon were for the defeat of breast cancer, they would concur and join me in my campaign. If the ribbon were for gay rights, they would be prepared to be judgmental and damning. Perhaps the reminder of the purple stripes of abuse is closer than many of them are prepared to admit, because the conversation often flounders. We stand close in an uncomfortable silence, witnesses to Jesus' redemptive suffering that brings healing to the abused and redemption to the perpetrator. In the very midst of the suffering, we have good news to find.

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*Canon Jim Irvine makes his home in Fredericton*

## INTERCESSIONS

### MARCH

**22:** Parish of Campobello, the Rev. Charles Smart; the Rev. Ernie Eldridge (R); Olive Garden Anglican Parish, the Rev. Mauricio Coelho, Coadjutor: the Rev. Estevão Menezes, OSE, assistants: the Rev. Marco Antonio Mota and lay minister André Luiz de Souza.

**23:** Parish of Canterbury, (vacant) the Rev. Jane Arnott, priest-in-charge; Philadelphia Anglican Mission, the Rev. Luiz Marcos Silva, OSE, assistant: lay minister Roberta Alexandra Lyra de Almeida.

**24:** Parish of Carleton, (vacant) the Rt. Rev. George Lemmon, Interim Priest-in-Charge; the Rev. Roy Embley (R); Philadelphia Anglican Mission, the Rev. Luiz Marcos Silva, OSE, Assistant: Lay Minister Roberta Alexandra Lyra de Almeida.

**25:** Parish of Central Kings, the Rev. Robert LeBlanc; Christ The Liberator Anglican Mission, lay minister Flávio Adair.

**26:** Parish of Chatham, the Rev. Alan Reynolds; Terence Chandra, Wycliffe; Pentecost Anglican Mission, the Ven. Arthur Cavalcante.

**27:** Christ Church Cathedral, the Very Rev. Keith Joyce, the Rev. Pat Drummond, the Rev. Dr. Barry Craig, the Ven. Geoffrey Hall, honorary assistants; Hope Anglican Mission, the Ven. Quintino Orengo, assistant: lay minister Manoel Nunes.

**28:** Clergy and people of the Province de L'Eglise Anglicane d Congo, The Most Rev. Patrice Byankyo Njojo, Primate; Diocese of Recife: Living Waters Anglican Parish, the Rev. Siméa Meldrum; Bishop Robinson Cavalcanti & staff; Diocese of Yukon: Members of the Yukon Apostolate: Pattie Tetlich; Bishop's School of Yukon Ministries; Bishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family; Claude, our Bishop, retired bishops William, George and Harold and their families.

**29:** Parish of Coldbrook & St. Mary's, the Rev. Gregory McMullin; the Rev. Royden Ferris (R); Consoler Anglican Mission, the Rev. Antonio Costa de Oliveira.

**30:** Parish of Dalhousie, the Rev. Andrew Fraser; Salvation Anglican Mission, Lay Minister Jeane G. Arruda de M. Coelho.

**31:** Parishes of Denmark and Grand Falls, the Rev. Julie Armstrong, priest-in-charge; Rev. Lt.-Col. John Fletcher, Chaplain to the Military; Saint Francis Anglican Mission Station, the Rev. Severino Abel da Silva, OSF.

### APRIL

**1:** Parish of Derby & Blackville, the Rev. Douglas Barrett; Bethel Anglican Mission Station, the Rev. Evilásio Tenório da Silva Júnior.

**2:** Parish of Dorchester & Sackville, the Rev. Kevin Stockall; David Larlee, Wycliffe Hall, Oxford, England; Saint Stephen Anglican Mission Station, the Rev. Carlos Alberto Tomé da Silva, OSE, Assistant: ML. Frei Hélio Holmes, OSE.

**3:** Parish of Douglas & Nashwaaksis, Canon William MacMullin; Saint Luke Anglican Mission Station, Evangelist Samuel Hansen.

**4:** Clergy and people of the Church in Jerusalem and The Middle East, The Most Rev. Iraj Mottahedeh, Primate; Diocese of Recife: Olive Garden Anglican Parish, the Rev. Mauricio Coelho, Coadjutor: the Rev. Estevão Menezes, OSE, Assistants: the Rev. Marco Antonio Mota and lay minister André Luiz de Souza; Bishop Robinson Cavalcanti & staff; Diocese of Yukon: Tom Parlee & Spence Hill, Mission Education & PWRDF Co-ordinators, George Richardson, Alpha Regional Coordinator; Bishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family; Claude, our Bishop, retired bishops William, George and Harold, and their families.

**5:** Parishes of East Saint John & St. James (Saint John), the Rev. Robyn Cuming; the Rev. Albert W. Garwood (R); Mount Zion Anglican Mission Station, the Rev. Sérgio Andrade, Assistant: Lay Minister Adilson Ferreira da Silva, OSF.

**6:** Parish of Fredericton, the Ven. John Sharpe, assistant curate the Rev. Elaine Hamilton, Capt. Bonnie Hunt, Youth Director; Jesus From Nazareth Anglican Mission Station, the Rev. Fernando Acosta.

**7:** Parish of Fredericton Junction, the Rev. Neville Cheeseman; the Ven. Arthur Gregg (R); Bethesda Anglican Mission Station, the Rev. Juciara Crasto.

**8:** Parish of Gagetown, the Rev. Gerald Laskey; Martin Luther King Anglican Mission Station, the Rev. Israel Pereira Cardoso, OSF.

**9:** Parish of Gondola Point, the Rev. George Eves; Paul Ransom, Wycliffe; Nativity Anglican Mission Station, the Rev. Bruno Luiz Teles de Almeida, OSF.

### EASTER SUNDAY

**11:** Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King. Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendour, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King. Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people. Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**12:** Parish of Hammond River, the Rev. Peter Gillies; the Rev. William Forgrave (R); Mount Moriah Anglican Mission Station, the Rev. Miguel Uchoa, assistant: lay minister Márcio José de Sousa Simões.

**13:** Parish of Hampton, Canon Edward Coleman; Mandacaru Anglican Mission Station, the Rev. Jorge Aquino, OSE, assistant: lay minister Jocelenilton Gomes da Silva.

**14:** Parish of Hardwicke, the Rev. Don Hamilton; Canon David Genge (R); Christ The Redeemer Anglican Mission Station, lay minister José Fernandes.

**15:** Parish of Kent, the Rev. John Pearce, priest-in-charge; House of Prayer Anglican Mission Station, lay minister Roberta Araújo.

**16:** Parish of Kingston, the Rev.

Don Trivett, the Rev. Bonnie LeBlanc, assistant curate; Terence Chandra, Wycliffe; Burning Bush Anglican Mission Station, lay minister Josenaide Maria Lopes Pereira.

**17:** Parish of Lakewood, (vacant); Peace Anglican Mission Station, lay minister Solange Cristina Pereira.

**18:** Clergy and people of the Church of England, the Most Rev. and Rt. Hon. Rowan Williams, Primate; Diocese of Recife: Philadelphia Anglican Mission, the Rev. Luiz Marcos Silva, OSE, assistant: lay minister Roberta Alexandra Lyra de Almeida; Bishop Robinson Cavalcanti & staff; Diocese of Yukon: those retired from the Diocese – Isobel Greenwood; the Rev. Ben Hall & Nancy Hall; the Rev. Dorothy Thorpe; the Rev. Bruce Aylard & Audrey Aylard, the Rev. Don Sax & Deacon Lee Sax, the Rev. Dr. Ellen Bruce OM, Marion Carroll, licensed lay minister Edith Josie, Bishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family; Claude, our Bishop, retired bishops William, George and Harold and their families.

**19:** Parish of Lancaster, the Rev. Chris McMullen; the Rev. James Golding (R); New Life Anglican Mission Station, lay minister Marconi Alves de Oliveira.

**20:** Parish of Ludlow & Blissfield, the Rev. David Titus; Holy Trinity Anglican Cathedral, the Very Rev. Sérgio Andrade, Auxiliary: Rev. Edmar Carvalho Pimentel, osf.

**21:** Parish of McAdam, the Rev. Wendy Amos-Binks; the Rev. David Gray (R); Emmanuel Anglican Parish, the Rev. Ian Meldrum, Coadjutor: the Rev. Vera Nascimento.

**22:** Parish of Madawaska, the Rev. Fran Bedell, assistant; Resurrection Anglican Parish, the Ven. Luiz Souza de França.

**23:** Parish of Marysville, the Rev. John Cathcart; David Larlee, Wycliffe Hall, Oxford, England; Good Samaritan Parish, the Rev. Manoel Severino Moraes, OSE, coadjutor, the Rev. Fábio Vasconcelos.

**24:** Parishes of Maugerville & Oromocto, the Rev. Keith Howlett; Holy Spirit Anglican Parish, the Rev. Miguel Uchoa Cavalcanti, Coadjutor: the Rev. Geison Sávio de Holanda, Assistant: the Rev. Fernando Acosta.

**25:** Clergy and people of the Holy Catholic Church of Hong Kong, The Most Rev. Peter Kwong, Primate; Diocese of Recife: Freedom Anglican Mission, Lay Minister Júlio Gomes; Bishop Robinson Cavalcanti & staff; Diocese of Yukon: Whitehorse – Christ Church Cathedral, Dean Peter Williams, the Rev. Mary Battaja, associate minister, Lino Battaja & family; the Ven. Arthur Privett & Muriel Privett (honourary assistant); licensed lay ministers, Joy Wickett, Dorothy Sorenson, Tom Parlee & George Richardson; community lay ministers: Evalena Beisser & Anne Linder, Bishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family; Claude, our Bishop, William, George and Harold, Retired Bishops, and their families.

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## YOUTH

# I'm curious, George . . .

What should worship with emergent generations be like?

BY GEORGE PORTER

Before I tackle such a large question (maybe next month), let me tell a story.

The funeral for a friend and colleague who had been the director of the camp and conference centre was held in a large and beautiful gothic church in Worcester, Massachusetts. I entered and found people greeting each other, laughing and speaking softly. Some offered comfort and encouragement, others told stories about or shared memories of Mark.

On one side of the nave, a hundred or more young people (from seven-year-olds to young adults) began to sing some of the worship songs they had learned at camp with Mark. Conversations throughout the rest of the church settled down. One of the young people sang a solo. Into the quiet following her song, came the crescendo of the pipe organ. It filled the space with a traditional Easter hymn and we rose to sing as the procession made its way to the altar.

The service that followed blended the familiar words of the Bible and liturgy with a variety of music from young people who had discovered that they were indeed a vital part of the family of God. A saxophone jazz riff and rock settings embraced the statues of saints with as



much emotion as the music from the pipe organ had. The Eucharist was celebrated with this same mixture of the traditional and the unexpected. As the pipe organ again filled the space with another Easter hymn, some of the young people made their way outside to form an honour guard with diocesan clergy.

The service was a blend of old and new, of the traditional and modern, but what struck me most about it was the feeling of unity that pervaded that beautiful building. We were all part of one Christian family – a family with all generations present, valued and involved. It was an experience of ministry that had nothing to do with the age of the ministers involved. I was also struck by the overwhelming sense of God's presence. This was no ritual rite of passage, it was a genuine encounter between God and God's people.

Whatever else worship looks like among emerging generations, one thing is key: everyone must be involved in the encounter with the Beloved. There is no audience in worship.

## Bursary applications invited

Applications for the Mabel Dean Bursary will be accepted at the Synod Office in Fredericton until March 31.

The annual \$1,000 bursary is available to the children of diocesan clergy (in any order, whether active, retired or deceased) pursuing post-

secondary education and is awarded on the basis of financial need and academic standing.

Applications are available from Phyllis Cathcart, the bishop's secretary: phyllis.cathcart@anglican.nb.ca or 506/460 0525.

## YOUTH SERVICE

Christ Church Cathedral

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SUNDAY

March 21, 2004, 6:30 p.m.

Speaker

**J.T. Sharpe**

Director of Child and Youth Programs

St. Paul's Anglican Church, Rothesay

Music: The Cathedral Band

An evening of great music, a fine speaker, and joyful celebration!

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## COORDINATOR TO NEWCASTLE



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Diocesan Youth Coordinator George Porter (right) recently spoke at a youth worship service at St. Andrew's Church in the parish of Newcastle. Following the service some of the young people presented him with a gift. From left to right they are: Phillip White, Capt. Rose Steeves, Matthew White, Becky Stewart (partially hidden,) Lindsay Mather, Eleanor Berger, Mathilda Berger, Jessica White

# Diary of an Activist

Social Justice Youth Camp, Tatamagouche, NS

BY GENEVIEVE MACHUM

### Arrival:

We were grouped into rooms at three different houses. We are not with anybody that we came with or already know. It is supposed to help create bonds between strangers. Some people are very upset.

### Day 1

We set the agenda, goals, community standards. Described our "Perfect World", and in the process learned a bit about who we are and where we fit. After supper we celebrated our own movements and daily activism, it was pretty much the 101 on how to talk so people will listen.

### Day 2

We looked at gender, the media, newcomer experiences, privilege/guilt. We got in a circle and followed instructions. If you're black, step back. White, step forward. Gay, step back. Straight, step forward. If your school doesn't celebrate one of your religious holidays, step back. Female, step back. Male, step forward. The questions continued and explored wealth and inclusion until there was a definite

inner circle, the power group, and an outer circle, the unpowered group. I ended up in the power group, with all the white males and most of the white females, and felt extremely uncomfortable. Some of the people with me were pretty cocky about it and said some things that would have been better left unsaid. Some feuding started. Bad scene. After lunch we looked at economics and trade. I'll make sure my mother buys certified fair-trade coffee from now on. After supper we did a block on the environment. Short, sweet and packed with information and involvement, just my kind of learning.

### Day 3

Free time, yippee! Canoeing, yoga, hiking, dancing, drumming, a really laid-back, fun-filled morning. After lunch, communication — how to overcome barriers, radical conversations, talking cross-culture, getting the message out and mental health. Learned lots. Then how to take care of ourselves and our movements — what we need to stay healthy,

recognizing the difference between what we want and what we need and how to get it.

### Day 4

We were supposed to start with peaceful living but that was delayed by peace talks. The feuds that began on day-two had escalated. We were put in groups and had to think of a game that required people to learn, talk and communicate. That was another block of deep learning and maturing. Then we went on to peaceful living. After lunch it was grassroots organizing. Lots of good workshops. Fun-night with an open-mike.

### Day 5

We shared what we thought of the week and our future plans. All together it was an awesome week — okay, only five days but a week is easier to say. Learned a lot, grew up a lot, and met some incredible people. If this ever happens again and you have the opportunity, go for it!

*Genevieve Machum worships and teaches Sunday school in Nerepis & St. John.*

**MILLGEN** *Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love and in purity.*

1 Timothy 4:12