

Fall has rolled away and the first nips of winter can be felt ... short daylight hours, a cold bite in the air, and snow! Tomorrow, 11/11 is Remembrance Day in Canada and the other Commonwealth Nations (Veterans Day in the U.S.A.). It is a time set aside to "remember" those men and women that have given their time, energies, and lives in the armed forces to defend the freedoms and liberties of others. May God help us to **always remember The One** whom gave Himself to purchase, for all mankind, eternal freedom and liberty from sin, death, and the grave!

**1. National Pastor's Conference ...** each September the independent Baptist pastor's gather for a National Conference. Different churches hold the conference each year with different emphasis and themes. Over the years, I have been blessed to attend several of these meetings and have always found them to be a wonderful time of fellowship, encouragement, and conviction. This year's National Conference was held at the Prince Albert Baptist Church in Prince Albert, Sask. (September 17-18). I was deeply humbled when asked by the host pastor (Dave Webster) if I would consider preaching one of the Monday evening messages. After much prayer, I agreed. The message the Lord gave me was from 1 Kings 18:43 "Go Again". **Pray for the men** that faithfully serve the Heavenly Father in Canada ... no matter what the request, no matter what the immediate results, that each pastor and servant of God would simply go again and again and again ... faithful until He calls us home!

**2. 10th Anniversary ! ...** Wow! can it be true ... Hinton Baptist Church celebrated its ten year anniversary the last Sunday of September. What a wonderful time the Lord gave His flock. The Children's Sunday School had a special presentation for me ... there was a picture montage of the past decade ... and a delicious anniversary meal! The church families laughed, and fellowshiped, each enjoying the day. I could not but feel overwhelmed by God's goodness and grace in the past ten years. We have seen many come and many go ... a number saved and baptized ... some have joined the church in membership ... by God's good grace lives have been touched! How truly wonderful **to be part of God's work** where there was none for many years. It is an honour to serve our King!

**3. Q & A ...** Wednesday evenings have found the bible studies centered around questions the folks have from their Bible reading or daily life. I have collected a number of these questions and prayerfully consider bringing the answer from God's Word on a given Wednesday evening.

"What happens to the saved and the lost after life ceases on earth?"

"What's wrong with Contemporary Christian Music?" (or perhaps better, ... is there anything right about it)

"Can a believer play sports can honour God at the same time?"

On and on the questions have gone ... I believe **the Scriptures are the final authority** in our living and practicing of faith. Several of the believers have been challenged and encouraged in the answers. It has been a personal blessing to see them taking notes and asking questions during the studies. One can see the Lord gaining in their lives. Pray for the **consistent teaching** of the Word and the **consistent heeding** of the Word.

Thank you for the support and prayers over the years. This past decade could not have happened for His glory and praise except many had sacrificed on our behalf. **Pray for growth** in His flock here ... spiritual, numerical, financial growth. In all things that Christ may be glorified. God Bless You!

Your Servant for Christ,

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