

Lord, Teach Us About Living In The Spirit



**A Bible Conference about
God's Resources for Christian Living**
September 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, 2023



Christians gathered
in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ
as Horse Lake Christian Fellowship
in 100 Mile House, BC,
extend a warm invitation to you to attend a

Bible Conference

planned, Lord willing, for the
Labour Day weekend,
September 1st (Friday evening),
2nd (all day Saturday),
and September 3rd (all day Sunday), 2023,
about

God's Resources for Christian Living.

Conference Speakers

Mercer Armstrong



Mercer and his wife Avril came as immigrants to Canada from Northern Ireland six weeks after their wedding in 1978. They both studied at Briercrest

Bible College [BBC] in Saskatchewan, and Mercer took further studies in the USA before teaching for several years at BBC. He then spent over twenty-seven years in the RCMP. From their teenage years Mercer and Avril have served the Lord in evangelism, Avril in ministry to children and women, and Mercer in preaching and teaching. Since retirement from the RCMP in 2015 Mercer has consistently been engaged in ministry in assemblies, camps and conferences as the Lord has provided opportunity. They have four children, one with the Lord, and six grandchildren. They reside at Saskatoon, SK, and are in fellowship with the assembly at Fairhaven Bible Chapel.

Daniel Webster



Daniel resides in Kumasi, Ghana. He came to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ at the age of 25 while living in Victoria, BC. The Lord burdened Daniel about missionary service, directing his path to Ghana in West Africa. In 2004 he was commended to the Lord's work by the believers who meet at Westbank Bible Chapel in West Kelowna. He works among the Christians of the

Believers Bible Assembly in Kumasi. Daniel's work involves overseeing a weekly radio program, Gospel outreach, Bible teaching, counselling, and discipleship. Daniel is married to Priscilla, who serves the Lord in children's ministry, and hospitality shown to short-term mission teams, and other visitors to their home in Ghana. Together they have a daughter, Keysha, now two years old.

Rob Brennan



Rob received the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour at the age of 12 at Salmon Arm, BC. He worked for 13 years in the trucking industry before being commended to the work of the Lord in 2002. Currently he is involved in an itinerant preaching ministry among assemblies in BC and beyond, as the Lord leads. He is thankful for opportunities to share the Gospel with children, to participate in summer Bible camp ministry, and to disciple and equip young Christians. He and his wife, Cyndi, make their home at Abbotsford, BC. They have three grown children, two of whom are married, and six grandchildren. Their assembly fellowship is at Watson Road Bible Chapel in Chilliwack.

Scott and Lynn DeGross



Scott and Lynn are thankful for the grace of God that would let little people like them be involved in the epic battle of the ages! They are also thankful

the Lord put them in this generation to serve. There is no other generation they'd rather be a part of and they can't wait to see the Lord win the great victories of our day. They are super thankful for the grace of God that has won the hearts of their daughter and son and his wife to want to follow the Savior and to live warrior lives for Him. They live in California and hunger to see North America reached with the gospel in our day.

Josh George



Josh and his wife Rachael are part of Assiniboine Bible Church, a new work established by the Lord in the heart of rural Manitoba. Besides raising four young children, they have sought to "devote themselves to the service of the saints" (1 Cor 16:15) locally and abroad, as the Lord would give opportunity.

The Plenary Sessions

**Basics of the Spiritual Life: “Not I but through Christ in me”
(Mercer Armstrong)**

Friday, September 1 at 7.00 PM

The Atmosphere of Prayer (Scott DeGross)

Saturday, September 2 at 9.00 AM

**Learning from the Prayer Life of the Lord Jesus Christ
(Mercer Armstrong)**

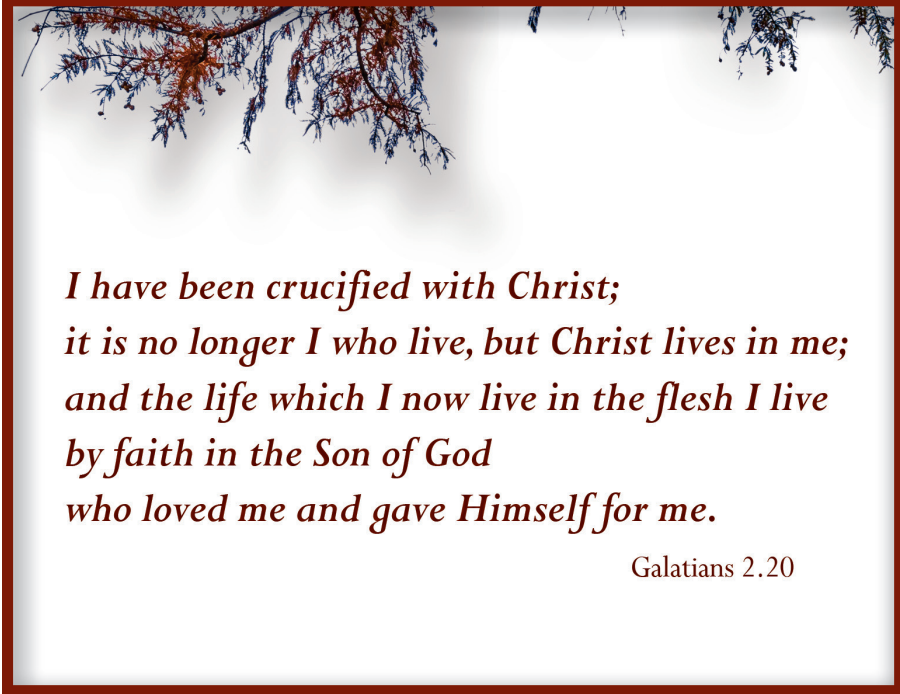
Saturday, September 2 at 7.00 PM

**A Vision of Spiritual Revival for the Millennial Generation
(Scott DeGross)**

Sunday, September 3 at 11.00 AM

The Necessity of the Filling of the Holy Spirit (Josh George)

Sunday, September 3 at 7.00 PM



*I have been crucified with Christ;
it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me;
and the life which I now live in the flesh I live
by faith in the Son of God
who loved me and gave Himself for me.*

Galatians 2.20

The Seminars

Saturday, September 2nd, 10.45 to Noon

A

Locations: The Good News Centre and the Creekside Centre

Three concurrent seminars – choose one:

- Identifying Counterfeits of the Holy Spirit (Mercer Armstrong)
- The Personal Importance of Healthy Doctrine: A Case Study (Rob Brennan)
- Marks of a Spirit-controlled Assembly (Daniel Webster)

Identifying Counterfeits of the Holy Spirit (Mercer Armstrong)

Satan is the enemy of God, an arch deceiver, and the father of lies and lying [Revelation 12:9; John 8:44]. Accordingly, it is not at all surprising that he would work hard to confuse, deceive, and lead human beings into spiritual and physical danger by presenting them with attractive counterfeits of the Person and work of God, the Holy Spirit. However, there is no need for believers to be confused, deceived or led astray, since those who walk closely with the Lord in the Spirit have two vital advantages – the internal witness of the Spirit, and the Word of God which is the sword of the Spirit [Ephesians 6:17; Hebrews 4:12].

The Personal Importance of Healthy Doctrine: A Case Study (Rob Brennan)

In his letters to Timothy and Titus the apostle Paul prepared these young men to deal with the sobering realities of Satan's onslaught against God's flock. Since the Garden of Eden Satan's primary strategy has been, and continues to be, to sow seeds of doubt and confusion about God's Word in the minds of people, even the people of God. Paul wrote to Timothy about assembly teachers who "swerved concerning the truth" (2 Tim 2.17) and the resulting spiritual "ruin" or "catastrophe" (2.14) which befell some of the hearers. Instead, Paul urged Timothy and Titus to pursue "sound" or "health-giving" doctrine (1 Tim 1.10; Titus 1.9; 2.1). In this seminar we will consider the story of a well-known Christian who in his youth was grievously affected by false teaching about sanctification. The result was damage to his ministry as well as his spiritual, mental, and physical health. In the end God gloriously delivered him out of his trouble not by medical or psychological intervention but by sound Bible teaching. Come and hear the story and the spiritual truths which transformed this young man's life for God.

Marks of a Spirit-controlled Assembly (Daniel Webster)

After the Baptism of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost, the believers were united by the Holy Spirit, filled with joy, had boldness in gospel witness, cared for one another's needs, and sought after the truth. Today, any assembly which is operating under the direction of the Holy Spirit will see these evidences at work among them. In this seminar we will discuss the corporate work of the Holy Spirit in the local assembly, also what might hinder the Spirit's work, and how we can best nurture His guidance and His presidency in our own assemblies.

B

Saturday, September 2nd, 2.00 to 3.15 PM

Locations: The Good News Centre and the Creekside Centre

Three concurrent seminars – choose one:

- Marks of a Spirit-controlled Home (Josh George)
- The Personal Leading of the Holy Spirit (Scott DeGroff)
- The Holy Spirit in the Gospel of John (part one) (Mercer Armstrong)



The Seminars

(B Cont.) Saturday, September 2nd, 2.00 to 3.15 PM

Marks of a Spirit-controlled Home (Josh George)

This seminar's title briefly describes the aspirations of many of us who have been enrolled in the rigorous "school" of family life. If you are interested in polished, pious platitudes on marriage and (strictly) theoretical precepts on child-rearing, this seminar is definitely not for you. If, however, you can relate to the Psalmist who testified, "It is good for me that I have been afflicted, that I might learn Thy statutes," you may find benefit from this session. Many of us can relate to valuable lessons learned through bitter experiences and miserable failure. Come ready to share them! In this seminar there will be opportunity for participation as we look to the Lord to shed light on this vital subject through the Scriptures. As the Lord would direct, we will aim to cover topics like seasons of life, serving the Lord as a family, and the necessity of brokenness.

The Personal Leading of the Holy Spirit (Scott DeGross)

Jesus was baptized by the Spirit, filled with the Spirit, led by the Spirit and came in the power of the Spirit. How does this translate to you and me today? How are we to understand the New Testament's teaching on this subject and, crucially, how do we live it? In this seminar we will explore this truth and how it works itself out in the life of a passionate disciple of Christ.

The Holy Spirit in the Gospel of John (part one) (Mercer Armstrong)

The Synoptic Gospels [Matthew, Mark and Luke] contribute towards some understanding of the Person and work of the Holy Spirit. However, it is the Apostle John in his Gospel who adds substantially to our comprehension of the Third Person of the Godhead. The first twelve chapters address the role of the Holy Spirit in regeneration, true worship of God in the Spirit, and the Holy Spirit in relation to the Lord Jesus Christ in His earthly ministry. These subjects will occupy us in this first seminar on the subject of "The Holy Spirit in the Gospel of John."

C **Saturday, September 2nd, 3.30 to 4.45 PM**

Locations: The Good News Centre and the Creekside Centre

Three concurrent seminars – choose one:

- Choosing the Abundant Life (Lynn DeGross)
- Practising Corporate Prayer (Scott DeGross)
- The Holy Spirit in the Gospel of John (part two) (Mercer Armstrong)

Choosing the Abundant Life (Lynn DeGross)

This seminar is designed especially for women. Jesus said that He came so that we might have abundant life, yet many times we find ourselves falling short of living in the good of what He has offered. We'll take a look together into God's Word to see how it truly is possible, even in our fallen world, to live life more abundantly!

The Seminars

(C Cont.) Saturday, September 2nd, 3.30 to 4.45 PM

Practising Corporate Prayer (Scott DeGroff)

Scott: “I’ve never seen the Lord use anything so powerfully as He does prayer. I’ve never enjoyed anything so much in my Christian life as prayer. Come learn with us. Come and pray with us! We will have some thoughts from the Word and then spend this time praying.”

The Holy Spirit in the Gospel of John (part two) (Mercer Armstrong)

There are a variety of ways to outline the subject matter of John’s Gospel. However, there is a particularly distinct watershed moment in John 12 dividing the Gospel into two significant portions. The second portion from the watershed moment to the end of the Gospel will be the primary emphasis of this seminar. In it is revealed and explained the essential role and work of the Holy Spirit in the Church Age after the ascension of the Lord Jesus to Heaven to take His place on the right hand of the Father, and His rightful role as Head of the Church which is His Body. In other words, we are instructed about the work of the Holy Spirit today.

Sunday, September 3rd, 4.00 to 5.30 PM

D

Location: The Good News Centre

Only one seminar planned at this time:

- Using a Team Approach in the Work of God (Scott DeGroff and Josh George)

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Today Christians use many different methods for carrying out Christian missions. When we read the New Testament we see that God often used a team-based approach. In the Gospels the Lord Jesus Christ sent out His disciples in teams; similarly, in the Acts the Holy Spirit sent out Paul and his associates in teams. In this seminar both of us, Scott and Josh, will ask how “the team principle” might translate into missionary service today, looking for Biblical examples and seeking to identify Biblical principles. We will also describe our own experiences in Christian teamwork, focusing on the works in which we are currently involved – Scott in central California and Josh in southern Manitoba. We are planning an interactive session – Scott and Josh interacting with each other and both of us with the audience. Come with your questions.

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

– John 13.1

Conference Schedule

Friday, September 1st

- 4.00 PM Conference registration begins
- 7.00 PM Plenary session #1 at the Good News Centre
Basics of the Spiritual Life: “Not I but through Christ in me” (Mercer Armstrong)
Light refreshments served following meeting

Saturday, September 2nd

- 9.00 to 10.30 AM Plenary session #2 at the Good News Centre
The Atmosphere of Prayer (Scott DeGross)
- 10.45 AM to Noon Seminar #1
Seminars at the Good News Centre and the Creekside Centre
- 12.15 PM *Lunch at the Good News Centre*
- 2.00 – 3.15 PM Seminar #2
Seminars at the Good News Centre and the Creekside Centre
- 3.30 – 4.45 PM Seminar #3
Seminars at the Good News Centre and the Creekside Centre
- 5.00 PM *Dinner at the Community Centre*
- 7.00 PM Plenary session #3 at the Good News Centre
Learning from the Prayer Life of the Lord Jesus Christ (Mercer Armstrong)
Light refreshments served following meeting

Sunday, September 3rd

- 9.00 to 10.30 AM The Lord’s Supper at the Good News Centre
- 11.00 AM Plenary session #4 at the Good News Centre
A Vision of Spiritual Revival for the Millennial Generation (Scott DeGross)
Sunday School concurrently with the plenary session for children up to age 11
- 1.00 PM *Lunch at the Community Hall*
- 4.00 – 5.30 PM Seminar #4 at the Good News Centre
- 5.30 PM *Light supper provided at the Good News Centre*
- 7.00 PM Plenary session #5 at the Good News Centre
The Necessity of the Filling of the Holy Spirit (Josh George)
Q & A session with plenary speakers
Light refreshments served following meeting

*Bus transportation planned for those who would like transport from
the Good News Centre to the other Conference locations,
and then back to the Good News Centre.*

Youth Events



1. Youth Hostel

- During the Conference weekend Horse Lake Christian Fellowship will offer a hostel for young people at two locations.
- Sleeping accommodation with access to washrooms and showers will be provided.
- Breakfasts will be provided on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday mornings. Late evening snacks and devotional talks will be given on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings.
- The purpose of the youth hostel is to give young people opportunities for fellowship with each other during the Conference

weekend. We realize that this is a busy weekend, but we believe that time for rest and fellowship is important.

- Adult chaperones will be on site.
- What to bring: Sleeping bag, pillow, towel, personal items
- How to register: Use the attached registration card or register online.
- Where to go when you arrive: Go to the conference registration desk at the Good News Centre and mention that you would like to stay at the Youth Hostel.

2. Youth Activities

- Recreational activities will be planned for Sunday afternoon following lunch. More information will be available on Friday evening at the hostel.

Children and Young Families Welcome!

A children's program, including Bible lessons, will be offered concurrently with each of the Conference sessions on Friday and Saturday. On Sunday Bible classes will be available for children during the 11.00 AM session and a children's program during the 7.00 PM session. Children of ages three through eleven are welcome to these sessions. If you are planning to bring your children with you to the Conference and if you would like them to participate in the children's program, please advise us, if possible, when you complete your Conference registration card or when you register online.

A nursery and a crib room will be available in the Good News Centre where parents may care for children less than three years old. Parents of toddlers may wish to collaborate with other parents at the Conference to share in the care of their children during some of the Conference sessions. Please contact us if you would like us to help facilitate these arrangements.



Accommodation

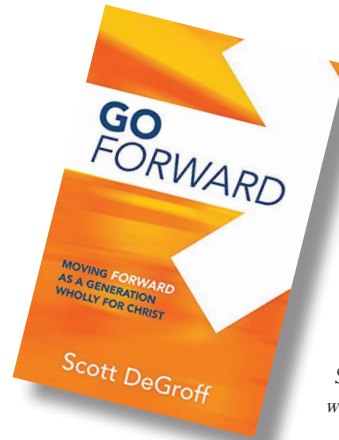
1 Motel and bed-and-breakfast facilities are available in and around 100 Mile House to suit a variety of budgets. Please contact Horse Lake Christian Fellowship for more information.

2 Camping: Several RV parks are available. Ask us for information.

3 Please contact us if your situation does not permit you to take advantage of any of the commercially available accommodations in town.

Books and Displays

Horse Lake Christian Fellowship operates a year-round Christian book/resource centre which we call “The Store at the Good News Centre.” We plan to keep this facility open throughout the Conference weekend. In addition, as at past Conferences, a second bookstore will be located at the Community Hall site. Both bookstores will be stocked with excellent Christian literature, including copies of Scott Degroff’s highly recommended new book, “Go Forward.” The Store at the Good News Centre will be open prior to and following the plenary sessions, except on Sunday morning. The bookstore at the Community Hall will be open when we are enjoying meals at that location.



This book is intended to move us forward on a journey with the Lord, the end result being a yielded people more in love, more filled, more free, and more excited than ever to walk each day with the Savior and to watch Him win in our generation.

– Scott DeGross

Go Forward reveals the burdened heart of the author for the Bride of Christ! Each chapter offers helpful Bible exposition and personal experiences to cut through what sadly has become our own Laodicean culture within much of the Church today. Be prepared to be grieved, convicted, and invigorated as you are called to experience a greater “love relationship with Jesus Christ.”

– Randy Hoffman, Executive Director MSC

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Please use the enclosed postcard to register for the conference, or register online at hlcf.org/conf-reg.html.

Conference Locations

Good News Centre

(5827 Horse Lake Rd, 100 Mile House)



- Registration Desk
- All plenary sessions
- Some seminar sessions on Saturday and Sunday
- Light dinner on Sunday
- Light refreshments after evening sessions.
- Nursery and crib room
- The Store
- Youth hostel – breakfasts
- The Lord's Supper on Sunday morning

Youth Training Centre

(across from Good News Centre)



- Children's program throughout Conference – except Sunday morning at the Good News Centre
- Youth sessions – late evening snacks, singing, devotionals

100 Mile House Community Hall

(Birch Ave., 100 Mile House)



- Meals – lunch and dinner on Saturday and lunch on Sunday
- Conference bookstore and displays

Creekside Seniors Centre

(501 Cedar Ave., 100 Mile House)



- Some Seminar sessions on Saturday and Sunday





Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer.
There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus,
For my life is wholly bound to His.
Oh, how strange and divine – I can sing – all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay.
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing,
For in my need, His power is displayed.
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me.
Through the deepest valley He will lead.
Oh, the night has been won and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,
The future sure, the price it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
And He was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.
Jesus, now and ever, is my plea.
Oh, the chains are released; I can sing! I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
For he has said that He will bring me home.
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus,
All the glory evermore to Him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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