

*Lord,
Make us, the Body, Grow up into
Christ the Head!*



**A Bible Conference about
Spiritual Growth Through Body Life**
August 31st, September 1st and 2nd, 2024

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
our 25th annual

Bible Conference

planned, Lord willing, for the
Labour Day weekend,
August 31st, September 1st and 2nd, 2024,
on the subject of

Spiritual Growth Through Body Life.



Ephesians 4.15,16 (NET)

*But practicing the truth in love,
we will in all things grow up into Christ,
who is the Head.*

*From Him the whole body grows,
fitted and held together
through every supporting ligament.*

*As each one does its part,
the body builds itself up in love.*

Conference Speakers



MIKE ATTWOOD

Mike was born and born again in Leeds in the north of England and that is also where he met his wife Ann Marie and heard the call into the Lord's work. He was involved

with New Tribes Missions for six years, followed by eight years serving the Lord in Ireland, and then for more than 25 years in service as an itinerant preacher in the USA, Canada, and overseas. Mike and Ann Marie now make their home in Independence, Missouri.



JEFF JOHNSON

Jeff is a retired dentist who with his wife, Jan, live in Reidsville, North Carolina. Jeff and Jan were one of four couples used by God to

plant Reidsville Bible Chapel, a "hive-off" assembly from Shannon Hills Bible Chapel in Greensboro, NC. Following dental school he was disciplined for two years by Vernon Schlieff in New Orleans. Jeff's ministry includes teaching a young adults' Bible study, one-on-one discipleship, and local ministry of the Word. He and Jan have two grown children and five grandchildren.



JAN JOHNSON

Jan, a long-retired Registered Nurse, is mother of two and grandmother of five. For many years she has enjoyed teaching

Sunday School, women's Bible studies and seminars, and being a part of a local assembly.



The Plenary Sessions

MIKE ATTWOOD

How the Body works together and grows up into Christ Who is its Head

1. **Growth in Love: Body Life**
2. **Growth in Power: Gospel Testimony**
3. **Growth in Holiness: Discipline and Devotedness**

JEFF JOHNSON

1. **The Lord's Supper: A metric of a healthy assembly**

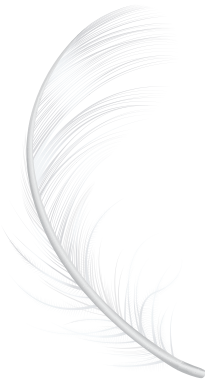
- The Breaking of Bread meeting has been called "the chief meeting of the Church." Worship has been called "the believer's highest occupation."
- From my earliest days as a believer, I can recall H. G. Mackay saying that the Lord's Supper was the spiritual thermometer of the health of the local assembly. If we believe that to be so, how are we doing?
- In this session we will go back to basics as we take a fresh look at some of the fundamentals regarding the Lord's Supper – in order to honour His dying request.

2. **The Church: Its method**

- The decline of the church in many parts of the world has prompted some to suggest that we need to go to "Plan B" if we're to survive. This session will consider this all-important topic.

3. **Building a New Testament assembly: Its motivation**

- God has called us to be labourers together with Him.
- In this session we ask the question: "Is investing in the local assembly worth the effort?"



I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Ephesians 4.1-6

The Seminars

Saturday, August 31st, 10.45 to Noon

A

- **Locations:** The Good News Centre and the Creekside Centre
- **Two concurrent seminars** – choose one.
 - Discipleship in the Local Assembly (**Jeff Johnson**)
 - Hindrances to Spiritual Growth – our "Flesh" (**Mike Attwood**)

Discipleship in the Local Assembly (Jeff Johnson)

A multitude of reasons are cited for why young people are leaving their local churches. Near the top of the list is the complaint that no one is willing to mentor (disciple) them. In this seminar I will share my own experience of being discipled by a man of God, Vernon Schlieff. In addition I will discuss my own experience of discipling young men and the accompanying rewards.

Hindrances to Spiritual Growth – our Flesh (Mike Attwood)

We are living in a very self-focused society and, sad to say, this mentality has crept into the local church. The Lord Jesus said that true discipleship is connected with denying self and following Him. This seminar is intended to help us to evaluate (1) where we are at personally in regard to our "flesh" and (2) what is the impact on the assembly when our flesh is on display. We will then discuss how to move to the place where it is "not I but Christ."

B

Saturday, August 31st, 2.00 to 3.15 PM

- **Locations:** The Good News Centre and the Creekside Centre
- **Two concurrent seminars** – choose one.
 - Prayer and the Prayer Meeting: the Power for Growth (**Mike Attwood**)
 - The Feminine Factor in the New Testament Assembly (**Jan Johnson**)

Prayer and the Prayer Meeting: the Power for Growth (Mike Attwood)

In 1 Timothy chapter 2 when Paul speaks of the prayer meeting he says, "Therefore I exhort first of all. . ." What he means is that public prayer in the meetings of the saints is of primary importance. If we want to see spiritual growth, we must recognize our utter dependence upon God for providing the needed blessing. In this seminar we will ask how we can encourage (1) attendance and (2) practical participation in this vital meeting. We will look to the Lord through His Word for the answers.

The Seminars

(B Cont.) **Saturday, August 31st, 2.00 to 3.15 PM**

The Feminine Factor in the New Testament Assembly (Jan Johnson)

From the get-go the feminine factor existed and was valued in the establishment and building up of the early church. Its existence and value has in no way diminished in our day. Let's examine ways God has especially equipped women to grow, nurture, and serve their local assemblies.

C Saturday, August 31st, 3.30 to 4.45 PM

- **Locations:** The Good News Centre and the Creekside Centre
- **Two concurrent seminars** – choose one.
 - Personal Spiritual Growth (**Mike Attwood**)
 - Body Life through Joint Participation (**Jeff Johnson**)

Personal Spiritual Growth (Mike Attwood)

No assembly can rise above the spiritual quality of the individuals in fellowship. Are we growing or drifting? Peter tells us that we are to grow in grace and the knowledge of the Saviour. In this seminar we will ask the questions (1) What are the specific areas in which we need to grow; and (2) How can we move out of complacency and stagnancy to personal spiritual growth? We will look to the Word of God for answers.

Body Life through Joint Participation (Jeff Johnson)

In this seminar we will explore the Biblical principle of exercise of our spiritual gifts in the local assembly for the edification of the Body. How can we encourage "each member in particular" to get plugged in?



“. . . holding fast to the Head from whom the whole body, supported and knit together through its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.”

Colossians 2.19 (NET)

The Seminars

D

Sunday, September 1st, 4.00 to 5.30 PM

- **Location:** The Good News Centre
- Only one seminar planned at this time
 - How God Transcends the “Generation Gap” to Bless the Whole Body

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In the world today it is not uncommon to hear mature adults speaking disparagingly of the generations younger than their own, and younger people speaking dismissively of the irrelevance of the thinking and experience of their elders. What both sides of the generational divide share in common is what the Bible calls the “flesh,” self-centered and self-justifying. By contrast, in the New Testament assembly where the Lord Jesus Christ has the pre-eminent place and Spirit-filled Christians live and work together in spiritually intimate relationship, the generational divide and every other “fleshly” divide break down. In this seminar our conference teachers, Mike and Jeff, will join a panel discussion with a Generation Z believer and one of his assembly elders. Their goal will be realistically to examine the challenge of generational differences in the assembly and to identify Biblical principles that will transform the spiritual landscape for the glory of God. Topics will include intergenerational differences in attitudes, outlook, and areas of strength and weakness; and the joy and blessings of intergenerational harmony as older and younger in a complimentary way share life and responsibilities in the assembly, the local expression of the Body of Christ.



But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. . . And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry for the edifying of the body of Christ.

Ephesians 4.7, 11-12

Conference Schedule

Friday, August 31st

- 7.00 – 9.00 PM Conference registration begins

Saturday, September 1st

- 8.30 AM Conference registration continues
- 9.00 to 10.30 AM Plenary session #1 at the Good News Centre
Growth in Love: Body Life (Mike Attwood)
- 10.45 to Noon Seminar A

Seminars at the Good News Centre and the Creekside Centre

- 12.15 PM **Lunch at the Community Hall**
- 2.00 – 3.15 PM Seminar B

Seminars at the Good News Centre and the Creekside Centre

- 3.30 – 4.45 PM Seminar C

Seminars at the Good News Centre and the Creekside Centre

- 5.00 PM **Dinner at the Community Hall**
- 7.00 PM Plenary session #2 at the Good News Centre

The Lord's Supper: A "metric" of a healthy assembly (Jeff Johnson)

Growth in Power: Gospel Testimony (Mike Attwood)

Light refreshments served following meeting

Sunday, September 2nd

- 9.00 – 10.30 AM The Lord's Supper at the Good News Centre
- 11.00 AM Plenary session #3 at the Good News Centre

The Church: Its Method (Jeff Johnson)

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 D at the Good News Centre

How God Transcends the Generation Gap in the New Testament Assembly
(Panel discussion)

- 5.30 PM Light supper at the Good News Centre
- 7.00 PM Plenary session #4 at the Good News Centre

Growth in Holiness: Discipline and Devotedness (Mike Attwood)

Q and A session with plenary speakers

Light refreshments served following meeting

Monday, September 3rd

- 9.00 AM Plenary session #5 at the Good News Centre

Building a New Testament Assembly: Its motivation (Jeff Johnson)

Light refreshments served following meeting

Bus transportation planned for those who would like transport from
the Good News Centre to 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 Saturday and Sunday evenings.
- The purpose of the youth hostel is to give young people opportunities for fellowship. We realize that this is a busy weekend, but also that it is important for rest and fellowship.
- 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 and activities, will be offered concurrently with each of the conference sessions on Saturday and on Monday morning. 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 would like for your children 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 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 through 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. 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.



“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. . .”
Colossians 3.16

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

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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 Road, 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 Horse Lake Road 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 Avenue, 100 Mile House)



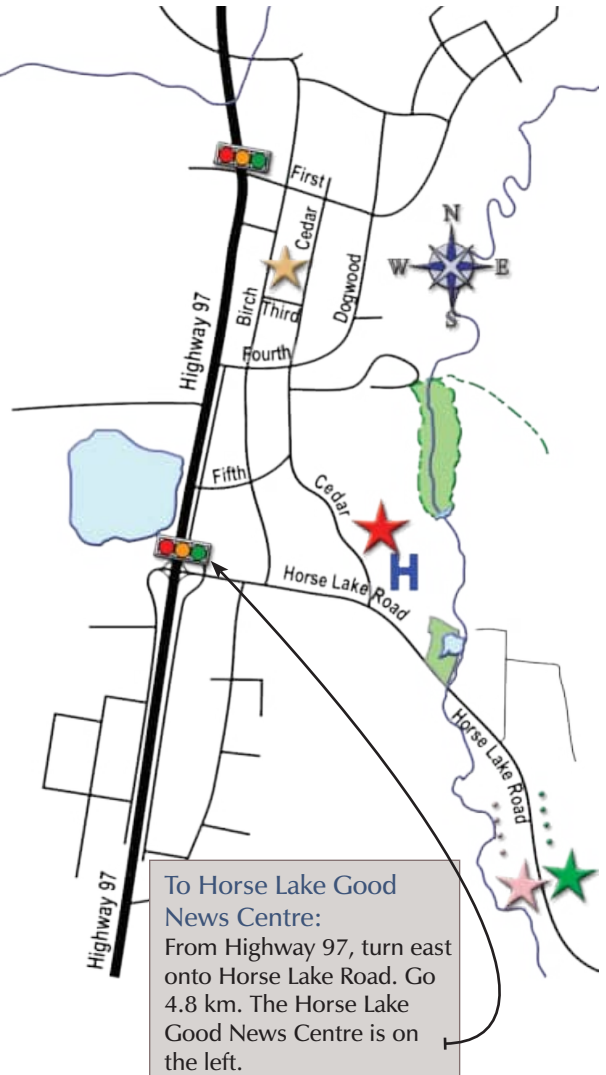
- Meals – lunch and dinner on Saturday and lunch on Sunday
- Conference bookstore

Creekside Seniors Centre

(501 Cedar Avenue, 100 Mile House)



- Some seminar sessions on Saturday



*And is it so, we shall be like Thy Son,
Is this the grace which He for us has won?
Father of glory! Thought beyond all thought,
In likeness to His own blest likeness brought!*

*O Jesus, Lord, who loved us like to Thee?
Fruit of Thy work! With Thee, too, there to see
Thy glory, Lord, while endless ages roll,
Ourselves the prize and travail of Thy soul.*

*Yet it must be! Thy love had not its rest
Were Thy redeemed not with Thee fully blest –
That love that gives not as the world, but shares
All it possesses with its loved co-heirs!*

*Nor we alone; Thy loved ones all, complete,
In glory 'round Thee, there with joy shall meet;
All like Thee, for Thy glory like Thee, Lord!
Object supreme of all, by all adored!*

*The heart is satisfied, can ask no more;
All thought of self is now for ever o'er;
Christ, its unmingled Object, fills the heart
In blest adoring love – its endless part.*

J. N. D.

Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be,
but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him,
for we shall see Him as He is.

1 John 3.2

