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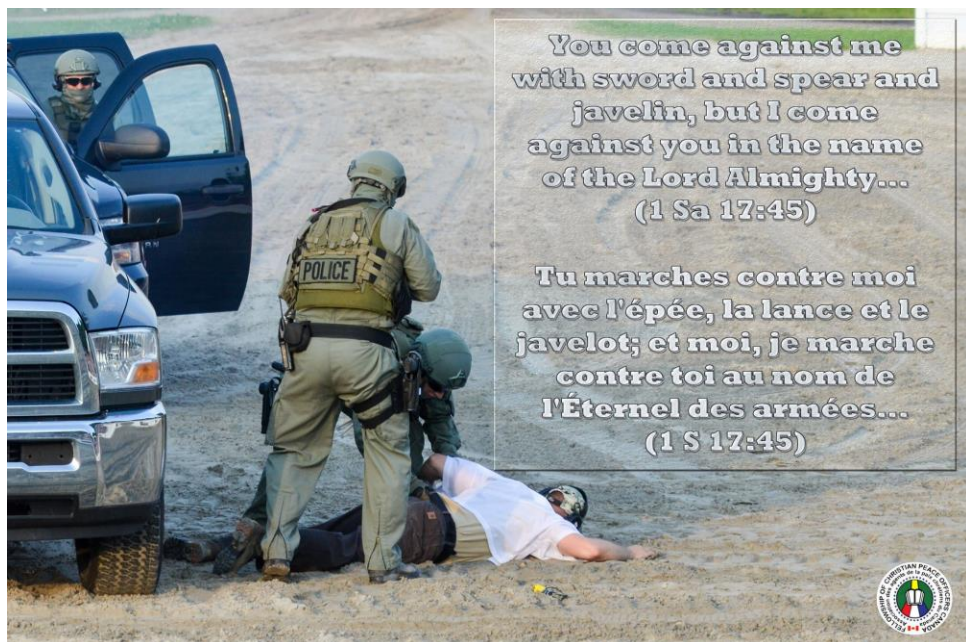
From the President's Desk



As I write this note, our hearts are saddened by the [senseless and tragic murder last week of two Fredericton officers](#). It reminds us all of the inherent danger in law enforcement and how evil persists in this world. We uphold in prayer their families, friends, colleagues and all those who mourn their loss.

We are fresh off our 2018 national conference. Although it was great in St. John's, the attendance was less than what we had hoped for. We knew it would be a challenge to host a conference there, as we do not have any chapters in Newfoundland & Labrador (yet). However, on the "good news" front, before we announced the conference in St. John's we only had 2 members in Newfoundland & Labrador - now we have 11. Praise the Lord for that increase!

At our Annual General Meeting we thanked Marven Massecar and Merv Tippe for their many years of dedicated service on the national board, and we welcomed Lisa Downie to the board.



Please take note of some of the great upcoming events that will be taking place this fall. Our good friend [Jim Bontrager](#) has once again welcomed all Canadian peace officers to his fantastic [Law Enforcement Appreciation Day](#). You know how everyone says you need to go to Disneyland at least once, well, you need to go to Jim's event! Just take a look at the event [here on YouTube](#).

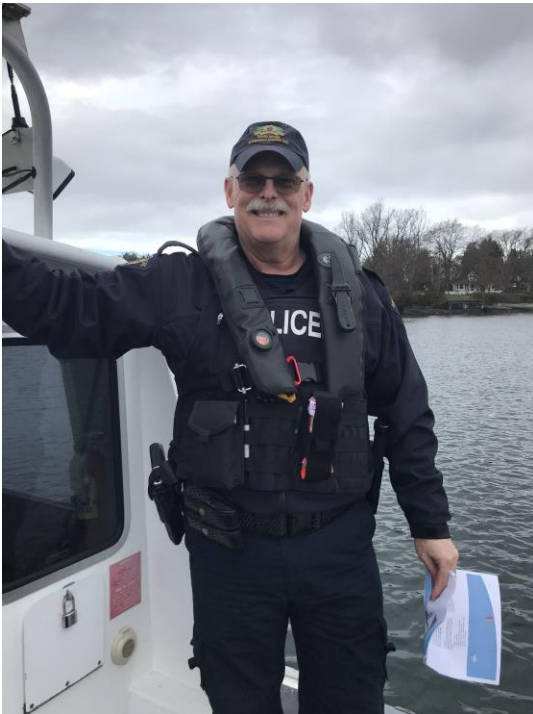
God bless,

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Seeing God in Action

By: Sgt. Peter S. Attrell (Rtd.✱)



R/Cst. Peter Attrell

There is something to be said about a job when you feel you have to check your heart at the door. How many have had a job like that? The problem I have is that when I leave, sometimes I forget to retrieve it as I head back out the door.

I grew up in a Christian home went through school and university with some hiccups. I went to university studying criminology then became a policeman in the early 70's. I have since responded to just about every call the job can throw at me. In those first 10 years, I developed an attitude that was pretty low on that compassion and tenderness scale. At times I felt I had to sink to any depth to block out my emotions, so I didn't appear weak. I used to feel a sense of schizophrenia happening, acting one way going to Church, and another way during the week. I struggled to do my best to honor God and point others towards Christ, versus fitting into the job.

I left my heart at the door because that's what others did. To cope, I slowly drifted away from Church adopting a lifestyle that hardened me. After 10 years I found no peace - just trouble and grief. I worked hard to find my way back. Move forward 30 years and now I see this same struggle in others. My heart recognizes that same struggle in others and when an opportunity presents itself, I share the hope I have and to walk alongside others when I can.

My wife, Heather, and I met on the job on the North Island – we were stationed in neighbouring towns. There were several dramatic events that stand out so clearly in our minds. Nobody saw the danger coming until the red pieces of plastic were noticed laying on the trunk of the police car. Heather had attended a call not thinking for a moment that she would be shot at. We've kept the piece of the lightbar as a reminder that God is in control and He has our backs. Did this event scare us? At the time yes, but now - not at all. We have seen repeated examples of where God has protected and sheltered us and our four boys over the past 31 years.

When a crisis or tough situation occurs, do we provide an opportunity for God to take lead? Remember the story of the Israelites fleeing the Egyptian Army across the desert as they approached the Red Sea – the dead end right? They were mad at Moses because they figured they were soon to be slaughtered and left for dead in the desert. They quickly forgot that God was in control, and their means of escape was soon to open before them by the splitting of the Red Sea. What were they missing there?



Peter's reminder that God is in control!

During Police training, we work hard on developing muscle memory with our use of force options so that in a crisis, we can think and react in a way that mirrors what must be done. We are taught to become aware of verbal and non-verbal threat cues, and train in de-escalation techniques given the totality of the situation. Without exercise and experience fear will take control and you will block out that muscle memory. What happens - we become frozen in place. Could this be like a crisis in your life? If we don't exercise and train, our first sense is

fear just like the Israelites - they focused on the chariots, ignoring what God had placed before them. With fear, we lose perspective and are unable to recognize the proper solution.



Heather & Peter Attrell

Here is what happens when I exercise muscle memory - I remember the **solid foundation**. I pray, which slows me down; I know that God is in control. Remember those promises in scripture and stand on those cornerstones laid before us; then follow. If it sounds easy – it's not - without exercise. If you make it muscle memory, you will sense God's solution.

I recall my pastor's message which he titled "Being with Jesus on a Journey". He spoke about strength and courage. So, I looked that up, and found that in the first five books of the Bible it mentions the phrase "be strong and courageous" repeatedly:

Deuteronomy 31:6 *"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified ... for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you"*

Deuteronomy 31:7 *"...be strong and courageous..."*

Deuteronomy 31:23 *"... Be strong and courageous..."*

Joshua 1:5-6 *"I will never leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged"*

Joshua 1:7 *"Be strong and very courageous."*

Joshua 1:9 *"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."*

Joshua 1:18 *"....be strong and courageous..."*

Joshua 10:25 *"Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Be strong and courageous."*

Why do you think this phrase is mentioned so many times? Because all of us are like sheep and it's hard to remember those lessons learned. I encourage my fellow peace officer colleagues to pray for courage, wisdom and protection for themselves as well as those they serve with. I pray that fellow officers will sense God's presence, peace and direction for their lives. I encourage all those who serve & protect to exercise their muscle memory:

1. Pray at the start and consistently throughout your day;
2. Anchor your life daily on the Word of God;
3. Make yourself accountable to Godly friends who live all around you. Establish those cornerstones today and let your Lord and Savior manage your life.

*After 35 years, Peter retired from the RCMP in 2011, but still serves as a reserve officer at Nanaimo, BC.

The Heavens Declare the Glory of God

By: Dino Doria, Ontario Director



Sgt. Dino Doria (Rtd.)

As a police officer I had the privilege of instructing traffic safety rules to school children in Junior Kindergarten - Grade 3 in 28 schools across the GTA.

I knew I had a limited amount of time to get my safety message out so I needed to grab their attention quickly. I would get their attention with this opening remark: "Are you Thinkers or are you Stinkers? Be a Thinker and not a Stinker!" Of course everybody including the teacher would have a good laugh, it was a great attention grabber.

As soon as I had their attention I would begin the safety lesson so that they would understand the safety rules and keep themselves safe when crossing the road. One of the rhymes I used to get the children to be Thinkers was "Stop - Look and Listen" before you cross the street. I had them singing this little rhyme as we all went through the motions of "Stop - Look - Listen"!

The children of yesterday have grown up and now have families of their own. These safety rules still apply to us today as we journey on in life.

Are we Thinkers or are we Stinkers?

Today like in class I need to grab your attention because time flies and we don't know how much time we have... Stop - See what's around you - you may miss the obvious! Look - Pray that the Lord has us looking but most important pray that He helps you to see the reality of who He is. Listen - when we seek Him - we shall find Him. Take time to listen... Look around - the Heavens declare His Glory for one sole purpose - that we may know that He is God!

A – B – C: "Always **Be** Careful' Think about your "Safety Rules"! *"Look up into the heavens. Who created all the stars? He brings them out like an army, one after another, calling each by its name. Because of his great power and incomparable strength, not a single one is missing. O Jacob, how can you say the LORD does not see your troubles? O Israel, how can you say God ignores your rights? Have you never heard? Have you never understood? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth. He never grows weak or weary. No one can measure the depths of his understanding. He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless."*
Isaiah 40:26-29 (NLT)

God Bless

Dino Doria

A Faithful Servant

This issue is dedicated to the loving memory of Jack Foster (retired Chief, Sterling, ON). Many of you will remember Jack from years gone by. Jack and his wife Ruth faithfully served this ministry for many years. On July 1st, 2018, at the age of 91, Jack went home to be with the Lord. After Jack retired he spent a great deal of time traveling with Ruth in his motorhome throughout Canada and the USA, stopping at many police departments to share the Good News. His son, Bob, wrote the following tribute:

"My Dad, Robert John "Jack" Foster was a musician and performer for most of his life, and he always liked to go out with a big finish. He managed that so well last night as he passed away at 9:30 PM, just as the fireworks displays lit up the skies in and around Belleville, Ontario.

I had planned to stay the night beside him, and, I as I gathered up my things, the belt on a pair of jeans I picked up must have hit the power button on a CD player that was left on the floor. Suddenly the room was filled with the music of Dad singing. The song? "Some Call It Heaven; I Call It Home."

I will post a link to the song below, along with a video I prepared for Dad after his wife, Ruth, passed away. In terms of the lyrics of that song, yesterday was the day he flew to be with her.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=itu2j4YW37A>

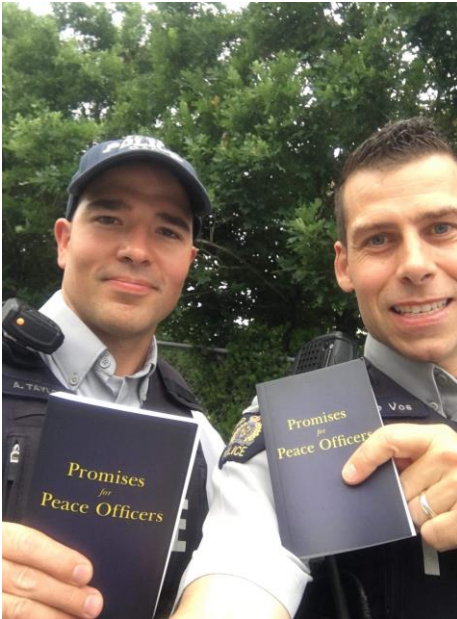
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N4nHq5BNR5k>

For those who may want to know more about Dad, his career and his music, I will also post a link to his website."
<http://jackfoster.ca/>

Till we meet again dear brother.



Have you got Yours?



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As we [previously mentioned](#), we now have a good supply of *Promises for Peace Officers* available in English and French. The book contains scripture verses categorized by topics that officers are faced with daily on the job.

If you, or someone you know, would like a copy, please see your local FCPO Rep., or send us an email at fcpo.aapc@gmail.com. It's free, and we will be pleased to get a copy to you.



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Rifle/Pistol/Skeet/Cannon/Machine Gun Shoot Rock Climbing Wall
RAT Patrol Competition Gourmet Food Knife/Tomahawk/Battle Axe/Spear Throwing
Children's Bounce Houses, Crafts, and Activities Helicopter Rides Door Prizes Archery
Fishing Competition Obstacle Course Fun For The Whole Family

INDIVIDUAL SHOOTING COMPETITION

5 Stages: Rifle, pistol, cannon, machine gun, skeet

1st Place: \$200 CASH

Reigning Champ: Miles Reichard, Warsaw (IN) PD

ULTIMATE WARRIOR COMPETITION

Shooting stages plus knife throwing, tomahawk throwing, battle axe throwing, spear throwing, archery and military obstacle course time trial.

Winner: Floating broad sword trophy

Reigning Champ: Wayne Wilkie, Warsaw (IN) Police Dept.

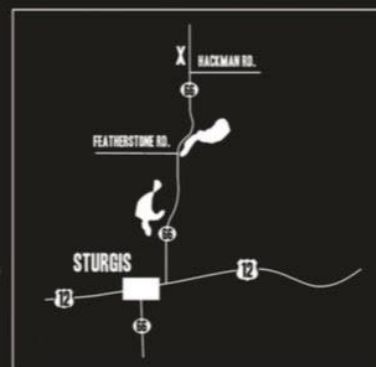
3 MAN SHOOTING COMPETITION

Same stages as individual competition

Winner: 6' floating trophy. Reigning Champs: Wayne Wilkie, Chris Brown, Mikes Reichard - Warsaw (IN) PD



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My Story – so far

By: Cst. John Wright, New Brunswick Representative



Cst. John Wright

I must admit that when Ron asked me to write a piece for the *Peacemaker* I became a little nervous at the thought... What would I write about, I don't have any really amazing stories to share - and then I thought to myself why are you stressing out about this all the guidance you need is available all you have to do is ask for it! I prayed to our heavenly father to place on my heart the words to tell my story.

My name is John Wright I am a Constable with the Saint John Police Force in Saint John New Brunswick, I have been a police officer for the past 10 years I currently work as an Investigator in the Family Protection Unit of the Criminal Investigations Division. More importantly, I am a husband to my awesome wife Dawn, and a father to our two boys Owen 9, and Eli 3. Recently Owen has expressed his desire to publicly proclaim his faith in God through baptism and it has set me to thinking about my own journey to the Lord.

I was born in Fredericton New Brunswick in 1977 to two great parents. My father was a member of the Canadian Armed Forces.

We were a "Christmas and Easter family" when it came to attending church, I was raised to believe in God and the bible and have faith in the Lord but was never really explained why, or shown how, that was supposed to be done.

In 1991 my mother was diagnosed with cancer and in June of 1992 she passed due to the illness. Well... let me tell you the fight was on then, I denounced everything and anything that had to do with the church or God, so much so that I refused to attend religion classes in school (We lived in Newfoundland then and they were a part of the curriculum) there was no way that anyone was going to convince me that any kind of loving God would allow this to happen!

Fast forward to 1997, I was fresh out of high school, working, and life was great. Nothing could possibly make it any better. And then I met pretty little fresh faced 20 year old Dawn, and she was a Christian, not just a Christian, but one who attended church regularly. I had never met and enjoyed the company of such a strange creature before - you have to remember that my entire Christian experience to this point in my life was going to church maybe a couple of times a year, probably all of an hour and a half of actually reading a bible...in 20 years! Oh, and don't forget the "hating religion" for about a 5 year span.

Through Dawn, God was slowly was able to soften my hardened heart. I started to come around little by little. I began attending church a little more on Sundays and Wednesday evenings. Admittedly it started out that It was just a way to spend more time with Dawn, but little by little I started to let my guard down and before I knew it I began to crave and seek a relationship with Jesus and I came to find a certain amount of peace in knowing Him. But as with all great things, I began to feel a restlessness in my soul and I couldn't shake the feeling that there was just so much more to experience in the love of Lord.

At the age of 22, I felt the call of God to be baptized in his name. It is an experience that I can still look back on and feel all the feelings over again as if it has just happened each time that I do! Oh so many times since then I can shamefully say that I have questioned God's plan for my life, and tried in vain to bend His will to fit my wants in life.

In 2003, I was accepted into the Auxiliary Police program of the Saint John Police Force, and the more time I spent in a patrol car, the more I felt that this was where I was meant to be and this was where I was going to have the most impact in the world and do the most good for people. I had found my calling and felt the Lord directing my path that way.

In 2006, I received an acceptance letter to the police academy, and it became very real that this could actually happen. I became very discouraged with the idea of going to the academy due to financial concerns, and like a ton of bricks it hit me, take it to the Lord in prayer, so that's what I did and through a "chance" (wink, wink) meeting at church one Sunday with an employee of service Canada, who handled post-secondary training sponsorship cases, I was accepted in to a sponsorship to attend the police academy. In January 2007, I attended the Atlantic Police Academy in Prince Edward Island. I graduated in August of that year and was blessed by the Lord yet again with almost immediate employment with the Saint John Police Force.

I would love to be able to say that it has been all sunshine and rainbows, but that would be beyond a lie, it is a daily struggle to balance my life, and I rely heavily on the Lord to make it even possible.

I would like to take the opportunity in closing to express my gratitude to the FCPO for helping connect me with other brothers and sisters. God has put this organization in my life at a time when I really needed it and that is just another way that I can see His hand guiding me. I am amazed by His work in my life daily.

I leave you with this: Faith without deeds is dead, and I have discovered that demonstrating your faith through deeds is far more effective than any profession of it! God bless you all and may the Lord continue to work in and enrich your lives!

Update - Prayer Postcards 4 Police



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In our [November 2017](http://prayerpostcards4police.ca/) issue we told you about a new ministry that had been started by Ken & Janice Sadler. This great support ministry is thriving. I invite our readers to learn more about this ministry by visiting their new website at: <http://prayerpostcards4police.ca/>

In Memoriam



Fredericton Police Force Const. Lawrence Robert (Robb) Costello, 45, a 20-year veteran, and Sara Mae Helen Burns, 43, a constable for two years, were killed in the north-side shooting Friday.

(Fredericton Police Force/Twitter)



Canadian Law Enforcement Seminar

Date: Saturday, September 29, 2018

Time: 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Cost: \$50/individual

**Location: Billy Graham Evangelistic
Association of Canada**

20 Hopewell Way NE, Calgary

This ministry addresses the unique emotional & spiritual needs of law enforcement officers and their families. Find seminar details and registration at www.billygraham.ca or call 1-800-293-3717

Letters to the Editor

We welcome your comments and feedback

I really appreciated the newsletter this month. Just read it today and it so was refreshing to be reminded of scriptural truths in a way that connected to my job!

Dale

One little phrase you might want to put in a future issue is worth thinking about. I honestly feel that police officers in the difficult work they have to deal with in this ever changing world embody this phrase. It comes from Hebrews 13 - "Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unaware". I have found this to be true in so many instances of my life where I had to meet new people either through police work or doing concerts. It allowed me just a moment to think about the individual and not make snap judgements.

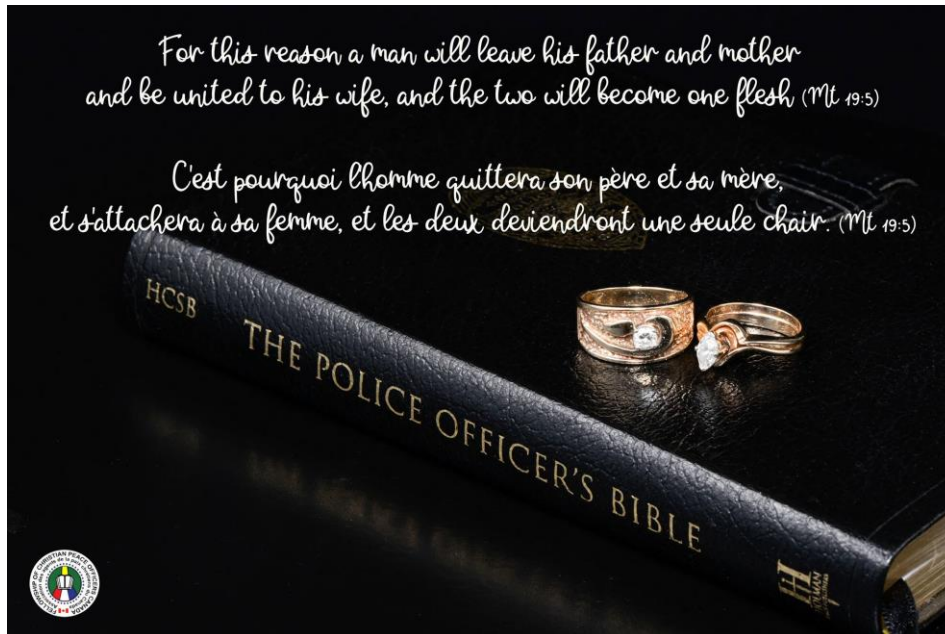
S/Sgt. Garth Hampson, (Rtd.) RCMP

Your messages are most welcome at: fcpo.aapc@gmail.com.

FCPO Marriage Conference October 12 - 13, 2018, Longueuil, Quebec

By: Eric Beauchamp, Quebec Provincial Rep & Longueuil Chapter President

From the beginning of His creation, God initiated marriage knowing that it was not good for man to be alone. The goal was that everyone could complete the other in the middle of a sincere and unconditional attachment. The wedding is not just an event but a commitment! Yet the profession of peace officer has the highest divorce rate in North America.



Which officer has never wanted to go home and be able to put their brain to "off" after a long day at work? Which officer has never dreamed of being understood by their spouse while the whole world judged them? What officer has never been frustrated to be criticized for spending too much time at work and not enough at home? How many times have officers missed important events in their lives (tournaments, shows, birthdays, etc.) because duty called them? What spouse was never disappointed to have meals alone at home because their spouse had to work overtime? What spouse never worried about their marriage when they saw their

husband/wife going to work with another colleague of the opposite sex? Which spouse never felt misunderstood in their requests to their spouse?

For all these reasons, we have planned a conference! This conference will therefore focus on marriages among couples composed of one or more peace officers and the realities that arise for them (fear, anguish, jealousy, loneliness, misunderstanding, etc.).

We will have the honor of receiving [Brent Newman](#) and his wife [Victoria Newman](#), a couple of speakers who have made their mark in this subject. While they were on the verge of a divorce, they became resource persons who traveled across America to encourage and strengthen these unions among law enforcement officers.

Take note that the conference is not only for the purpose of saving marriages but above all, to help couples prosper in the midst of their unconditional commitment! The cost is only \$20.00 / person or \$35 per/couple.

Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost. Romans 15:13

Thank You!

After over a decade of faithful service to FCPO on the national board Marvin Massecar and Merv Tippe have left the board and both have entered into the ministry.



Rev. Marvin Massecar

Marvin served in various capacities including Director for Ontario, Vice President, President, and Executive Director, finally completing his term as Past President.

Marv is now dedicating himself to serving as the pastor of [Golden Harvest Baptist Church](#) in Stevensville, Ontario.



Rev. Merv Tippe

Merv served in various capacities including Secretary, and Director of Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Merv also served as the editor for the Peacemaker for several years. Merv continues to serve the law enforcement community as a volunteer chaplain at Depot (the RCMP Training Academy) in Regina.

Merv is now dedicating himself to serving as the Associate Pastor of Older Adults at [Westhill Park Baptist Church](#) in Regina.

The Road Less Travelled



Rev. Andy Bigras, Quebec Director

At our conference, our Quebec Director, Andy Bigras challenged us to “take the road less travelled”. At our banquet, he told us how in his career with the RCMP the Lord led him down paths that he never would have conceived of in his own thoughts. On Sunday at our church service at [Elim Pentecostal Tabernacle](#), Andy provided the morning message, again speaking on the same theme, only this time speaking of how Paul took a road less travelled after his conversion.

We thank Pastor Jason Martin and the Elim congregation for honouring us at their morning service and providing such a warm welcome.

Click → [Watch Pastor Andy's message](#)
(it follows the morning singing)

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SGT. MAJOR KYLE LAMB, USA (RET.)

A 21 year veteran of the U.S. Army, Kyle Lamb retired as a Sergeant Major with over 18 Years in the Army Special Operations community. He was decorated for valor on the battlefield in Somalia and Iraq and will share his experiences and the leadership lessons learned during the Blackhawk Down incident and the War in Iraq. Kyle trains Law Enforcement Special Teams and Patrol Officers across the United States.



SCOTT AND LIZ BROWN

In his 17th year of service to the Sacramento Co. Sheriff's Dept., Scott has been married 14 of those to his wife Liz. They are the parents of 3 boys. Scott was involved in a high profile incident that included the tragic loss of his partner in 2014. The Browns will share the highs and lows of their journey through grief as a couple, the tangible help provided by others that made a difference and the hope they found along the way.

CHIEF HOUSTON AND JESSICA GASS

In January of 2015, Houston responded to a domestic violence call and suffered a shotgun blast to the face when a subject fired through the door. A titanium jaw, dental and facial reconstruction and numerous losses experienced during that season of their lives, the Gasses will share the lessons learned through it all and how to support others.



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Law Enforcement Appreciation Sunday

By: John D Allen, Nova Scotia Provincial Rep.

Someone once said that *“a police officer is, at the same time, the most blessed and most cursed person alive, for they are in the unenviable position to meet people on the very best and the very worst day, of their lives.”* Regrettably for far too many people, their interaction whether through personal contact or in the media, with the men and women charged with protecting and serving our nation seems only to be on those very worst days.

As Police Week 2018 drew to its close, agencies from across the Halifax Region were invited to join Sheffield Baptist Church on May 20th for a Law Enforcement Appreciation Sunday.

Pastor Matthew Porter and NS Prov. Rep. John D Allen welcomed uniformed and retired officers from the Police, Corrections, Sheriff and Dept of Justice services.

While many of these gatherings can be quite formal, with colour parties, march-ins, reserved seating etc. Sheffield embraced a more relaxed approach fostering unstructured mingling and free seating to encourage one on one interaction between our uniformed guests and the congregation; the real purpose of these events. SBC's younger family members presented each guest with a homemade Thank You card and a Study Bible.

Halifax Regional Police, and Bluenose Chapter member, Cst. Niven Doncaster spoke a word of testimony on his journey from Christian street worker to Police Officer and Pastor Matt brought a message about the great responsibility of being a "Peacemaker". MLA Rafah DiCostanzo brought greetings from Justice Minister Mark Furey; Chief Superintendent of Corrections John Scoville and HRM High Sheriff Chris Collett brought words of thanks from their services and encouraged the assembled to remember officers and their families in

pray as the struggles of their work constantly wear on them.

Following worship, the fellowship continued as everyone gathered in the church hall and enjoyed a great soup and sandwich buffet.

Sheffield Baptist, home church of the Allens, has a lineage dating back to the English Baptist revivals of the 1840s. Through several moves and incarnations SBC continues to be a voice for the Gospel in the Halifax Region.



Sheffield Baptist Church Pastor Rev. Matthew Porter and FCPO NS Prov. Rep. John D Allen collaborate on Law Enforcement Appreciation Sunday

Click → [Listen to Cst. Doncaster's Law Enforcement Appreciation Sunday message](#)



Only One Life, Twill Soon Be Past

Two little lines I heard one day,
Traveling along life's busy way;
Bringing conviction to my heart,
And from my mind would not depart;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.

Only one life, yes only one,
Soon will its fleeting hours be done;
Then, in 'that day' my Lord to meet,
And stand before His Judgement seat;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.

Only one life, the still small voice,
Gently pleads for a better choice
Bidding me selfish aims to leave,
And to God's holy will to cleave;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.

Only one life, a few brief years,
Each with its burdens, hopes, and fears;
Each with its clays I must fulfill.
living for self or in His will;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.

When this bright world would tempt me sore,
When Satan would a victory score;
When self would seek to have its way,
Then help me Lord with joy to say;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.

Give me Father, a purpose deep,
In joy or sorrow Thy word to keep;
Faithful and true what e'er the strife,
Pleasing Thee in my daily life;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,,
Only what's done for Christ will last.

Oh let my love with fervor burn,
And from the world now let me turn;
Living for Thee, and Thee alone,
Bringing Thee pleasure on Thy throne;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.

Only one life, yes only one,
Now let me say, "Thy will be done";
And when at last I'll hear the call,
I know I'll say "twas worth it all";
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.

C.T. Studd

Only What's Done for Christ will Last



We were saddened to learn [Milwaukee PD Officer Michael Michalski](#) had been killed in the line of duty. A couple years ago Mike shared his testimony at a local Milwaukee church. As I reviewed the video, I was reminded of the poem "*Only One Life, Twill Soon Be Past*" by C.T. Studd.

Please take a few minutes to listen to Mike as he has left this as a lasting message for all of us:

The Michael Michalski Story

Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. James 4:14

Conference 2018

Although we only had 19 people attend our conference this year, I'm sure most would agree that it was a success. We met many new friends and were able to promote FCPO in this beautiful province.

We were most grateful that we found a last-minute singer, [Selby Mesher](#), who provide us with a number of songs. We met this gentleman at the home of a FCPO member who on Thursday had invited us over to their beautiful home, a B&B on Trinity Bay, about an hour's drive from St. John's. There, we were blessed to find a "full house" of believers from St. Barnabas Harvest Ministries who invited us to join in a time of worship with them. After the service, we shared a little about our ministry.

On Friday we had our President's Reception and enjoyed a time of Fellowship.

At our banquet on Saturday night, we were joined by Pastor Jason Martin and his wife Cynthia, as well as Selby & Daisy Mesher. Selby sang a number of songs and Andy gave us his message on "the road less travelled".

On Sunday we attended the morning worship service at Elim Pentecostal Tabernacle where we were warmly welcomed and afforded the opportunity to share information about FCPO with their congregation.

Throughout the weekend we met many folks who had never heard about FCPO. They were excited to learn that such a ministry existed. Our numbers have increased in Newfoundland and Labrador – let us now continue to pray that our first chapter there will come through to fruition.

We are grateful to all who made this a successful weekend.



Selby Mesher



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