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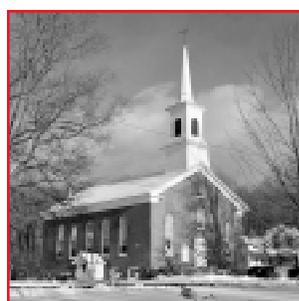
Maybe you’ve asked the question, “Vermont? What state is that in?” With a population of around 600,000 people, Vermont is second only to Wyoming as the *least* populous state in the U.S.A.

But in spite of its small size, the Lord is doing some big things and moving in some exciting ways in the Green Mountain State. Vermont currently has eight churches and ten pastors connected to the CCCC. The most recent addition, the Jericho Congregational Church, was formally received into membership at last July’s Annual Meeting in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

In a bold step Conference Minister Dr. Stephen Gammon, with the approval of the Board of Directors, established a new Area Representative, Rev. Peter Anderson, assigned solely to Vermont. Rev. Anderson is the senior pastor of the Jericho Congregational Church. Prior to this, Area Representative Rev. Thomas Bridgman was responsible for Vermont, in addition to

western Massachusetts and eastern New York state. He will continue to serve as Area Representative for those other regions.

The hope is that in the near future the pastors and churches in Vermont will organize themselves into their own regional fellowship



Jericho Congregational Church, Vermont

and steadily grow, as more Vermont churches explore membership in the CCCC. Toward that end, Vermont is planning its first regional fellowship meeting on Saturday, March 25 in Jericho with our Conference Minister as the guest speaker. For details, please contact the Jericho Congregational Church, (802) 899-4911 and ask to speak with Pastor Anderson, or e-mail him at jccpda@adelphia.net.

A Rising Tide in Southern California

by Rev. A. Barry Jones, Pacific Southwest Area Representative (pro tem),

What is it the “Bard” said? “There are tides in the affairs of men.” Well, in regional fellowships there are also tides—high tides of super activity and then low tides of virtually none. The Pacific Southwest Fellowship, covering southern California, is seeing a rising tide.

The congregation of Montrose Community Church has voted unanimously to reinstate their membership in the Conference, under the capable leadership of Pastor Clement Muwele. We pray earnestly for God’s blessing upon them.

The area ministers’ fellowship has made plans for regular meetings in 2006. Dr. Ray Ortlund and I have been asked to serve as pastor/mentors to the younger men. January 17th was our first meeting, hosted by Rev. Dan Pryor of Plymouth Congregational Church, Whittier.



Montrose Community Church, California

Last November we held a meeting with Rev. Don Ehler, our Annual Family Conference coordinator, who traveled from Wisconsin to preview the site for the 2007 Annual Meeting in Anaheim (adjacent to Disneyland). Don prepared us with an overview of what must be arranged locally for this event.

Please continue to pray for the people of Lake Avenue Congregational Church, Pasadena as they seek God’s guidance as to whom He will call to be their next senior pastor.

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From the Conference Minister

Why are YOU in the CCCC?

Whenever I am asked to present the CCCC to churches or ministers investigating the possibility of becoming part of our CCCC family, I love to focus on Jesus Christ, the one whom we love and serve and whose gospel we declare. I also celebrate our history, the biblical tenets of our faith statement, our congregational polity, and the various streams that have flowed into our CCCC family.



Rev. Dr. Stephen A. Gammon,
CCCC Conference Minister

I love to speak about our shared vision in the CCCC—to honor Jesus Christ together—and how that commitment binds us together in Christian unity. I speak about our common love for Jesus, our shared conviction that the Bible is inspired and wholly true, and thus our commitment to learn and know and live according to God’s Word. I talk about the common practice among our churches of congregational polity under the headship of Jesus Christ, and our shared conviction in the CCCC that different perspectives can exist side by side in the body of Christ with full respect and mutual enrichment.

Recently, after I had presented the CCCC in this way, someone asked me this personal question: “Why are *you* in the CCCC?” This brought to my mind the words of an old hymn that expresses the joy of telling the story of Jesus, “I Love to Tell the Story of Jesus and His Love.” My own answer to why I am in the CCCC is tied to the joy of telling the

story of Jesus!

The CCCC is biblical and Christ-centered, and we tell the story of Jesus in a way that reflects the truth and character of Jesus Christ. Our message has not become watered down by political correctness, nor have we changed the message to suit the times. Ours is the timeless and historic gospel. In the CCCC we are determined to declare in our lives, as well as our words, the love of our Father, the grace of our Lord Jesus, and the fellowship and unity of the Holy Spirit in the way we love and respect one another.

I love the CCCC family! Our goal is not to all be the same, but to be lifting up Jesus together. What we share in common, or more specifically *whom* we share in common in the CCCC, is much greater and more important than our differences. There are other associations of churches and ministers that also enjoy the Lord’s favor—but as for me, I am so glad to be part of *this* Christ-centered family!

Why are YOU in the CCCC?
Ultimately, for me, the reason is Jesus!



Bryan’s Bytes

by Bryan Burrell

More Free Stuff

I am always excited when I find a new software package that is totally free. I enjoy church music and love to have brothers and sisters in Christ share their talents together in worship. That’s why I am so excited about the free music notepad by Finale. Those of you who know about music software are already familiar with the name Finale. The company has one of the best music software packages on the market today. This free notepad allows for the easy creation of songs or for transposing them. You can listen to your creation to make sure you have correctly entered the notes. For more information and your free copy please browse to: <http://www.finalemusic.com/notepad/>

The new CCCC website continues to be built at www.cccusa.com. Within the next few months both the www.cccusa.org site and the www.cccusa.com site will become mirrors of one another. We look forward to completely updating all content and adding new features so keep checking out our progress at www.cccusa.com. I think you will like our new look.

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Carlton's Comments

Rev. Carlton Walker, Northeast Regional Minister

Northeast Churches Assist with Hurricane Relief

We were all shocked as Americans when we viewed the terrible devastation which hurricane Katrina brought to the Gulf Coast states, especially Mississippi and Louisiana. House after house had been leveled. Street after street had buildings flooded beyond repair. As I watched the pictures of grief, I could not imagine what it would be like to lose everything I ever owned.



Immediately, Christians began to reach out to their fellow Americans in the name of Christ. For example, Christ Community Church, where Gay and I are members, decided to contribute the highest total weekly offering received during the month of September. That amount was then sent to World Relief for their Katrina Fund.

Also, the Coila Church of Cambridge, New York, recently sent a team of twelve to help in the massive project to restore the city of New Orleans.

The nine men and three women spent the week demolishing destroyed houses sawing up downed trees distributing food, clothing and water; organizing a distribution center and counseling the homeless. Art Center, one of the men from Coila, explained that buildings had to be gutted down to the framing. If usable, the frames were left for the next several months to dry out. Next, they will be sprayed for mold. Then the owners will need to apply for a permit before these homes can be rebuilt.

One day, as a middle-class woman picked up what she needed from the food distribution table, the people from Coila noticed that she was weeping. Her words made a powerful impact: "I never thought that I would be on this side of the table." In a matter of hours, on the fateful day that Katrina struck, she had become jobless, penniless and homeless.

Those who were helping to gut the houses discovered one day that they were working on a Christian couple's house. To the people from Coila the situation looked hopeless—yet that

couple were praising God and visibly demonstrating His peace. Their comment regarding the situation was, "Somewhere here God has a blessing."

The Grace Fellowship Church of Baton Rouge, Louisiana hosted the Coila group. The congregation provided a place for them to sleep including sheets and blankets, food for their breakfasts and lunches. Then they served supper when they returned in the evening. The relief workers are now leaving, many of the volunteers are burned out, and the people's giving has begun to dwindle. Over and over again, those who had lost everything kept saying, "Don't forget us! Don't forget us!"

The Greater Hudson Valley Congregational Fellowship is now working with the Coila team to schedule a return work trip to New Orleans in the summer. The Coila Church is willing to help any congregation or group of churches arrange such a trip. If you are interested in taking on a similar project, please contact Pastor George Orlemann at 518-677-8101.

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Annual Confessional Conference Set for April 25-27

The Reformed Congregational Fellowship will sponsor its Annual Confessional Conference on Tuesday-Thursday, April 25-27, 2006 at the Wonderland Conference Center in Sharon, Massachusetts. The conference opens with worship at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday.

Topic of this year's conference is "Of Free Will & of Effectual Calling," chapters 9-10 of the Savoy Declaration of Faith. The Declaration is the historic theological standard for American Congregationalism.

Most presenters at the conference will be CCCC pastors. Themes will include:

- How the human person is and is not like God—before and after the fall
- The bondage of the will under sin—a historical perspective
- Preaching to the unconverted: what do they know and how should we address that knowledge?
- What of the death and salvation of infants?
- Avoiding lawlessness and legalism in the Christian walk.



Wonderland Conference Center

The Wonderland Center, a Salvation Army facility, offers motel-like rooms and easy access by public transportation. Cost for the conference is \$105 double occupancy (\$135 single). Meals are included from Tuesday supper through Thursday luncheon.

Conference organizer is Rev. David Green of Cornerstone Church, Beverly, Massachusetts. Rev. Green urges pastors and church officers to consider using part of their annual study leave "for this wonderful time of iron sharpening iron and deep fellowship." He adds that "wives are cordially invited."

For more information visit www.transformingvisionministries.net and click the link to "Reformed Congregational Fellowship." You can also email Rev. Green at davidg@cornerstonebeverly.org or contact him at 14 McKinley Avenue, Beverly, MA 01915-3430 (508-596-6862)

Why Mission to India?

by Rev. Thomas A. Curry, Community Church of Round Lake, Illinois and member of the CCCC Missions Committee

India. Why India? Some people have asked me that question. Why not Brazil? There are lost people in Brazil. Why not Jamaica? Why not Canada? There are lost people in Canada. Why not Switzerland?

I have answered that question by reflecting on Romans 15:20, "And thus I aspired to preach the gospel, not where Christ was already named, that I might not build upon another man's foundation."

Most mission support goes to regions of the world where Christ has been named for many years. For example, Brazil is 91% Christian; Jamaica 84% Christian; Canada 75% and Switzerland 86% (Operation World figures for 2001). Most mission agencies consider a people group unreached if it is less than 2% Christian. We use palm trees and poverty more as a guide for foreign missions support than we use honest reflection on the Scriptures and statistical data. I question if the Apostle Paul would be that impressed.

So why not reevaluate our definition of *mission*? Why not rethink where we invest our time and resources in light of the Great Commission of the Old Testament and Great Commission of the New Testament—and the above verse from Romans which gives us great insight into the heart

and mind of the first-century church. Paul could have devoted his time to those areas where Christ had already been named. He chose not to. He chose people groups that were truly unreached, in unreached parts of the world.



CCCC Pastor Thomas Curry of Round Lake, Illinois teaches at a pastors' training conference in India, summer 2005.

Such is the Bihl tribe in the mountains of Rajasthan state, India. This huge tribe of more than five hundred villages had never, ever been visited by missionaries until just twenty years ago. Then, an Indian couple from the state of Kerala ventured up into the Aravalli mountain range of Rajasthan. The entire state of Rajasthan is less than 1% Christian, including Catholics. Having only a spoken language, they were kept in fear by Hindu terrorists for hundreds of years. At first the Indian missionary couple were brutally beaten by village leaders. They persevered by God's amazing grace, and now have a cluster of forty churches.

Steve Gettinger (UCC pastor in Anderson, Indiana) and I spent four precious days with these first-generation Christians twenty pastors. This workshop was one of seven held in unreached parts of India last July and August, 2005 under the sponsorship of the Midwestern mission organization Friends of Hope. My book *God's Heart for the Nations* was the text for the workshops.

For more information, check out www.friendsofhome.org.

58th Annual CCCC Family Conference July 17-20, 2006

St. Cloud, Minnesota
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and Convention Center

*Commemorating the 200th Anniversary
of the Haystack Prayer Meeting*

Conference Theme

"We have not stopped praying for
you..." - Colossians 1:9

Morning Bible Teacher

Dr. George K. Brushaber
President, Bethel University

Conference registration materials
available soon. For more information
contact the Conference office.

Book Review

Thinking About Baptism by David Clark Brand (DCB Communications, 2005).
Reviewed by David A. Williams, Fort Worth, Texas, past member of CCCC
Board of Directors



For centuries Protestants have debated whether only believers who can give an account of conversion should be baptized, or whether infant children of covenanted believers may also be baptized. The debate has been the subject of numerous books, articles and scholarly papers.

Thankfully that is not the subject of this title by David Brand, CCCC minister and educator residing in northern Ohio. The author looks at the modes of baptism, using as his resources the original Hebrew and Greek Scriptures along with lexicons, secular writings from antiquity and other studies from the different sides of the baptism question.

Written for the layman and scholar, cleric and unordained, Brand's dispassionate and even-handed study will be a welcome addition to the scholarship on the modes of baptism. The book can be obtained for \$12.00 plus \$1.50 postage and handling either from www.dcbcom.org or DCB Communications, P.O. Box 1388, Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050.

Try Thinking

by Laurence M. Wood, Pastor, Emmanuel Bethel Church, Royal Oak, Michigan and CCCC Area Representative for Michigan.

What do you think about? When you are lying awake at night or daydreaming at a stoplight, where does your mind go? I realize this is a very personal question. I like the clarity of the King James translation of Proverbs 23:7, “For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.” What we think about has enormous impact on our lives, our words and our actions.

The Psalmist says, “I have laid up thy word in my heart, that I might not sin against thee” (Psalm 119:11). How often do you think of God, His acts and His Word? Do you remember His kindnesses to you, how often He has answered your prayers, the miracles He has provided? What about His plans, purposes and methods for you—how often do you meditate on these?

Often we do not feel close to God because we don’t spend the time or energy to draw near to Him except in times of stress or danger. We don’t contemplate His character except on Sunday morning. The result is that we don’t know Him very well. Hence our lives are filled with sin, failure and frustration. The world and Satan are adept at filling our minds with garbage. Radio, television, magazines, books, the Internet and other mass communication tools flood us with negativity, failure, perversion and hopelessness. The world knows how to tear down, but only Jesus Christ builds up.

As we live in the midst of this flood of filth and failure it is so easy to simply get caught up in it, to let it be the primary source of our “feeding.” Turning to any alternative requires effort. Satan bombards you with overwhelming torrents of temptation and failure. The good news is that God makes a way to resist and refocus. He opens an alternative to being held captive by the



Rev. Larry Wood
(Photo by Gene Meadows)

foolishness of the moment.

An old Sunday school song begins, “Be careful, little eyes, what you see.” It is absolutely true. You have the ability to control what material you intentionally read and see, to choose it or reject it. Let this material be God-honoring. Obviously the Bible is first, but let your other choices be from authors who share your commitment to honoring God. I am not suggesting that you bury your head in Christian sand—though for some it would be therapeutic—only that your primary food be righteous. We are called to be in the world even as we live contrary to its essence (see John 17:15-17).

God calls us to meditate upon, ponder, and contemplate truth. The goal is to “let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God” (Colossians 3:16 RSV). The more you think about the things of God, the better will be your understanding of truth.

Talk to God about your thoughts. In other words, *pray!* Converse with Him about your knowledge, your hopes, your fears and failures. Rehearse before Him all the things that occupy your time. And *listen*. God most frequently speaks softly. If we are not intentional about being quiet before Him, we can miss great treasure.

Finally, share with His body. Live your life in the presence of God’s people. Speak, listen, work, play, relax, sing, minister, pray and worship in the midst of those who seek the same righteousness you do. Together, ask our Father what He wants you to know.

Reprinted from The Messenger of Emmanuel Bethel Church, November 2005.

Harry Potter Books Offer Non-Biblical View

by Gary Wiesing, Lake Wales, Florida.

The recent publicity surrounding the release of the latest Harry Potter book by J. K. Rowling was disturbing. The buildup to the midnight release brought thousands to bookstores all over the U.S. and elsewhere, eager to purchase the sixth title in the series. People and their children dressed up as witches and sorcerers as if it was Halloween. Bookstores offered parties complete with entertainment and prizes. Libraries even joined the hype.

What is it about *Harry Potter*? Parents are thrilled their children are reading, but it frightens me to think about what they are reading. The school Harry Potter attends is the Hogwart’s School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, which alone should raise a red flag. These books are about witchcraft and the occult.

It’s clear what the Lord thinks about these things. In Leviticus 20:6 God tells Moses, “I will set my face against the person who turns to mediums and spiritists to prostitute himself by following them and I will cut him off from his people.” In Deuteronomy 18:10-13 it says, “Let no one be found among you who sacrifices his son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead. Anyone who does these things is detestable to the Lord, and because of these detestable practices the Lord your God will drive out those nations before you. You must be blameless before the Lord your God.”

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Williston Walker, Church Historian

by Richard C. Leonard, Ph.D., Co-Editor of *THE FORESEE*

In this issue we begin a series of articles on eminent figures in our Congregational Christian heritage — people like John Owen, Jonathan Edwards, Barton Stone, Harriet Beecher Stowe, D. L. Moody, Eric Liddell and many more. In future issues Milton Reimer, Ph.D., our Conference Historian, will contribute to the series. In this issue we're discussing a name many readers may not recognize. But we're sure that, when you read about Williston Walker, you'll agree that he's a good choice with which to begin the series.



Williston Walker, son of a prominent Congregational minister, was born in Portland, Maine, in 1860. Educated at Amherst College, he earned his Ph.D. at the University of Leipzig in 1888 and embarked on a career in New England academia. From 1901 until his death in 1922, Walker was Professor of Ecclesiastical History at Yale, serving for the last three years as Provost of the University.

Walker, while not a minister, was an active Congregational churchman. At Yale he served as clerk of the former University Church, and was a prominent member of the commission that framed the constitution of the National Council of the Congregational Churches, adopted in 1913. Nevertheless, he was ecumenical in his outlook and a promoter of unity within the Protestant community.

An early biographer (1926) wrote of Walker, “He embodied in his life the best traits of the strong New England stock from which he sprang and in his service to religion and scholarship exhaled the influence of a character particularly fine-grained and generous. He had an ingratiating charm, was quiet, modest and companionable, and never let his many tasks overwhelm him.”

The magnitude of Walker’s tasks may be seen not only in the many academic and church responsibilities he accepted but also in his scholarly output. *The Creeds and Platforms of Congregationalism*, appearing in 1893, remains the standard source for the development of Congregational theology, polity and worship. *A History of the Congregational Churches in the United States* was published the following year, and *Ten New England Leaders* in 1901. Walker’s study of *John Calvin* (1906) is noted for its realistic view of the Reformer, acknowledging his flaws as well as his strengths. Walker’s best-known work is his *History of the Christian Church* (1918) which continues as a standard work on the subject, having been revised several times by other historians, most recently in 1985.

Walker has been criticized for a dispassionate, rather than involved, approach to Christian history, unlike other major historians such as Philip Schaff who wrote from a confessional standpoint. Walker’s “objectivity,” perhaps the outgrowth of his German training, nevertheless has allowed his work to endure through changing academic fads in historical research. Several of his major books are still in print. Williston Walker’s personal character, scholarly energy and commitment to historic Trinitarian Congregationalism remain models well worth emulating.

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As Christians we need to understand this. Are we to allow our children to be influenced by J. K. Rowling’s books? Children love role-playing and can see themselves in the books they read and the movies they watch. Wouldn’t we rather have our children read good books and watch wholesome movies? Sin is anything displeasing to God. Would God approve of children reading books about sorcery and witchcraft? Galatians 5:19-20 tells us that these are acts of the sinful nature, not pleasing to God. Is reading about them a sin? In any case there are better alternatives.

When I was young I had heroes, people I tried to emulate. Gene Autry was one. His movies always had moral endings and the good guys always won. The Hardy Boys and Nancy Drew were clean and wholesome entertainment. The last few years brought us the *Left Behind* series, including a series for young people. It might not be biblically accurate, but it is certainly better than *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*. There are many good books from which to choose.

Our children are already exposed to many negative influences, including sex and violence. We don’t need to add sorcery to these. An old computer world saying sums it up: “Garbage in, garbage out.” Pray for our youth today; they need all the help they can get.

Reprinted from Reaching Out, newsletter of First Congregational Church, Berkshire, New York, November 2005. Mr. Wiesing is a former member of the church.

Promotions to Glory

Rev. Luther M. Meekins

Luther M. Meekins of Boonville, New York was called home to glory on June 8, 2005. He was born in 1923, joined the CCCC in 1972 and served his Lord faithfully as a CCCC pastor. He was a retired educator and a current active minister in the Boonville area. Rev. Meekins is survived by his wife, Shirley.

Mr. Cecil A. Potter

Cecil A. Potter has been called home to glory. He was born in 1912 and joined the CCCC in 1978. He served as Minister of Evangelism at Lake Avenue Congregational Church until his retirement in 1982.

Dr. Reidar Magnussen



Reidar Magnussen was born in Chicago in 1927. He earned the B.A. from Biola College, and the masters and doctorate from Glendale School of Theology. Dr. Magnussen pastored several churches in Oregon, California and Hawaii and was CCCC Pacific Southwest Area Representative for ten years. In retirement he served Congregational churches in Santa Barbara and Whittier, California. For the past 15 years he had been an active member at the Carlsbad Community Church, California. Dr. Magnussen

passed into the Lord's presence on January 9, 2006 at age 78. His wife of 53 years, Connie, survives along with children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A memorial service took place at Carlsbad Community Church on January 13.

Changes and Opportunities

Pastoral Changes:

Sardis OH St Paul's Church Trail Run*, called Al Bingenheimer
Westford MA Westford Bible Church (Ind) called Bruce L. White*

Pastoral Openings:

Biola CA Biola Congregational Church*
Ripon CA First Congregational Church*
Longmont CO Christ Congregational Church*
Garner IA Zion Evangelical & Reformed Church*
Grinnell IA Newburg-Chester Congregational*
Parkersburg IA First Congregational*
Revere MA First Congregational Church* (Associate Pastor)
Eureka MI Eureka Christian Church*
Flint MI Cross Church*
Muskegon MI Orchard View Congregational*
Avon MN Avon Community Church*
Holdingford MN Community Country Church*
Scottsbluff NE Emmanuel Congregational Church*
Rye NH Rye Congregational Church (Ind) (Associate Pastor)
South Berne NY South Berne Congregational Christian Church* (Part time with housing)
Fredonia PA Christ Community Church*

* = Conference member

+ = In process

CCCC People to Pray For

LET'S PRAY AS A FAMILY FOR....

- Prayerfulness in all of our ministers and churches
- Evangelistic passion to be ignited in all of us
- Direction for churches seeking pastors and pastors seeking churches
- Provision and God's leading for CCCC students in Conference Care
- Wisdom, energy, and vision for Conference leaders (Conference Minister, Northeast Regional Minister, all Area Representatives, Conference officers, Conference Board, Conference committees, CCCC office staff)

Health Tips

Low Vision Tips

Avoid glare and shadows by having a lamp close to your work area and to the side, rather than directly in front; position your chair so you do not look directly at light coming in from outside; use matte paper for reading or writing. Use address stickers to complete forms. Select a larger font on your computer. Adjust the contrast on the TV. Daily, place a rubber band on medication bottles for the number of times you should take the medication and then remove one each time you take it.

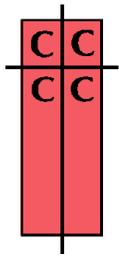
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Trans Fat

Trans fatty acids (trans fat) is a specific type of fat formed when liquid oils are made into solid fats like shortening and hard margarine to help food have a longer shelf life and taste better. Trans fat raises low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol that increases your risk of coronary heart disease. Trans fat is in shortenings, hard margarines, crackers, cookies, snack foods, fried foods and baked goods. The Nutrition Facts panel of all packaged food now list trans fat content in addition to saturated fat. Select foods with the lowest totals.

Source: americanheart.com

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A Stirring Testament To God's Sustaining Grace

"It has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for him" Philippians 1:29



Imprisoned For Christ

by Christo Kulichev and
Michael P. Halcomb

Summary:

An evangelical pastor, Rev. Christo Kulichev became a marked man by the Communist party in Bulgaria for his outspoken faith and preaching. He was arrested, tried, and imprisoned for his disobedience to the

Communist regime. This is his story of faith in a time of great personal persecution. List Price: \$10.00 plus shipping and handling.

The Conference Minister comments:

"The availability of this book highlights our Bulgaria ministry opportunities. Rev. Kulichev and the Union of Evangelical Congregational Churches of Bulgaria are connected with the CCCC through the World Evangelical Congregational Fellowship (WECF). Several of our churches have experienced great blessing through sister-church relationships with congregations in Bulgaria, and there are opportunities for other congregations to make such connections. In addition, we have information about a 2006 summer educational trip to Bulgaria and Greece on "The Footsteps of Paul and Regions Beyond." Please contact the CCCC office for additional information."

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