

## Around the Conference

### The High Plains Teen Survivor Challenge

by Carl Rogers, Area Rep for the Rocky Mountain Regional Fellowship of the CCCC

High Plains  
Teen  
Survivor Challenge

On July 10–12 the first Annual High Plains Teen Survivor Challenge was held in Burlington, Colorado. The genesis of this event came about when the Lord put a burden on the heart of Angela Ruhs, a member of Hope Congregational Church, for reaching teens in the High Plains region

*For the eyes of the LORD move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His. (2 Chronicles 16:9)*

for Christ. Planning began in the fall of 2009. Teens were invited from Eastern Colorado and Western Kansas. It was a three-day event centered around Survivor-type games.

There are some things that only God can do. One of them is the drawing of people to Himself. God came and strongly supported this work that He began in the hearts of members of Hope Congregational Church.

The first night featured a giant obstacle course. Obstacles made up of things like hay bales, tractor tires and a tractor pull sled had to be negotiated with a heavy pack on the back. This illustrated what a burden of sin is like. The final obstacle was an impossible task, which was to pull the sled through “heaven’s gate.” Only when someone removed the “load of sin” could the person enter heaven.



*Mikeschair*

After the game we fed all the kids and then broke up into smaller groups for classroom time where local pastors taught a Bible Study reinforcing the message illustrated by the game. Bob Strauch, CCCC pastor in Arriba and Flagler, Colorado joined Baptist, Lutheran, Assembly of God and Evangelical Free Church pastors for the classrooms. A speaker from Denver then closed out the evening.

The second night a giant maze was constructed out of hay bales. The teens were blindfolded and then sent into the maze. After awhile a volunteer took their hand and led them through. This illustrated the need for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead us through a fruitful life as believers. Jeff Doll, a CCCC Pastor from Michigan was the speaker that night.

The third night included a treasure hunt where clues were given in the form of Bible verses that had to be deciphered in order to advance to the next clue. This demonstrated the need for believers to read and follow God’s Word and fellowship with other believers as a team.

The highlight of the third night was a concert performed by Mikeschair, a group from Nashville, Tennessee, who had songs nominated for the GMA Awards last year. The concert was free of charge to the teens who came to the three-day event. Altogether volunteers from many local churches in Colorado and Kansas came alongside to help. Pastors from several denominations joined in, and support was given by many local churches. It was a ministry event that brought believers of all stripes to work together to produce Kingdom Fruit. About 20 teens indicated through comment cards that they chose to believe in Christ, and several more indicated a deep sense of stirring. We passed their names on to their local pastors to follow up on these.

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## When You Don't Know What to Do — Pray!

by Rev. Dr. Stephen Gammon, Conference Minister



Do you love and look for opportunities to show somebody and tell somebody about the good news of Jesus Christ? I have prayed and am praying that you and your family and your congregation will enjoy a very blessed Advent and Christmas Season, and that you will have many opportunities to share this excellent news with others!

How sweet to celebrate again this season the wonderful news that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was born to show God's infinite love and to make the ultimate sacrifice to save us from our sins! With

such a glorious message, shouldn't telling others and making disciples of Jesus Christ be the goal of our lives and the purpose of our churches?

Have you had the opportunity yet to see and hear the stories told on our new CCCC DVD called "*Church Redevelopment — Rediscovering His Purpose*"? A copy of this DVD was recently mailed to our CCCC churches. Copies can also be requested by contacting our CCCC office, or you may see these video clips on the resources section of our website. In the section that I recorded I focused on how these ministries are specific answers to prayer.

Back in 2003 when I was preparing to assume the duties of CCCC Conference Minister, my predecessor, Clifford Christensen, did his best to bring me up to date on the state of the Conference. He answered my questions and described as best he could the state of our ministers and churches. I was disheartened to hear that so many churches were in decline, showing little passion or vision for making new disciples.

I didn't know what to do, so I did what I've often done, and what we are so privileged to do through Jesus Christ — I prayed! That's when God spoke a timeless message to my heart. He said for me and every member and congregation in the CCCC, "*If you will pray, I will make a way.*" That's what we began to do, are still doing, and will need to do until He comes again! We have prayed that God would lead us, that He would grant wisdom; that He would pour out His Spirit and raise up resources and laborers and vision for being the churches He is calling us to be, so we might make disciples for Him!

God is answering these prayers in many ways through the CCCC, including in our Ministries of Church Redevelopment. This is a strategic part of "*Sharing His Vision*," our comprehensive campaign that is resourcing the work God has given the CCCC to do. It's quite exciting to see the fruit of people who are praying, who are visioning about making disciples, and who are bearing fruit that will last. All of this glorifies our Lord!

Again I thank God for all of you, praying that you will enjoy a very blessed Advent and Christmas Season! I encourage you to be praying with me for divine appointments

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# Well Done, Well Done

by Rev. Terry H. Shanahan, Northeast Regional Minister

*Well done, good and faithful servant. (Matthew 25:23)*

A recent survey identified four key factors of vitality in churches experiencing growth: 1. small groups and Bible studies, 2. an active lay leadership, 3. a mix of traditional and contemporary worship services, 4. inspirational pastors who served lengthy tenures at churches.

The CCCC continues to be blessed with long term inspirational pastors. The longevity of a pastor in our Conference easily outstrips the national average. We have a number of pastors who have served their churches for more than 20 years. This year alone I have been to three celebrations for pastors serving forty years in the same church. I am entering the fortieth year of my marriage to Karlotta, so I have a sense of what 40 years is like. Forty years of ministry to one church is very much like a marriage. You start out so excited that the Lord has made a special place for you, and called you to a special ministry. Then you go through the adjustment period, where you all find out how you work together. After this comes a time of getting your bearings and deciding where you think your going. Along the way there are bad days and good days; there are joyful moments and times of sadness.

In April I traveled to Berkshire, New York, where the First Congregational Church of Berkshire honored Rev. Jim Willard on his retirement from 40+ years of service there. We celebrated with them for the entire weekend, ending with a closing ceremony on Sunday evening in which the shepherd's staff was passed to the Intentional Interim, Rev. Chuck Horvath, who will be leading them until the next settled pastor is called.

In September I attended two forty-year celebrations. Ted and Janet Boren arrived at the North Congregational Church in North New Salem, Massachusetts in September of 1970. Ted, known for his orthodox doctrinal teaching, states, "I believe that the Bible is the Word of God and that the original manuscripts are infallible and inerrant, and we have a sure

foundation upon which to build our lives." Over the years Ted and Janet brought a Christian elementary school to the area and were able to grow the church through sound teaching and their tremendous musical gifting. Asked how they had stayed so long, Ted states, "I never thought of leaving." Both Ted and Janet emphasized, "It takes a special church family to enable a pastoral family to experience that kind of longevity."



George and Karen Orlemann began ministering at the Coila Church in Cambridge, New York on September 25, 1970. On September 26 of this year, the church gave them a gala celebration that was a complete surprise to them. Family and friends from all over the country arrived to celebrate the day. A mock bulletin was distributed to everyone arriving for regular Sunday service, and as the service began, it was announced that several special guests had arrived. All those who came from afar, who had been hiding out back, were introduced and the real bulletin for that day was distributed. The big miracle was that neither George nor Karen collapsed from the surprise. Rev. Dan Curtis, who had given the sermon at George's ordination, had traveled from Maine to give the day's message of hope in Jesus Christ.

The congregations in North New Salem, Massachusetts and Cambridge, New York continue to be blessed by Ted and Janet Boren and George and Karen Orlemann. I was pleased to be a part of all of these celebrations and to bring congratulations from our Conference. All of you faithful servants who have been walking with God, taking the next step, keep it up. One day you will hear God say, "Well done, good and faithful servant, well done."

## The Final Exam

by Buddy VanderHolt, deacon, First Congregational Church, Parkersburg, Iowa

Last week I ran across an article written by Rick Warren. It really made me think, and I was convicted with these words.

"One day you will stand before God, and he will do an audit of your life, a final exam, before you enter eternity. The Bible says, 'Remember, each of us will stand personally before the judgment seat of God...' Yes, each of us will have to give a personal account to God. Fortunately, God wants us to pass this test, so He has given us the question in advance. From the Bible we can surmise that God will ask us two crucial questions:

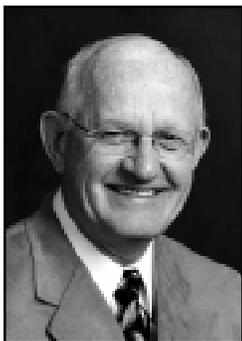
"First, 'What did you do with my Son, Jesus Christ?' God

won't ask about your religious background or doctrinal views. The only thing that will matter is, did you accept what Jesus did for you and did you learn to love and trust him? Jesus said, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'

"Second, 'What did you do with what I gave you?' What did you do with your life — all the gifts, talents, opportunities, energy, relationships and resources God gave you? Did you spend them on yourself, or did you use them for the purposes God made you for?"

## Incarnational ministry... An important part of the DNA of a healthy church plant

by Dr. Ron Hamilton, CCCC Director of Church Multiplication



There are many Bible verses that take on a special meaning as we enter the season of Advent and Christmas. One of these is found in the Gospel of John.

*The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)*

God loved the world so much that he sent his one and only Son (John 3:16). He took on our human form and lived for over thirty years much like we live every day. He made God known to us in the context of everyday life. The message of salvation is based on the miracle of the incarnation of Jesus.

Newly planted churches are founded on the principle of incarnational ministry. The founding pastor and core leaders of the church are committed to meeting people in the context of daily life. It has been said that church planting is about taking the church to the people rather than getting people to come to church.

Seven Mile Church in Philadelphia (Pastor Ajay Thomas) holds a discussion group called “Doubt Night” at a local Starbucks Coffee shop. Living Pathway Church in Hudson, Wisconsin (Pastor Matt Milligan) leads a weekly Bible study with teens at a local bagel shop. Brookwood Community Church in Shakopee, Minnesota (Pastor Rob O’Neal) provides breakfast and goodie bags for the teachers at the school where the church meets on Sundays. Sovereign Grace Church in Los Angeles (Pastor Alex Choi) has formed a non-profit group, Renew LA, to meet the needs of the urban poor. The Meetinghouse Church in Salem, Massachusetts (Pastor Matt Kaminski) cleans up for the city after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.

Each of these ministries is based on the principle of incarnational ministry. These pastors and leaders are committed to meeting people where they are and bringing the Gospel to them outside of a church service. Just like Jesus, these new churches help the Word become flesh. People then respond to God’s love and grace shown in the lives of people who love the Lord Jesus Christ and live for His glory.

## Life-Changing Churches Fund

by Dr. John Kimball, CCCC Director of Conference Care and Church Redevelopment

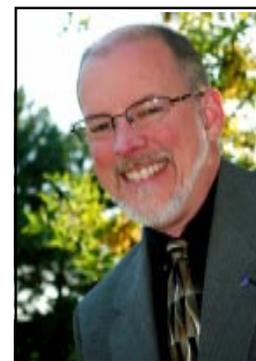
One of the first questions a church or pastor asks when considering the *LifeFlow* Church Redevelopment process is, “How much does it cost?” It’s actually not possible to give an accurate answer to this question up front because the needs of each individual church dictate a lot of the answer. However, a typical congregation can expect to spend about \$2000 for the training, materials, assessments and site visits, keeping in mind that this money does not go to the CCCC General Fund, but only covers the actual costs of hosting the *LifeFlow* training venues, associated travel and necessary tools used in each church. It’s actually a small financial investment for the potential benefits a congregation can realize.

What happens when a CCCC member congregation desires to experience *LifeFlow*, but due to circumstances beyond their control is unable to pay all (or even part) of the costs? This is where the CCCC’s new Life-Changing Churches Fund can help. The *Sharing His Vision* Comprehensive Campaign has established this fund to assist with the planting of healthy, reproducing churches in our Conference. This fund is also designed to support the CCCC’s overall work of redevelopment within a church, with a special focus on

assisting smaller churches that cannot afford the *LifeFlow* process or resources. The plan is that 20 percent of the giving to the campaign will be placed in this fund for these purposes.

We have some churches that need that kind of help now. But because the Life-Changing Churches Fund is so new, it does not yet have the needed balance to assist these precious congregations. If you or your congregation would like to make an investment in Church Multiplication and Redevelopment that will produce fruit into eternity, would you consider making a special gift to this fund? Any donations will be considered as part of our *Sharing His Vision* comprehensive campaign and will be an incredible blessing to your sister CCCC congregations.

If you’d like more information about Church Redevelopment, the *LifeFlow* process, or about the *Sharing His Vision* Comprehensive Campaign, please contact our office at (651) 739-1474.



(Another in a series on Eminent Congregational Christians by Alwyn York, historian for the CCCC.)

## Edmund K. Alden

by Alwyn York, Conference Historian

Paul charged Timothy to *Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season* (2 Timothy 4:2). Faithfulness to Jesus Christ will sometimes require holding onto the truths of the gospel, even when they become unfashionable. We have been focusing upon outstanding individuals associated with the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions this year in honor of the Board's bicentennial. Our final subject in this series will be a leader of the A.B.C.F.M. who carried on a losing struggle to preserve the Biblically orthodox and vigorously evangelistic character of the Board when the theological current of the times was running strongly against him.

Dr. Edmund K. Alden served as Home Secretary of the A.B.C.F.M. for seventeen years. He was born April 11, 1825 in Randolph, Massachusetts, and was an eighth generation descendant of the Pilgrim John Alden. He was a graduate of Amherst College and Andover Seminary. He served pastorates in Yarmouth, Maine and Lenox, Massachusetts before becoming pastor of Phillips Church in South Boston in 1859. (This was a church which would eventually have great significance to the CCCC). He served as pastor of Phillips Church until 1876, when he was elected Corresponding Secretary of the American Board.

During all three of his pastorates, he was known as a strong proponent of missions. It was with reluctance that he turned from the pastorate to become an executive of a mission board, and accepted the position only because he believed that "he could yet in this service bring the message of divine love and pardon to a greater number than by remaining where he was." (*Missionary Herald*, June 1896, p. 229)

He served very capably as Home Secretary, being admired both for his gifts in public speaking and his capacity for administration. He served on a deputation to the Turkish Mission in 1883, and wrote a highly regarded self-study of the Board in 1892. But he was not destined to be remembered only as a very devoted and capable leader of the American Board. He lived during days of theological change and controversy, and became controversial because of his uncompromising stand for Biblical truth.

Theological liberalism was becoming a powerful trend in Congregationalism in the late nineteenth century, led by the proponents of "Progressive Orthodoxy" at Andover Seminary. A distinctive teaching of the Andover liberals was the doctrine of "future probation," the idea that those who had not had a

chance to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ during their lifetime might have a chance to come to Christ after death. In his position as Home Secretary Dr. Alden had blocked the appointment of missionary candidates who entertained "serious doubts as to the present life being the only decisive period of human probation." He said he believed that the doctrine of future probation would cut "the nerve of missions." (Goodsell, *You Shall Be My Witnesses*, p. 113)



Edmund K. Alden

Dr. Alden became the storm center of debate at the 1886 meeting of the American Board in Des Moines, Iowa. His opposition to the doctrine of future probation had set him squarely at odds with the faculty of Andover Seminary, and some of the young missionary candidates whose appointment he had opposed had powerful supporters. A resolution was presented to protect Dr. Alden from excessive criticism because of his policy. This resolution of support was passed, but only after furious debate. Later events would prove that this setback for the liberals was only temporary.

After Board President Mark Hopkins died in 1887, a new president was elected who had a "broad-minded and mediating policy." (Strong, *Story of the American Board*, p. 331) The changes in the Board led to Alden's resignation in 1893. Two other members of the committee overseeing the Board, including its chairman, resigned at the same time. In the view of Board historian Fred Field Goodsell, writing in 1959, "They misjudged the deeper trend of the times theologically." (*You Shall Be My Witnesses*, p. 114) While the stand taken by Alden and his colleagues may have seemed like lamentable obstinacy to a liberal historian, to Evangelical eyes it was simply doing what faithfulness to the gospel required.

Our Conference has a remarkable providential link to this missionary statesman through a church which he served. The Phillips Church of South Boston, upon its dissolution in 2005, gave a bequest of over \$2,000,000 to the CCCC. Eighty percent of these funds were designated for church planting and outreach. Surely it would have warmed the heart of this faithful servant of God to know that a gift from his former church is revitalizing a Conference that shares his commitment to Biblical evangelism and missions. A memorial tribute to him can be found in the *Missionary Herald*, June 1896, pp. 228-231 (digitized on Google Books).

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"The one concern of the devil is to keep Christians from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work, prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks our wisdom, but trembles when we pray." — Samuel Chadwick

## Loving the Word of God

by Michael Hecht, pastor of Salem Reformed Church, Menno, South Dakota

*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16,17)*

*Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. (2 Peter 1:20,21)*

I was once again reminded of how blessed we are to live in a nation where we can gather freely to worship our Heavenly Father! We don't have to hide to study the living Word of God, as is the case in some countries in our world even today. This has not always been the case. Throughout the ages, many have literally given their lives to copy and translate the Scriptures into various languages of the common people. Certain "church leaders" were not happy when the Scriptures were translated into the German and English languages. Men were put to death for doing this!

Today we have the Bible so freely available to us, in so many different translations, that people often take it for granted, rarely even bothering to open their own copy at home. My prayer is that our hearts' desire would be the same as the psalmist in Psalm 119. Over and over he proclaims his love for the Word of God!

Psalm 119:97 *Oh, how I love Your law! I meditate on it all day long.*

Psalm 119:103 *How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth.*

Psalm 119:72 *The law from Your mouth is more precious to me than thousands of pieces of silver and gold.*

Wow! Can the Word of God really be more precious to you

and me than thousands of pieces of silver and gold? And if it is that precious to us, then what is that supposed to look like in our everyday lives? The reading, studying, hearing, and listening to the Word of God should be a priority in our lives — that's what it should look like!

Let's look at some other verses from Psalm 119. It's a great chapter to read!

Psalm 119:127,128 *Because I love Your commands more than gold, more than pure gold, and because I consider all Your precepts right, I hate every wrong path.*

Psalm 119:165 *Great peace have they who love Your law, and nothing can make them stumble.*

Psalm 119:131 *I open my mouth and pant, longing for Your commands.*

It is the Word of God that is effectively at work within us as believers (1 Thessalonians 2:13). It is the Word of God that gives us strength to stand against the temptations of the flesh and the devil (Psalm 119:9). It is the Word of God that gives us wisdom and understanding (Psalm 119:98–100). It is the Word of God that causes our faith to grow stronger (Romans 10:17). It is the Word of God that causes strong men to weep with conviction at the realization of their sin (Ezra 8:8,9). Shall I go on?

What did Jesus say to Mary and Martha? If you remember, it was Mary who sat at the feet of Jesus listening to what He said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. When Martha complained to the Lord about her sister not helping her, Jesus said, "*Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.*" (Luke 10:38–42) Hallelujah! Let's choose the Word!

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## God's Translators

by Paul Astbury, pastor of The Sherman Church, Sherman, Connecticut

*To the weak I became weak to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. (1 Corinthians 9:22)*

Many people outside the church think the church has its own private language. Some call it "Christianese." It can sound as strange to a first-time hearer as Ki-Swahili does to an American. Now that might be all right if the only people we wish to talk with are one another. But what if we wish to share the reason for the hope we have in Christ with our neighbors who never come to church? "A sanctified life." "Justified and regenerated." Even the phrase "Now let us take up the offering" can cause a pair of eyes to glaze over. It's not that these are not good and important concepts: But are we communicating effectively?

As God's translators we must speak and understand the dialect and culture of the people God calls us to reach. We must

know both the "message of reconciliation" and the culture of our hearers to best communicate Jesus' truth and love. Jesus spoke the language and the everyday thought-forms of the people he was sent to reach: that's what the parables are all about. "The Kingdom of God is like a man who went out to plant a field..." "The Kingdom of God is like a woman who mixed a little bit of yeast into a large batch of dough..."

In the 1500s all church services were in Latin. The songs were in Latin. The Bible was in Latin. The trouble was, almost none of the people could understand Latin! Then Martin Luther came along. He could read and write and teach in Latin. But he knew that everyone around him could understand only German. So he broke many years of tradition and translated things into German. He also put the message of Jesus and the gospel into terms his friends could best hear them.

Today only the names and the faces have changed: the need

remains the same. But it's much more than our words — our very lives are the most effective translators. So let's do what Jesus did — get out there in relationships where everyday people are living their everyday lives, and bring the fragrance of life through Christ with us.

## **The Law of the Garbage Truck**

One day I hopped in a taxi and we took off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches! The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean, he was really friendly.

So I asked, "Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital?" This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call, "The Law of the Garbage Truck."

He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they'll dump it on you. Don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home or on the streets.

The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day. Life's too short to wake up in the morning with regrets. So love the people who treat you right. Pray for the ones who don't, and love them too. Life is ten percent what you make it and ninety percent how you take it! Have a blessed, garbage-free day! — Author Unknown

## **Promotions to Glory**

We just received word that John C. Winston died in December of 2009. He was born October 27, 1923. Joined the CCCC in 1961. He is survived by his wife Lorraine (they were still living in France). He was a member of Park Street Church. He served as president of French Evangelical Seminary for over 25 years.

## **Changes and Opportunities**

### **Pastoral Changes:**

Pomfret, CT	First Congregational Church *	Thomas Crumb *
Peabody, MA	Second Congregational Church *	John Chubb
Wilton, WI	Faith Congregational Church *	Ben Janzen +

### **Pastoral Openings:**

Brighton, CO	Zion Congregational Church *
Buffalo Center, IA	First Congregational Church *
Paul, ID	Ebenezer Congregational Church *
Rockland ID	Rockland Congregational Church (Part-time) *
Davis, IL	St. Paul Church of Epleyanna *
Quincy, IL	First Union Congregational Church (Director of Family Ministries) (NACCC)
Blandford, MA	First Congregational Church *
Chelmsford, MA	Immanuel Church *
Foxboro, MA	First Baptist Church
Atlanta, MI	Big Rock Congregational Church *
Thompson Falls, MT	Community Congregational Church *
Goffstown, NH	Goffstown Congregational Church (Independent)
Wellington, OH	Pittsfield Community Church *
Scotland, SD	United Church of Christ (UCC)

\* = Conference member

+ = In process

## **Health Tips**

### **Driving Retirement**

Few people plan for the day they will give up their car keys for good. Many people will live longer than their driving days by seven to ten years. Advanced planning can make that day more stress free for you and your family.

Older adults are generally safer drivers, since they drive fewer miles, drive during the daylight and use seat belts. Driving skills, though, become more impaired with age, i.e., slower reaction time, trouble seeing at dusk or at night and changes in color perception and in vision or hearing acuity.

Any time you or someone you know experiences any of these problems, it may be time to re-evaluate driving skills: getting lost on familiar routes, repeat fender-benders, reacting slowly to driving situations, confusion, feeling stressed about driving or difficulty turning their head to check traffic.

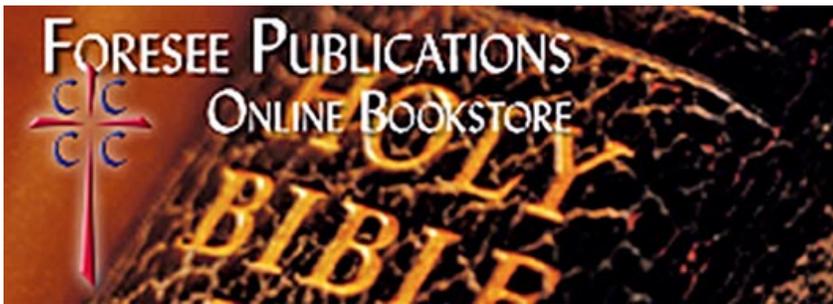
Check your local community for agencies that work with older adults to test their driving skills and assist with a plan to provide transportation if they are unable to drive, e.g., local bus system, or a personal network of family and friends. Keep a list of errands to help determine the best way to schedule them efficiently.

For some medical conditions or physical disabilities you may be able to equip your car with assistive equipment to prolong your ability to drive safely.

Having a driving retirement plan in place can make the journey to retiring your car keys easier.

Source: *Access* (published by Area Agency on Aging).

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Emmanuel Bethel Church  
Royal Oak, MI



*He spreads the snow like wool  
and scatters the frost like ashes.  
He hurls down his hail like pebbles.  
Who can withstand his icy blast?  
(Psalm 147:16-17)*



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