

## **WELCOME, DR. JOHN MOORE!**



John MacFarlane Moore was born and educated in Scotland. As a young teenager, he committed his life to Jesus Christ. After qualifying as an engineer, he responded to the call of God to the Christian ministry. For nine years he pastored and superintended the great Tent Hall in Glasgow, 2,200 seater, founded by D. L. Moody; and for five years he pastored and superintended Carrubbers Close Mission, Edinburgh, 1,300 seater, also founded by D. L. Moody. For eight years he pastored Inverness Baptist Church in the Scottish Highlands. Called to Canada in 1968, he pastored Central Baptist Church, Victoria, B.C., and Willowdale Baptist Church, Toronto, ON. where his gifts in Evangelism and Bible teaching were in great demand.

John was honored by The Northwest Baptist Theological College and Seminary, Langley, B.C. in 1972 when the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on him. In 1983 he served as National President of The Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in Canada. Later he was invited to become the full-time National Staff Evangelist of the F.E.Baptist Churches in Canada, and after three very fruitful years in that position, he launched out into his international and interdenominational ministry.

He has conducted evangelistic crusades and Bible conferences throughout The British Isles, The Bahamas, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Eire, Jamaica, Malaysia, Mexico, Switzerland, and The U. S. A. He has ministered at many of the Bible Conferences of North America including "Founder's Week" at Moody Bible Institute; The Torrey Memorial Bible Conference BIOLA University, Los Angeles, CA; Word of Life Bible Conference, FL; Montrose Bible Conference, PA; Muskoka Baptist Conference, Huntsville, ON; Elim Lodge Bible Conference, ON; Fairhaven's Bible Conference, ON; Prairie Bible Institute Conferences, AB: and many others.

He was for three years Pastor in Residence, and Guest Bible Teacher at The Peoples Church, Toronto, ON. He served as Chairman of The Toronto Spiritual Life Convention for five years. His book *"Plug Into Power"* is a series of 74 studies in the Gospel of John specially prepared for seekers and new Christians, and is being used in many churches and Home Bible Study groups across Canada. His latest book of 39 Bible Studies in The Acts – *"The Challenge of First Century Christianity,"* is superbly suited for Home Bible Studies and Sunday School classes.

He has composed over 167 hymns and choruses. Singspiration Inc. published a book of his songs, and a second book was published in Canada. A third book was published entitled *"My Songs and Their Stories,"-The John M. Moore Collection.* His latest book -*"Sing to the Lord! MEN!"* is a collection of 27 new arrangements for men's voices. Some of his songs have been translated into many languages. Two of his most famous are *"Burdens are Lifted at Calvary,"* and *"Why?"*

John was married to his beloved Esther Marr in 1961, and had 49 wonderful years of service together. She was called home to be with her Lord on August 15, 2010. They have two children, David and Jane, and four grandchildren. David's wife is Chrystal, and their children are Ryan and Emma. Jane's husband is Ted Flemming, and their sons are Cameron John, and Caelan James. John's favorite pastimes are fishing, reading, and playing either keyboard, piano, or concertina. This past September 1, Dr. Moore turned 90 years old. His life epitomizes Psalm 71:18, *"Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to every one that is to come."* What a privilege we have to have this man of God share God's strength to this generation.

Dr. Moore was used of God to help me in a very personal way. In February, 1975, when I was 24 years old, one of the featured speakers at the famous Moody's Founder's Week was Dr. John Moore. Little did I realize the impact that one message from one man was going to be. I was in evangelism, I had not yet taught college and I was five years from becoming pastor of Christchurch Baptist Fellowship, the only church I have ever pastored. I was lingering on the very cusp of ministry, not for sure what God wanted for the rest of my life. Barbara and I were newlyweds, without children and totally surrendered to God's will for our lives. We were living in the Chicagoland suburb of Hessville, Indiana. Our life consisted in Barbara going with me or taking me to and from the airport to preach revival meetings. She was a secretary at First

Baptist of Hammond. I was between meetings when I heard Dr. Moore at Founder's Week. His text was Psalm 90:17: *"And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it."* Dr. Moore talked of the absolute need of any ministry that is above all: "God!" He talked of the great Hebrides Revival on the Isle of Lewis off Scotland's coast. Dr. Moore had interviewed the two ladies who were, humanly speaking, responsible for praying the price for revival. He told how Peggy insisted that God receive the glory in ministry. I remember these words he quoted from her: "If we do not give God the glory, He may never come back our island again." It seemed every word that Dr. Moore gave that day hit me like a velvet-covered sledgehammer. There was a kindness to his message that hit me with an overwhelming force. I believe with all my heart it was from God. I was young and ambitious, but had to understand that if God does not establish His work in His way for His glory all is vain and ultimately lost. It matters not what man may think, if God is in it, we must follow Him apart from the fear of man. As Dr. Moore closed his message he gave these words from antiquity:

"One day a wanderer found a lump of clay,  
So redolent of sweet perfume,  
Its odor scented all the room.  
"From whence art thou?" was his quick demand;  
" Art thou some gem from Samarkand?  
Or spikenard in a rude disguise?  
Or other costly merchandise?"  
" Nay, I am but a lump of clay!"  
"Then whence this Wondrous sweetness, say?"  
"Friend, if the secret I disclose,  
I have been dwelling with the Rose."

What a reminder that all good comes from the Lord Jesus' influence in us, not from ourselves! Many of the thoughts that Dr. Moore shared with us that afternoon were thoughts I had been thinking, but I never quite heard articulated in such a powerful way. I was determined that Jesus would be my focus, His glory would be my goal. And Dr. Moore was God's messenger telling me to stay focused on Christ, give Him the glory and His work through me shall be established and I shall see the glory of God.

Dr. Moore has recently written a chorus that he is going to teach us today:

I'm Depending on You, Lord

"I'm depending on You, Lord, I'm depending on You.  
For no-one else can do the things that You can do;  
I'm depending on You, Lord, I'm depending on You,  
You are able to meet my every need, and carry me through."

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Johnny Pope". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.