Worship Service ***May 4, 2008***

Call to Worship

But you are to be perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect.
Matthew 5:48

Welcome & Prayer

Praise & Worship

Choir

Minute for Missions – Ernie & Fritz Warkentin

Choir

Scripture Reading – **James 1:2-18** NLT

Sermon
Perfection: How It's Made
Pastor Roger

Offering

Sending Song

Closing

Sermon Notes

Scripture ***James 1:2-18 NLT***

2 Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles come your way, consider it
an opportunity for great joy. 3 For you know that when your faith is
tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. 4 So let it grow, for when
your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete,
needing nothing.

5 If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to
you. He will not rebuke you for asking. 6 But when you ask him, be
sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with
divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and
tossed by the wind. 7 Such people should not expect to receive
anything from the Lord. 8 Their loyalty is divided between God and the
world, and they are unstable in everything they do.

9 Believers who are poor have something to boast about, for God has
honored them. 10 And those who are rich should boast that God has
humbled them. They will fade away like a little flower in the field. 11
The hot sun rises and the grass withers; the little flower droops and
falls, and its beauty fades away. In the same way, the rich will fade
away with all of their achievements.

12 God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation.
Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to
those who love him. 13 And remember, when you are being tempted,
do not say, "God is tempting me." God is never tempted to do wrong,
and he never tempts anyone else. 14 Temptation comes from our own
desires, which entice us and drag us away. 15 These desires give birth
to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to
death.

16 So don't be misled, my dear brothers and sisters. 17 Whatever is
good and perfect comes down to us from God our Father, who created
all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting
shadow. 18 He chose to give birth to us by giving us his true word. And
we, out of all creation, became his prized possession.