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What Does God Look Like?

I heard the story about an intrigued father who was watching his small son draw a picture. Intensely focused, the young boy was totally engrossed in his work of art. Crayons were scattered everywhere. Unfinished sketches were wadded and cast aside.

Without wanting to break his son's concentration, the curious dad gently inquired, "What are you drawing?"

Never looking up, the young child emphatically replied, "God."

The astonished father was somewhat taken aback and sternly said, "Well, no one knows what God looks like."

Confidently gazing at his artistic masterpiece and grinning ear to ear, the creative youngster retorted, "They will when I get through!"

We all have a picture of God in our minds. And our picture of God is critically important to who we are. In fact, our picture of God may be the most vital thing about us.

Theologian, A.W. Tozer, once said, "The most important thing about you is what comes into your mind when you think of God." If so, and I believe he is correct, then a spiritual flaw regarding our mental picture of God can have a devastating effect on our faith. We must have a right view of God, or else it will be distorted and out of focus.

To help clarify your picture of God, visit a local house of worship this week. Meeting times and locations are published for you in the attached directory.

Submitted by: Rev. Dan Rogge, Pastor of Milton's New Life Church

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NEWS

Halton police reports increase in violent crime for 2016

By David Lea

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Halton police reported a 5.4 per cent increase in crime so far this year, with 255 more criminal offences taking place in 2016 than in 2015. The statistics, collected between January and June of both years, showed 4,961 criminal incidents in 2016 and 4,706 in 2015.

These figures, released at a recent Halton police services board meeting, represent an increased crime rate of three per cent when the Region's population growth is taken into account.

Police said violent crime, in particular, increased 13.7 per cent from 973 incidents in 2015 to 1,106 in 2016.

These totals represent a surge in the violent crime rate of 11.1 per cent when the population increase is taken into account.

The number of property crimes in Halton went up from 3,125 incidents in 2015 to 3,170 incidents in 2016.

With the population increase these figures actually represent a decrease in the property crime rate of 0.9 per cent.

While there may be more crimes taking place

this year, police seem to be solving more of them.

The report listed a higher 2016 case clearance rate of 50.9 per cent compared to 49.4 per cent in 2015.

It is important to point out that Halton's crime rate has been steadily decreasing since the early 1990s and in 2015 reached the lowest level ever experienced in Halton's history.

When asked about the crime rate increases, particularly in the area of violent crime, Halton Police Chief Stephen Tanner emphasized the numbers are still relatively low.

"As you look at the various graphs these crimes have been trending down. Eventually there is going to be a slight increase," he said.

"What we want to do is everything we can to guard against that increase creeping up in subsequent years."

Tanner noted the number of robberies in Halton may be driving the violent crime numbers up.

He said that while Halton has had a few recent armed robberies of banks and businesses more often the incidents categorized as robberies in Halton involve one youth assaulting another youth and stealing a phone or



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