

# Ground broken for new church

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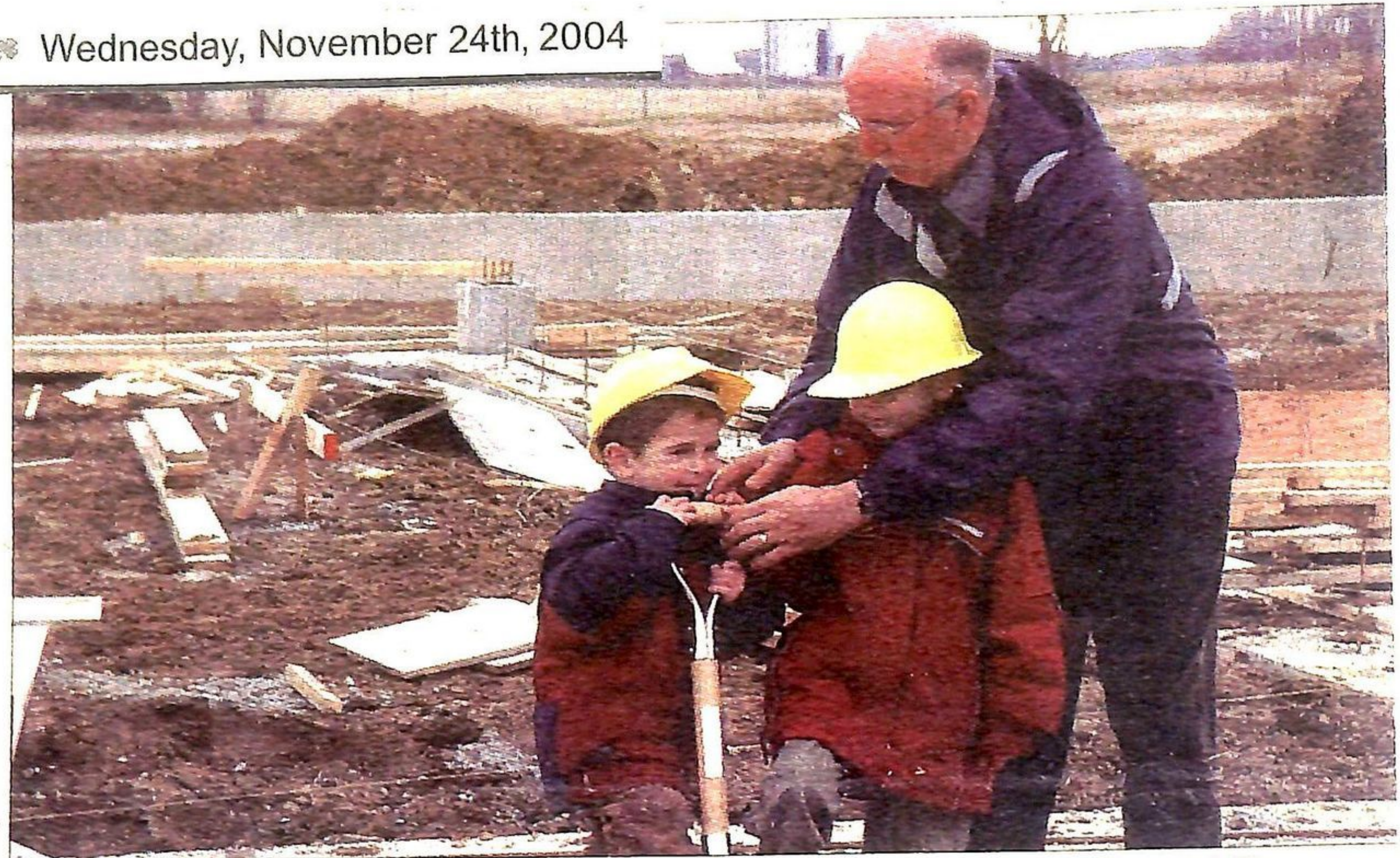
by Terry Heffernan

ILDERTON - Next spring there will be a new church in the Ilderton community on the edge of the village across from the Ilderton Fire Station on Hyde Park Road. The official ground breaking ceremony was held this past Sunday and there were between 200 and 300 people in attendance to celebrate. Pastor of the new Community Bible Church, Scott Dakin, said he was thrilled with the new church getting its official start and praised the supporters in the community for helping to see the project to fruition. Pastor Dakin said that the project "emphasizes the sense of community cooperation," and through that community effort and sacrifice, the results will be a new church completed and ready for use in May or June of 2005.

The Charlton family donated the land and some members were on hand to witness the official start to the church. The idea for this project first came to light in September of 2000 when Milton Charlton discussed his idea to donate a piece of his property to build a church in Ilderton. Unfortunately, Milton Charlton died before his idea could be developed but the Charlton family saw that his vision was continued and donated the six acres of land to develop the project. Through fund-raising efforts of the "Building for Life" campaign,

1.3 million dollars were raised by fall of 2003 and the site was ready for development. The cost for the project is expected to be 1.6 million dollars so the committee will continue their fund raising efforts.

"Community Bible Church is known as one church, two locations," said Pastor Dakin "One church budget, joint gatherings and multiple staff serving both locations make up this unique approach to church. Community Bible Church in Ilderton is here to encourage and support families, at all stages, in life. The building will serve as a tool to partner in equipping families spiritually, emotionally and physically." To that end, the church will use folding chairs for their Sunday service and the rest of the time the gymnasium will be used for floor hockey, volleyball and basketball for both youth and adults. Big screen sporting events will be available and the facility will be made available to community groups throughout the week. Pastor Dakin added, "There was a time when the church was at the centre of the community. We envision the days coming when Community Bible Church will be opening its doors to serve the many faceted needs of the wonderful families that make up this great community of Ilderton."



**"I'm supposed to do what with this shovel?"**

One of the elders at Ilderton's Community Bible Church offers some pointers to Dylan and Dakota Soares of Ilderton this weekend at the ground-breaking ceremony. See story, page 2. **BANNED/Terry Heffernan**

## Community Bible Church Ilderton, Ontario



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