

The clergy speak out . . .

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Evangel Pentecostal Tabernacle



A BUILDING AIM FOR ACTON

Text: Ps. 127:1: "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city, the watchmen watcheth in vain."

Life on earth may be terminated untimely by accident, calamity or self destruction, but while we are living, let us face the fact that we are "all-born in sin and shapen in iniquity." Ps. 51:5, Rom. 5:12. Sin causes suffering; all of the crime, disease and suffering, against the moral, physical and mental well being of man may be summed up in one word—SIN. "If thou doest not well, then sin lieth at the door."

It was in Eden, the cradle of the race, that Satan struck the blow that laid man's glory in the dust. It was in Eden that Satan uncapped the volcano of selfishness to belch its death and destruction on mortals ever since. It was in Eden sin began the hellish work that has marred the pages of all history. It is sin that robs virtue of its charms, invades happiness, murders sanctity and destroys hope. Sin is debauching, debasing and defiling. It is false, foul and filthy. It is the cause of cruelty, crime and corruption. It is the cause of riot, revelry and ruin. It dethrones reason, degrades morals, diseases bodies, damages reputations and damns souls. Sin makes wives widows, fathers fiends, and children, criminals. Sin deprives men of manhood, boys of brains, girls of goodness, homes of happiness and lives of love.

Pro. 14:12 says, "There is a way that seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." "The wages of sin is death." Man may with good intentions and honest efforts endeavor to build their "house" wisely (individually or socially), but the Bible says, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

On every hand we see the futility of the social struggle for lasting and perfect peace, prosperity and contentment without God. Socially it began in Eden. We elect our statesmen, organize our societies to watch over our life and guard our social interests. But have the thousands of years of self-effort wrought out the good we know should exist, and the happiness that should be ours? "Except the Lord watch the city the watchman watcheth in vain."

Let us picture the individual aspect of life: Here is a little trundle bed. In it lies a tiny babe, beside it stands the sturdy father and kneels the loving mother. Wrapped up in this frame are all their hopes and desires. They will live for it, work for it, and seek

the very best in life for it. They, like all good parents, build; they guard, they teach, they labor, but building without God is a tragedy. "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

Samuel's mother presented her babe to the Lord for His workmanship. The mother of Zebedee's children brought her two sons to Christ. Paul gave tribute to Timothy's mother Eunice and grandmother Lois: 2 Tim. 1:5. "The unfeigned love that is in thee which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois and thy mother Eunice, and I am persuaded in thee also." The Lord had builded and the work was good. Ps. 1:2 "Blessed is the man... whose delight is in the Law of the Lord and in whose Law doth he meditate day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."

The story is told of a certain man who married and begat a family. Turning from God, he set himself to build that family in his own way. First he surrounded them with wealth, beautiful home and luxuries. He educated them and created social contacts for them. He indulged them in the riotous life of the modern world.

They sinned grossly, far beyond anything he knew! They squandered his money and his home had to be put under the auctioneer's gavel.

He lay sick unto death in a top-storey room. Hearing the commotion of the sale, he sought to inquire and making his way downstairs he was shocked, and the shock cost him his life. In a dying clutch he grasped a piece of tapestry hanging on the balcony and in the midst of the splendor of that which he had reared without God, but which was now ashes at his feet, he fell dead. The last convulsed grip jerked the tapestry from its place, and revealed a bronze tablet to the horrified gaze of the onlookers, transfixed by the tragedy being enacted before them.

The tablet read: "Except the Lord Build The House, They Labor In Vain That Build It."

When the great plants of our cities have turned out their last finished work; When our merchants have sold their last yard of silk—and dismissed the last tired clerk; When our banks have taken in their last dollar, and paid the last dividend; When the Judge of the earth says, "Close for the night"— And asks for a balance,—what then?

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Church Notices

CHURCHILL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Churchill Road North
Minister:
The Rev. A. Walter Fosbury, B.A., B.D.
124 Tudey Ave. Phone 853-2386

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th, 1969
11:00 a.m.—Worship and Church School.
Sermon subject, "Harvest Idyll."
Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated Sunday, October 5th.
Visitors are welcome at all church gatherings at the Church on the Hill.

ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Founded 1842
Pastor: Rev. Stanley Gammon
Rev., 144 Tudey Ave., Phone 853-1615

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th, 1969
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
"A Good Commendation."
No Evening Service
No mid-week prayer meeting until advised.

"Study to show yourself approved of God."
2 Tim. 2: 15.
All Welcome

BETH-EL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Minister—Rev. P. Brouwer, B.A., B.D.
Acton, Ontario

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th, 1969
10:00 a.m.—English Service.
11:10 a.m.—Sunday School.
4:00 p.m.—English Service.
Everyone Welcome

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D.
Minister
Mr. E. A. Hansen, B.A.
Organist and Choir Master

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th, 1969
9:45 a.m.—"Promotion Day" in the Church School. All departments meet in Dr. Stewart Hall.
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship and Commissioning Church School Staff.
Sermon theme, "Education for Tomorrow."
8:15 p.m.—Acton Branch Bible Society Service. Guest speaker, Rev. E. A. Cline of West Nam.
Everyone Most Welcome

EVANGEL PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE
P.A.O.C. 33 Churchill Road
Rev. S. M. Thuman, Pastor, 853-2715.

Remember to hear Evangelist James F. Routley each night this week at 8 p.m. and Sunday at both services.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th, 1969
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7:00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.
Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer Service and Bible Study.
Thursday, 8 p.m.—Christ Ambassadors.
Psalm 119, verse 1 — "Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord."

MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
81 Maple Ave., Georgetown
Pastor: Rev. Robert C. Lohnes

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th, 1969
Here is our sincere invitation to the whole family to attend church.
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School. All ages.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Service.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Evangel.
Georgetown 877-6665

THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR ANGLICAN
Corner Willow St. and St. Alban's Drive
Rev. H. J. Dawson, B.A., B.Th.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th, 1969
Trinity XVII
9:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m.—Church School registration in the Parish Hall.
10:30 a.m.—Mattins.

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
Minister:
The Rev. Gordon R. Turner, B.A., B.D.
Director of Music:
Dr. George Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th, 1969
125th ANNIVERSARY SERVICES
Guest preacher: The Rev. Dr. G. W. Boyce, B.A., B.D., S.T.M., D.D. Professor, Preaching and Pastoral Care at Emmanuel College, Toronto.
10:00 a.m.—Corporate Worship.
Dr. Boyce's theme, "The Elect of God."
10:00 a.m.—Nursery Service.
Sunday School (to Grade 4).
11:00 a.m.—Sunday School (Grade 5-8).
11:15 a.m.—"Walk Back" (adult program of dialogue with the Minister).
7:00 p.m.—Hi C. and Hi 9ers (Youth Groups for Teens — alternating Sunday evenings).
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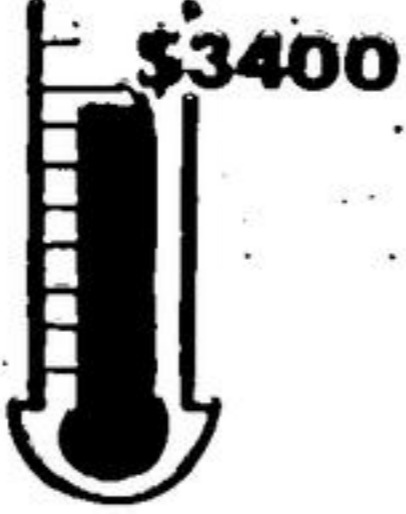


Sixteen pastors and elders of the Africa Inland Church joined in a Bible Society Scripture Distribution Training Course, held in Nyauchi, Kenya.

The course included practical work at the nearby town of Kitumum where some 600 Scriptures were distributed.

One group was particularly pleased because they not only sold Scriptures to men who were drinking in a public bar, but were also invited to lead the men in prayer before they left.

Results of the Acton Bible Society's financial campaign are indicated in the following thermometer:



Special guest speaker in Knox on Sunday

The Acton branch of the Canadian Bible Society is having Rev. E. A. Cline as special guest speaker for a meeting in Knox Presbyterian Church this Sunday evening, September 28 at 8:15 p.m.

Mr. Cline served as a missionary in Vietnam until 1961 and since then has been Bible Society secretary for Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. In 1969 he was appointed Regional Secretary for the United Bible Societies in South-east Asia, with headquarters in Hong Kong.

He is living in Burlington with his family until he returns to Asia where he will be based in Hong Kong.

A brief business session will precede the speaker. Another feature of the meeting will be presentations of life membership certificates and a memento presentation. Receipts of the 1968-69 campaign for support of the Bible Society amounted to almost \$3,400 and a report of the campaign will be given.

The Canadian Bible Society

Acton Branch
are very pleased to have
REV. E. A. CLINE

Special Guest Speaker

September 28th at 8:15 P.M.

Knox Presbyterian Church ACTON

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A brief business session to report receipts of the 1968-69 Campaign, minutes, officers, etc. will precede the speaker.

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Board ups ice rental for intermediates

Acton Board of Parks Management and Recreation Committee voted Thursday night to charge the intermediate hockey team a flat rate of \$12 hour for ice rental this year instead of maintaining the 60-40 gate split agreement that has existed between the two organizations in past years.

On the basis of the 60-40 gate split agreement Councillor Peter Marks estimated the intermediates paid an average of about six to eight dollars an hour for ice over the last three years. Mr. Marks admitted that the intermediates had experienced an unusually poor year at the gate and that in previous "bumpe crop" years

the average was probably much higher, but insisted that the intermediates should be paying at least what the Industrial Hockey League were paying. The Industrial League were charged \$12 an hour last year.

Mr. Marks added that he couldn't justify subsidizing a team on which about half the players were from out of town.

Board member Bob Laughlin said it was the feeling of the program committee that all adult hockey groups should pay \$12 an hour. Ice rentals for minor hockey and figure skating groups are to remain the same as they were last year.

Arena manager Harold

Townsend reported that all groups were happy with the ice times they had been allotted at a meeting the previous week and that, as a result of many requests he had received, one hour a

week had been set aside specifically for Adult skating. Adults will be able to enjoy skating Wednesday nights from nine until 10. Admission is to be 50 cents per person. Mr. Laughlin also asked the Board to consider the possibility of providing outdoor skating on Fairy Lake.

Recreation report

At their monthly meeting Thursday night, Acton Board of Parks Management and Recreation Committee:

• Decided to have an entrance gate for the Glenlea Park erected at a cost not to exceed \$200.

• Authorized property committee member Phil McCristall and arena manager Harold Townsend to arrange a work bee to remove old logs presently along the banks of Fairy Lake.

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH 125th ANNIVERSARY SERVICES

September 28th at 10:00 A.M.

with
The Rev. Dr. Greer W. Boyce, B.A., B.D., S.T.M., D.D. (Professor of Preaching & Pastoral Care, Emmanuel College; Retreat Leader for Five Oaks Christian Training Centre)

Dr. Boyce's Subject:
"THE ELECT OF GOD"

Coffee and DISCUSSION with Dr. Boyce will be held following the Service of Worship.

A Sincere Invitation is extended to Members and Friends of Trinity to Take Part in Our Anniversary Celebrations.

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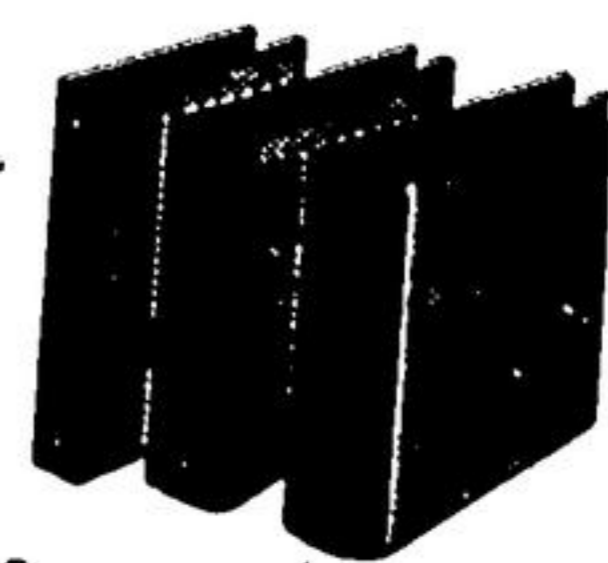
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