

**Born-again biker helps church's youth**

# Church serves area's Pentecostals

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God is pouring out his spirit," he said. "People of every denomination are receiving this gift of baptism and the Holy Ghost. God is bringing together diverse churches and denominations by the spirit."

**DEATH THROES**  
Rev. Nicholson said the Bible indicates that in the last days, God "will pour out his spirit."

He said there are all kinds of signs to indicate the world is in its death throes.

"When you're reading the newspaper, it's like reading the Bible," Rev. Nicholson said. "In fact, God's word is more up to date."

Many things have been prophesied in the Bible, and Rev. Nicholson draws similarities with our times and biblical days.

In the Old Testament, God said He would fully restore the Jews as the Chosen People, and the establishment of Israel as a nation in 1948 is seen by Rev. Nicholson as the biggest sign that the end is drawing near.

"The perplexity of nations is another sign of the times. Leaders don't have the answers. They don't know which way to turn. Everybody is looking for peace and today we're farther away from peace than ever," he said.

"God is shaking this world so that man will turn and look up to Him. Man will never get out of this tailspin and it will get worse; the Bible predicts it," Rev. Nicholson said.

Officially opening its doors in November, 1976, the Halton Gospel Temple is still new in its luxuriously carpeted and spaciouly designed quarters on Highway 7.



Originally from Cape Breton, Reverend Angus Nicholson of the Halton Gospel Temple played piano for nine years in a band before turning to religion as a full-time occupation. His daughter Trisha, 8, is an avid listener and an artist in her own right. She loves to draw and turns out some pretty attractive pictures.

(Herald photo)

Eight and a half acres of land was bought in April, 1974, with money from the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada. Before that, members of the faith had been meeting in Georgetown's Baptist Church on Main Street, currently the Christian Alliance Church.

The facility, built to accommodate up to 500 people, has about 200 adult and 100 child members. They come from Erin, Milton, Hillsburgh, Bramalea, Brampton, Acton, Rockwood and Georgetown. The Halton Gospel Temple serves the region.

The Pentecostal facility is affiliated with 900 others around the world, claiming the Seoul, Korea, congregation of 200,000 people as its largest.

**TWO YEARS**  
When Rev. Nicholson came here two years ago, he said, the congregation was only 40. He attributes the growth to word of mouth and the church's bus ministry.

They have three buses bringing children to Sunday School which is also for a door-to-door ministry by which they identify their faith and offer to bring children to church Sundays.

With a budget of \$150,000, the congregation prides itself on its family orientation and full gospel church.

"We believe in salvation, baptism in the Holy Spirit with initial evidence of speaking in tongues, in the second coming of Christ, prophecies and in the power of healing by prayer," Rev. Nicholson said.

He claims he was healed through the power of prayer when he suffered a back injury which loosened a disc and required him to lie on a length on boards.

"Other pastors prayed for me as I lay in excruciating pain and within two minutes, instantaneously, I was healed and could

move my leg. I felt the adjustments in my back, my tailbone," Rev. Nicholson claims.

Originally a Cape Bretoner from a large family of ten boys and six girls, Rev. Nicholson said he grew up singing in a church choir.

**MIXED GROUPS**  
His enjoyment of music allows for lots of solos and mixed groups singing during Sunday and weeknight services at the Gospel Temple.

"Music is a drawing factor. I believe it's a language of the soul," Rev. Nicholson said.

He believes Christianity has let down its barriers and Christians aren't "living the Bible."

"Christians ought to be the happiest people in a community, but often they aren't. They're just going through the forms. They need to enjoy God, not endure him," Rev. Nicholson said.

Best known for their often incomprehensible utterances which they call speaking in tongues, the Pentecostals believe it to be a gift from God.

Rev. Nicholson said it gives them the power to be better witnesses for Christ because through it they develop a "holy boldness" to share their faith.

"It's not necessary that we understand what is being said. It's a prayer language that God understands," he said.

Smoking and drinking are frowned upon by the Pentecostals, as are going to dances and movies.

"We believe the Bible says to avoid the appearance of evil," Rev. Nicholson explained. "The atmosphere is lewd, suggestive and evil and I don't think anybody can come out of a dance hall and say their thoughts were on God."

Theatres aren't supported because they often offer x-rated fare, but televisions are accepted because they can be turned off.

**AVOID EVIL**  
"I know families who have gone to see Walt Disney movies and found themselves watching clips of other movies with nude scenes," he said.

How does the church support itself since Rev. Nicholson said bingos, rummage sales, garage sales and fund-raising activities typical of other church organizations aren't conducted by Pentecostal congregations?

"We believe in the Biblical principle of tithing. It's God's work and people are taught to give ten per cent of their earnings to support the church," Rev. Nicholson said.

A new assistant was hired recently to help Rev. Nicholson in his duties. Ed Brouwer, a former outlaw biker and now head of the International Christian Bikers Association is working with the young people in the congregation organizing a "Youth Alive" program for them.

The young biker rides a 1200-cc Harley-Davidson and visits inmates and hospitalized bikers to bring them to Christ.

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# CORRECTION

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In our flyer dated the week of Dec. 7th, 1981. Please note Page 24 A & B should read \$11.97 ea. instead of \$7.97 each. Only C is correct. On Page 25 Bedsprings reg. \$32.99 should read reg. \$29.99. Short Drapes reg. \$48.99 should read \$44.99.

We apologize for any inconvenience this might have caused our customers.

## Dates for the season

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Christmas Eve candlelight service with special music and message.

Maple Ave. Baptist Church, Rev. Mitchell, Dec. 13 6:30 p.m. Sunday School program with as many as 200 children participating. Refreshment following. Dec. 16 Little Cherub Nursery school concert. Dec. 20 6:30 p.m. family service. Dec. 23 7 p.m. Christmas Eve candlelight service with carols.

St. Andrew's United, Rev. Bandy - Dec. 13 10 a.m. White gift Sunday. 7:30 p.m. the choir joins Erin United choir at St. Andrews with the cantata "Christmas is love". This cantata will be held in Erin on the 18th at 8 p.m. Dec. 20 10 a.m. guest preacher Rev. D. Lynne Bandy. Dec. 24 7 p.m. carols and scripture reading.

Balmfad United with Dr. Bandy Dec. 13 11:45 a.m. White gift Sunday followed by lunch and the Sunday school concert in the afternoon. Dec. 20 11:45 a.m. Youth group special chancel drama "waiting for the Christmas Guest". Dec. 24 9 p.m. carols and scripture, family service.

St. John's United Dec. 13 11 a.m. readings and lessons with carols. Dec. 20 regular services. Dec. 24 7:30 p.m. family worship and communion at 11:30 p.m. Dec. 13 at Glen Williams United 7:30 p.m. will be readings, lessons and carols.

Georgetown Lutheran, Rev. Drickamer - Dec. 20 7 p.m. Sunday school program. Dec. 23 6:30 p.m. German service, and 8 p.m. English. Dec. 25 10 a.m. English service.

St. George's Anglican, Rev. Boyles - Dec. 20 9:45 a.m. Junior church pageant in church hall. 7 p.m. traditional carol service. Dec. 23 program entitled "Prepare the way of the Lord" for families. Dec. 24 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. service and Holy Communion. Dec. 25 10 a.m. service and Holy Communion.

Mountainview Baptist, Rev. Vincent - Dec. 18 7 p.m. Sunday school pageant. Dec. 24 7 p.m. family service with choir singing and readings.

Halton Hills Pentecostal Tabernacle, Rev. Nicholson - Dec. 20 10:30 a.m. to noon, Sunday school concert and service. 7 p.m. candlelight service with senior and junior choirs with solos and duets. Dec. 25 11 a.m. to 12 noon family service with music.

Knox Presbyterian, Rev. Barrow - Dec. 13 5:30 p.m. pot luck supper and program at 7 p.m. Dec. 18 pot luck supper and carols at Limehouse. 6:30 p.m. Dec. 20 11 a.m. Cantata "Christ is Born". Dec. 24 11 to 11:30 p.m. carols, 11:30 p.m. to midnight Christmas service.

Christian Reformed (Acton) Rev. Cooper - Dec. 13 10 a.m. Communion, 4 p.m. Sunday school annual Christmas party. Dec. 20 10 a.m. regular

service. 7 p.m. candlelight service with Sunday school, young peoples choir and Calvin cadets and Calvinettes. Dec. 25 10 a.m. Christmas morning service.

Halton Hills Christian Women's Fellowship will present Marlene Bergman of Caledon with a dramatic presentation "Women of Christmas" Dec.

15 from 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. Craft and hobby expert Gail Collett of Col-Craft will demonstrate ideas for Christmas decorating. Top this program off with a musical package by Caroline Dee of Oakville and you will have a pleasant break from the rush of Christmas preparation. Phone 877-4158 or 877-7257 for further details.

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