



PROGRESSIVE 27 YEARS

Maple Avenue Baptist Church in Georgetown celebrated its 27th birthday Sunday with well-attended special services and some out-of-town guests who brought along stirring songs and inspiring messages. Church pastor Rev. Edwin Mitchell and his wife Dorothy (at left in photo above) greeted special guests Dr. and Mrs. R.E.J. Brackstone prior to Dr. Brackstone's thought-provoking speeches during the morning and afternoon services. He is president of the Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in Canada. Between the services, there was a rousing concert by the Joyful Song Team from Briercrest Bible College in Saskatchewan, followed in the evening by the Reunion Quartet (seen below with their accompanist), a vocal group from the area. In 27 years, Maple Avenue Baptist Church has evolved from a Sunday School held in private homes to an active congregation of 200 members who meet regularly in the colonial-style church opposite the post office.

(Photos by Jim Fishback)



He repaired altar - and prayed



IN THE CHURCHES

By Bob Ollivier

In the front leaf of my Bible, I have written several scripture verses. A few of these may give you, my readers, an insight into what I believe.

First Corinthians Chapter 2:1-5: I am dumb, I am ignorant, Christ speaks through me. Job 42:10: And the Lord turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends. Judges 6:18: and God said, surely I will be with Thee.

And one verse that means a lot to me as a writer; Psalm 45:1: My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

Also written in that fly leaf of my Bible is a quote from the missionary pioneer William Carey: Why not attempt great things for God? Why not expect great things from God?

At the 27th anniversary services at Maple Avenue Baptist Church Sunday, the visiting speaker, Dr. R.E.J. Brackstone, minister of God's word for over 50 years, said something that really hit home, especially in light of the rest of this column, as mentioned last week, Bill C-10.

"Our country is suffering morally, spiritually, industrially, with labor and economic distress, etc. This distress is not necessarily political. Could it not be due to the flood of lotteries, legalized homosexuality, lesbianism, ease of obtaining alcohol and others? Is there a connection? Think about it."

Dr. Brackstone pointed his listeners to First Kings 18:30 - "and Elijah REPAIRED the altar of the Lord that was broken down. God only sent the fire when an offering was

placed on the altar, and Elijah had PRAYED."

As promised, the effect of the newly proposed government Bill C-10: Quoting a letter from the General Secretary of the Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in Canada:

"I have recently received a letter from Mr. Albert Cooper, member of parliament for Peace River, regarding a serious matter of concern, Bill C-10, which is an 'Act respecting non-profit corporations'. This Bill could have far reaching effects if it is passed by parliament."

Quoting Mr. Cooper - "I have some concerns that this bill may dramatically affect the churches' right to speak out on moral issues in our country. My concerns with the bill relate to clauses 116, 214 and 215.

He goes on to say, "If a member or minister of a church is revoked as a result of committing an immoral act contrary to church constitution, that individual could appeal to a court of law to rule on that disciplinary procedure."

Homosexuality and adultery are both legal in this country. The preamble to the 1960 Canadian Bill of Rights affirms that Canada is founded upon principles that acknowledge the supremacy of God, the dignity and worth of the human person and the position of the family in a society of free men and free institutions. It affirms also that men and institutions remain free only when freedom is founded upon respect for moral and spiritual values and rule of law.

Read the following Canadian Bill of Rights recently brought into Canada and see why I personally feel it is the deterioration of Canada. From the "Bill of Rights" to "Charter of Rights" to the submission

of "Bill C-10". From Item 2 of the Canadian Charter of Rights: "Everyone has the following fundamental freedoms: (a) freedom of conscience and religion; (b) freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression (note RCO), including freedom of the press and other media of communication; (c) freedom of peaceful assembly; and (d) freedom of association (note again RCO).

There is more, and copies of both these acts are available, the 1960 Canadian Bill of Rights at the library and the Canadian Charter of Rights of this year at your local post office. Under Bill C-10, an aggrieved person may apply to the courts for an order from the judge "amending the articles or bylaws or creating or amending a unanimous member agreement", or "an order appointing directors (or elders or deacons) in place of or in addition to all or any of the

directors then in office". The court can override the decisions of a particular corporation or church.

You decide NOW. Does it affect you and your church? Write NOW, as it is in progress through parliament now. Write your MP care of his office in Ottawa, House of Commons, Ottawa, Canada K1A 0A6.

Please don't procrastinate on this. Get the members of your church to write also. We must stop the deterioration of our beloved society and this great country of Canada. If this sounds like too poetic a statement, then it may be too late for you. Remember what I said about Elijah REPAIRED the altar of the Lord - and He PRAYED. If you write to your MP, would you please send me a copy care of this newspaper so I may know my prayers in this regard are answered.

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TOM RAMAUTARSINGH

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PUBLIC NOTICE RENAMING OF STREETS

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1. That John Street be renamed to "Wm Pond Drive".
2. That Main Street be renamed to "Stewarttown Road".
3. That Young Street be renamed to "Black Creek Court".

ANY INTERESTED PARTIES may view sketches of the road allowances to receive a change of name by attending at the Clerk's Office in the Administration Building situated on Trafalgar Road between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Fridays inclusive.

THE COUNCIL or a Committee of the Council will hear any person, or by their counsel, solicitor or agent, who claims that he or she will be adversely affected by the by-law and who applies to be heard at a meeting to be held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices, Trafalgar Road, on the 7th day of June 1982 at the hour of 7:30 p.m. in the evening.

ALL REQUESTS to appear before Council or a Committee of the Council are to be submitted in writing to the undersigned no later than 12:00 o'clock noon on the 3rd day of June 1982. This Notice was first published on the 12th day of May 1982.

K.R. Richardson, A.M.C.T.,
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