

Baptist church celebrates Homecoming

The Homecoming Weekend at Mountainview Baptist Church was well attended, with 125 persons sitting down to a dinner served by the women of the church, and taking part in the communion service that followed.

Mountainview Baptist came about as an offshoot or missionary church from the First Baptist Church in the present Alliance

Church on Main Street North.

The Main Street congregation eventually joined the one at Mountainview, called St. Paul's. The result was a total of 135 years of Baptist Witness here in Georgetown.

Minda Corbett was the oldest person in attendance at 86 years young. Cora Hill was the longest-

standing member, having joined the church 60 years ago at First Baptist. Together with the newest member, Joceline Tate she burned the church mortgage.

Frank and Murial Hayward travelled from Athelstan, near Montreal, for this occasion, and Dr. Ivan Morgan was the guest speaker Sunday.

Many people asked me who was running the program recently with "Answers to Jehovah's Witnesses". It was another sect trying to draw attention, without trying to draw attention, if that makes any sense. The Christadelphians use the name "Advancement of Scriptural Knowledge" and are based in Shelburne, Ont.

Next Tuesday (Nov. 16) is the next in the series of fall programs by the Halton Hills Women's Christian Fellowship. Christine Allemang of Kitchener explains how she copes in this troubled time. "It's great to be alive" is the theme and it sure makes sense. As a musician, Christine will perform along with her accompanist.

The location is St. George's Anglican Church hall from 1:15 to 3:15. Call Ruth Buttrey at 877-4158. Baby Sitting available.

Renew program at Holy Cross tonight (Wednesday) at 8 p.m. Dr. Dermot McLoughlin, Deirdre McLoughlin and Margaret Laffey with "Our Experience of Injustice", and how we can help those around us.

The Georgetown and District Christian School film by Dr. and Mrs. Tim Labaye will be shown Friday at 8 p.m. "Overcoming Fear, Anxiety and Worry" is the title of this week's film. Everyone is

welcome. Across from the town works yard on Trafalgar Road.

Marriage enrichment seminars at Knox Presbyterian on Main Street in Georgetown. Next Sunday at 7 p.m., "How to Kill Communication". Dr. Faulkner points out barriers to good communication. A program for families needing help and those wishing to avoid problems and those who wish to help others with problems.

I received a letter at my home, but I cannot reply as there was no return address and only the name R. Wilson, Mr. or Mrs. I do not know. Please use correct name and address when writing, and I will try to reply.



IN THE CHURCHES

By Bob Ollivier

SPECIAL EVENTS

'It's great to be alive'

"It's great to be alive," according to Christine Allemang of Kitchener, who'll relate her personal remedies to life's problems for the Halton Hills Christian Women's Fellowship next Tuesday (Nov. 16) at its monthly meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend the 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. meeting in the St. George's Anglican Church hall in Georgetown. Gail Spence of the Hobby Horse will also present some unique ideas on quilting, and music will be provided by Ms. Allemang and accompanist Marion Houlding. Admission is \$3.25 and reservations may be made by calling Ruth Buttrey at 877-4158. Nursery facilities are available.

Ladies welcome

Ladies are welcome at this weekend's monthly men's breakfast at the Georgetown Alliance Church. Guest speakers Mr. and Mrs. Jim Beaulieu will share their testimony at the 8:30 a.m. meeting Saturday. Everyone is welcome at the Main Street church.

Christadelphians meet

Some 200 area residents attended a special lecture Oct. 23 at Howard Wrigglesworth Public School in Georgetown involving a debate over the validity of the Jehovah's Witnesses organization, according to organizers. Sponsored by the Christadelphians, the evening meeting saw author Herbert Armstrong "debate" the Christadelphians' contention that Jews are the true witnesses of God. Officials of the Jehovah's Witnesses declined an invitation to participate.



Georgetown's Mountainview Baptist church on Mountainview Road South hosted a 135th anniversary homecoming celebration this weekend and among the guests was Cora Hill (right) cutting the "birthday" cake with Joceline Tate, wife of Mountainview minister Rev. Dean Tate. Eighty-nine year old Minda Corbett, another individual with a lengthy association in the church, participated in a special ceremony later to burn the church's mortgage. The congregations of St. Paul's Baptist Church and First Baptist Church amalgamated in 1970, establishing the Mountainview congregation.



CLERGY COMMENT

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Sown only in good soil

We appear, sometimes, poor soil indeed: crumbled down and hard-packed, littered with stones and choked with weeds. But the poorest soil, the meanest life, can be made good by proper preparation: turn it over, pull the weeds, throw out the rocks - open life up to the rain and snow of God's message of love, and it can be made ready to receive Jesus, God's word, God's seed.

It's hard work, but worth it: for in the ready heart Jesus takes root and grows, and life bears fruit in abundance.

One of the gardener's autumn jobs is turning over the soil. Summer's traffic has pecked down the ground; late weeds have sprung; fallen leaves lie amidst dead vines and empty stalks.

Raking what he can, the tiller thrusts deep the spade, heaving up great clouds - opening the earth to nature's cultivator: rain and snow, freeze and thaw, breaking particles for release of nutrients in the miracle of growth. It's hard work, but worth it, for a well-turned garden tills easily in spring, quickly readied for the seed.

In touch with nature in the garden, one can often be in touch with God.

"The Lord says," writes the prophet Isaiah, "My word is like the snow and the rain that come down from the sky to water the earth. They make the crops grow and provide seed for planting and food to eat. So also will be the word that I speak - it will not fail to do what I plan for it; it will do everything I send it to do." (Isaiah 55:10, 11 TEV)

God's word, his will and intent for creation, is spoken supremely in Jesus. In one parable, Jesus likens the Kingdom of God to the sower sowing his seed. God's message is broadcast everywhere - but only where the seed falls on good soil does it bear fruit in abundance. (Mark 4:1-9)

Baha'i talk to feature globetrotter

Herald Special

The second talk in a three-part series introducing the Baha'i faith to residents of Halton Hills will be presented at the Cultural Centre in Georgetown at 8 p.m. next Tuesday (Nov. 16). Guest speaker for the evening is Terry Spratt, owner of a Toronto art gallery.

As a Baha'i, Mr. Spratt has travelled extensively, teaching the faith in such countries as India, Israel, Iran and Burma. On his return to Canada, he became a member of the World Religions project in Sudbury before moving to Toronto to open his gallery.

Mr. Spratt's topic will be implications of the Baha'i Faith for mankind today. We see many of the principles enunciated by Baha'u'llah, founder of

the faith, in the 19th century, being implemented today and in some cases even taken for granted in the western world. Such principles as universal and compulsory education, equality of the sexes, social programs for the sick and aged, freedom to worship as we choose.

In many countries these principles are as anathema today as they were in the west a century ago.

The winds of change are sweeping the planet, there is turmoil and confusion everywhere we turn. It's the hope of local Baha'is that this series of talks will shed some light on the causes and eventual outcome of this universal unrest, and to provide some insight into the glorious future of mankind.

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