

Emotional healing needed within our churches

By DOREEN PALMER

There is a great need today for emotional healing within the body of Christ. The events which have taken place within large ministries have caused us to focus attention upon the strengths and weaknesses in our own churches.

We have become conscious of two things. The first is that in the days we face, it is essential that we seek the Spirit of the living Jesus more than the spirit of man.

Secondly, we will have to find individual emotional healing if we are to work comfortably together. For too long, because of our sinful hang-ups, we have rubbed salt into one another's wounded hearts.

Having spotted our need for emotional healing, where will we turn to get it? Many turn to psychiatry, but this human help was not utilized in the early church. They did, however, have

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a method of healing, but it was God's way -- not those of man.

They had a great Counsellor (1) who had been sent into the church body after Jesus left. This Counsellor was the Holy Spirit, His voice available only to those who had accepted the Spirit of the resurrected Lord into their hearts.

Because of the renewal within Christian churches today, more and more people are sitting in the office of Heaven's Counsellor for emotional healing. He can point out to those who want to be healed the areas where they have been wounded in childhood, or even later, and how their past patterns of interaction with parents or siblings can now be broken.

A child who has been rejected will continue to feel rejected by everyone he meets throughout his life until he realizes he is no

longer a child, and that Jesus died to set him free from his sinful reactive pattern. Only when he is capable of discerning the problem, can the greatest Psychiatrist of all time touch and heal him.

Within the church body, many new counsellors are rising up helping church members understand how Jesus' blood sets free as it did in the early church, and more people are learning to listen to the voice from heaven and appropriate heaven's healing.

Very often deep emotional hurts allow the evil one access as well, but as Christians grow in faith and God's anointing comes upon them, this yoke of bondage is broken (2). In other words, the Holy Spirit of the living Jesus is able to break down anything Satan can throw at us.

As we find emotional healing within our churches, we will not need to be afraid to interact with one another. The love of God, not that of man, will bond us together into one great church, the Bride of Jesus Christ. As each member learns to love her Bridegroom, His love will be poured into our churches.

Peter compared the true church to a temple where each stone fits together. We are "as lively stones" (3) and, because we are alive and can hurt one another if our edges are rough, it is time we got rid of our sinful rough edges.

The answer lies in our willingness to pursue the Christian faith and Spirit to the point of being able to hear the voice of our great Counsellor. He is called the "Spirit of Truth" (4), because He tells us the truth about ourselves and about others. He helps us see the good in others rather than their flaws.

If we can be healed by God instead of worldly methods, not only will we receive personal healing, but our churches too will be healed of divisiveness and brokenness. Hallelujah! The victory is ours!

NIV -- Jn 16:7

KJV -- Is 10:27; 1 Pe 2:5; Jn 16:13

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15,000 attend convention

A total of 15,642 people attended the three day Godly Devotion convention in Hamilton recently.

Jehovah's Witnesses from southwestern Ontario met at Cops Coliseum to hear lectures on many subjects including youth and the problems they face, and the quality of family life.

The principle speech during the convention was delivered by Andre

Ramseyer, a representative of Watchtower.

Speaking on the subject Deliverance Near For People of Godly Devotion, Ramseyer pointed to the present crises affecting humanity that touches everyone's lives including: Crime, violence, terrorism, economic panic, environmental problems as a sure sign that divine intervention in human affairs is near.

Living with cancer group

Group discussions to provide emotional support and practical guidance to patient, families and friends. Groups are led by nurses at St. Paul's United Church, 123 Main St., Milton on every second Thursday, 7:30-9 p.m. The next meetings are July 13 and July 27.

Stop smoking clinic starts




Halton Lung Association will again offer Countdown, a seven session five week smoking cessation clinic at the Oakville Library, starting August 1. Additional courses in the fall. Registration fee is \$95. To register or for more information call 632-8499.

Volunteer opportunities

Organizations in our community need your help. Will you give a few hours of your time each week? Whether you help a person cope with a serious illness, visit a shut-in, serve on a board of directors or wash medical supplies, your assistance is needed. Let the Volunteer Centre match your interests with one of the many volunteer opportunities in Halton Hills. Call now to help, 877-3219.

Red Cross office closed

The Georgetown Red Cross office will be closed for holidays from July 20 until August 8. In an emergency please call the Distress Centre at 877-1211 for referrals.

 <h2 style="margin: 0;">DIRECTORY of HALTON HILLS Churches & Temples</h2>		<h3>Mountainview Baptist Church</h3> <p>102 Mountainview Rd. S. Pastor: David Caldwell Church: 877-5854 Home: 873-2184 July 16 & 23rd Stan Fowler Dean of C.B.S.</p> <p><small>Nursery & Sunday School meets during Service. Christ Welcomes You</small></p>
<h3>MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH</h3> <p>177 Maple Avenue, Georgetown Pastor Edwin H. Mitchell 877-6555/0320</p> <p>Sundays 9:45 a.m. Sunday School -- for all -- all summer 11:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. Worship & Praise Special earlier p.m. service holiday weekends</p> <p>Weekdays Baseball and Recreation Mid-Week Bible Study & Prayer Special Youth Activities</p> <p style="text-align: center;">YOU ARE WELCOME</p>	<h3>Christian Reformed Church</h3> <p>Trafalgar Rd. SUNDAY 10:00 A.M. & 7:00 P.M. Rev. B. Slofstra The Back to God Hour Sundays:</p> <p>7:30 A.M. Hamilton CHAM 1280 7:30 P.M. Burlington FM108 9:00 P.M. Guelph CJOY 1460 and Mon.-Fri. Faith 20 5:00 A.M. Global TV Ch. 6-22</p> <p>*** Ladies' Coffee Break Tues. 9:15 a.m.</p>	<h3>St. George's Anglican Church</h3> <p>60 Guelph St., Georgetown 877-8044 Rector: Rev. Thomas M.S. Kingston, B.A., B.Th.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Summer Services 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.</p> </div>
<h3>ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH</h3> <p>Winston Churchill, South of Hwy. 7 Norval Rev. Richard Ruggle, MA, B.Th. 877-3404</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>All Are Welcome!</p> </div> 	<h3>ST. ANDREWS UNITED CHURCH</h3> <p>Minister: Rev. T.B. Bandy, B.A., M.Div, Th.D. Rev. Carol Gierak, B.A., M.Div. 89 Mountainview 877-4482 10 a.m.</p> <p>- Morning Worship - Sunday School - Nursery Facilities</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"Building Tomorrow's Church Today"</p>	<h3>KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</h3> <p>Corner Main & Church Georgetown</p> <p>10:00 a.m. -- Sunday School 11:00 a.m. -- Morning Worship</p> <p>Junior Congregation Nursery Facilities</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Peter Barrow, B.D., Minister</i></p>
<h3>NORVAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</h3> <p>Rev. Angus Sutherland</p> <p>Sunday School During Church</p> <p>Nursery Available</p>	<h3>SALVATION ARMY ACTON CORPS</h3> <p>114 Mill St. E. 853-1140, 853-1435</p> <p>SUNDAYS -- Sunday School 9:45 a.m. for all ages -- Morning Worship 11 a.m. -- Gospel Service 7 p.m.</p> <p>WEDNESDAYS -- Junior Soldier Classes 6 p.m. -- Prayer & Bible Study 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>THURSDAYS -- Home League (Ladies' Group) 7:30 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Captain & Mrs. Wade Budgell Corps Officers</p>	<h3>Halton Gospel Temple</h3> <p>Phone (416) 877-2759</p>  <p>Highway 7 West of Trafalgar Rd., Georgetown Affiliated with P.A.O.C. Rev. David Tapley, Pastor Youth Pastor Dale Reddekopp</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>9:45 a.m. - Christian Education 11:00 a.m. - Family Worship 6:30 p.m. - Evening Praise Wed. 7 p.m. - Family Night Fri. 7:30 p.m. - Youth Alive</p> </div>

Len Tuitman and Staff present

Green Thumb Gardening

MULCH MAKES IT

Are weeds a perennial problem in your garden? Does your soil dry out quickly? Or is erosion a problem in your yard?

If so, then perhaps you should consider the merits of using a mulch. A mulch is a layer of material (2-4 inches in thickness) placed on the soil. The mulch can consist of organic matter such as leaves, coco-bean hulls, lawn clippings, wood chips, or bark nuggets. An organic mulch will slowly decompose and then improve your soil structure as well. Unorganic substances can also be used as a mulch (gravel, small rocks, marble stones, lava rocks).

A mulch, whether it is organic or unorganic will suppress weed growth. A thick layer of mulch will suppress the growth of all but the most persistent weeds. The lack of light and poor rooting conditions within the mulch will hinder their growth. The few that do germinate are easily pulled out because they are poorly rooted in the medium. And with fewer weeds, there is more water and nutrients available for your garden plants! The mulch reduces evaporation of water from the soil, which keeps the soil moist for longer periods of time and it also keeps the soil cooler. In addition, a mulch will curb erosion damage. The mulch makes the water (rain or irrigation) drain down into the soil, rather than running on the surface.

A mulch is not only practical (reduces weeds and holds moisture during dry periods) but it also improves the appearance of the flower or vegetable gardens. Last but not least, it provides favorable conditions for plant growth.

Each week Christine Cole of Tuitman's Garden Centre and Landscaping, Highway 25, 1 mile south of Acton, 853-2480, will be presenting helpful tips and information to assist you in creating your garden showplace!