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Public invited to St. John's, Glen services

Reverend Nancy Knox of St. John's United Church in Georgetown and Glen Williams, and Karen Wigston, extend a warm

invitation to everyone to attend the following worship services in order to celebrate the Christmas holy season.

On December 16, at 11 a.m., the St. John's Choir will perform a Carol Cantata, under the leadership of Haydn Evans, the musical director at St. John's in Georgetown. The Carol Cantata is a collection of songs that demonstrate the contributions made by some of the many countries which have enriched the world's store of Christmas carols.

The traditional Glen Williams candlelight service will be held at 7 p.m. on December 16, with organist Sharon Ferguson. Please note there will be no morning service on this day at the Glen.

Carolfest, led by Haydn Evans, will be held on December 17, at 7:30 in the St. John's Georgetown sanctuary. The combined community choirs will bring everyone the music of the Christmas season.

On Christmas Eve, Communion will be served at the 11 p.m. service in Georgetown, and the Family Service will begin at 7 p.m. at the same location.

Please join the members of St. John's for worship during these services, as this part of our spiritual journey takes us to the manger.

The Babe and the Lord of Glory

The Bible accounts of the birth of Christ are touching indeed. The angelic announcements, the virgin with child, deeply embarrassed, yet highly honored, the holy Babe born in a stable because there was no room in the inn, the night suddenly turned to day, the multitude of the heavenly host praising God, the Babe wrapped in swaddling bands and lying in a manger.

Surely it is fitting that we remember all this and celebrate it, especially since our Lord thus humbled Himself that He might die for our sins. Yet here we must be careful not to be led astray, lest we know Him only as sweet babe in a manger rather than as the mighty Saviour that He is.

We celebrate the birthdays of great men, but we do not emphasize their babyhood. We rather honor them for what they

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have accomplished, rejoicing that such men were born into the world.

Our Lord is no longer a babe and He does not wish to be thought of as a babe, but rather as the One who, having died for our sins at Calvary, now lives to dispense to a world of lost sinners the riches of His grace.

It is wonderful to remember our Lord as the Babe born at Bethlehem but still more wonderful to know Him now as the One who is "able to save unto the uttermost all them that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them." (Heb. 7:25).

The glory of God is His manifested presence

The manifestation of God's presence and power is the 'glory of God'. Jesus' prayer to the Father for all believers is, "I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one" (1). The presence and power of God unites believers in love, making them of one mind and one spirit.

To come near the Ark of the Covenant in Old Testament days was to experience the presence, power, and glory of God. It had to

be handled with special care because it was so holy. The Ark contained the law, some manna, and the rod of Aaron (2).

The stone tablets represented the 10 Commandments represented Father God, the manna Jesus as our Bread (3), the rod of Aaron the power of the Holy Spirit. These three articles are symbols of the Godhead living within every born-again believer, "in Christ you too are filled with the Godhead - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit" (4).

To understand that we Christians each have the life and power of God within us eliminates all fear of anything the world can throw at us. Not only is God inside us, He is also above us (5), under us (6), on our right hand (7), and on our left hand (8). He is behind us to deal with our past (9), and ahead of us to deal with our future (10). He is in us, and we are in Him (11).

To be touched with God's pres-

ence and power is called 'anointing'. New kings were anointed with oil in the Old Testament; a born-again Christian is anointed with the oil of the Holy Spirit. We are "kings and priests: (12) - kings anointed with His Spirit, and priests to minister unto Him!

To receive His anointing, we must repent and ask Jesus to live within us. When His Spirit has been birthed within us, we are eligible to pray for a further anointing of His Holy Spirit. Even though we have had both of these experiences, we must free ourselves from sin to maintain the anointing, a sign of His presence.

As we clean up the kingdom of our hearts so that Jesus can reign there, we become clearer channels through which His anointing - His presence, power, and glory, can be manifested.

Not only is there a revival of evil in our day, there is also a revival of Christianity. Along with manifestations of evil powers,

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there are also great manifestations of God's power and glory, a glory which will exceed even that of former revivals (13).

NIV - Jn 17:21-22; Heb 9:4; Jn 6:35

Amp V - Col 2:10
NIV - Ex 25:11-12; Deut 33:27; Ps 139:10; S Sol 2:6; Ph'p 3:13; Jn 10:4;

Jn 17:23; Rev 1:6; Hag 2:9

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DIRECTORY OF HALTON HILLS Churches & Temples		
<p>MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH Corner of Maple & Guelph, 877-6665</p> <p>Pastor: Bruce Scott Youth Pastor: Rob Grainger</p> <p>SUNDAY: 9:45 Family Teaching Ministry (for all ages) 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Worship Service</p> <p>WEEKDAY EVENTS Tues. 7:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting Wed. 9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour 7:00 p.m. Youth Group Fri. 7:00 p.m. Youth Rec Night (Acton H.S.) 8:00 p.m. Youth Choir</p>	<p>Christian Reformed Church Trafalgar Rd. SUNDAY 10:00 A.M. & 6:00 P.M. Rev. P. Stadt</p> <p>"LISTEN TO THE BACK TO GOD HOUR" 7:30 A.M. Hamilton CHAM 820 7:30 P.M. Burlington FM 108 9:00 P.M. Guelph CJOY 1460 and Mon.-Fri. Faith 20 5:30 A.M. Global TV Ch. 6-41</p> <p>Ladies' Coffee Break Tues. 9:15 a.m. (Sept. through May)</p>	<p>St. George's Anglican Church 60 Guelph Street, Georgetown - 877-8044 Rector: Rev. Thomas M.S. Kingston, B.A., B.Th. Pastoral Archdeacon: Ven. John H. McMulkin, B.A., S.T.B., D.D. Director of Music: Mr. Robert MacLennan, B.A. Mus.</p> <p>Sunday Services 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Thursdays 10:00 a.m.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">TO ADVERTISE IN THIS SPOT CALL TAMMY AT 873-0301</p>	<p>ST. ANDREWS UNITED CHURCH Minister: Rev. Joe Smiley B.A., M.Div. 89 Mountainview 877-4482</p> <p>9:45 a.m. - Morning Worship - Sunday School - Nursery Facilities</p> <p>"Building Tomorrow's Church Today"</p>	<p>Mountainview Baptist Church 102 Mountainview Rd. S. Pastor: David Caldwell Church: 877-5854 Home: 873-2184</p> <p>"How to find Christ at Christmas" Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship Service 11 a.m.</p> <p>Nursery & Junior Church during service Christ Welcomes You</p>
<p>Knox Presbyterian Church 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>Peter Barrow, B.D., Minister</p>	<p>ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH Winston Churchill, South of Hwy. 7 Norval</p> <p>Rev. Richard Ruggle, MA, B.h. 877-3404</p> <p>Service at 10:30 a.m.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>All Are Welcome!</p> </div>	<p>Halton Gospel Temple Phone (416) 877-2759</p> <p>Highway 7 West of Trafalgar Rd., Georgetown Affiliated with P.A.O.C. Pastor Rev. David Tapley, Youth Pastor Rev. Dale Reddekopp</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>SUNDAY SERVICES 9:45 a.m. Christian Education 11:00 a.m. FAMILY WORSHIP 6:30 P.M. Evening Praise Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Ladies coffee Hour Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Family Night Friday 7:30 p.m. Youth Alive</p> </div>

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

6:30 P.M.

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