

Religion

It is time for Christians to grow up

Last night I dreamed I was once again teaching a class of girls I had taught many years ago, their faces as vivid before me as if it were yesterday. It was a Grade 11 class, and the subject was Pitman Shorthand. On this particular day, the Inspector had entered the classroom, and we were continuing the lesson as usual. It was

not until I was well into the lesson that I suddenly realized I had taught from this same textbook to this same class in Grade 10 and they had already passed the course. I decided I would have to confess my error to the class and Inspector, then quickly proceed into the Grade 11 text.

As I awoke, I realized that

many churches also do this; they go over the same teachings year after year. The Apostle Paul noticed this in the church at Corinth, and said that while newborn Christians need milk, older Christians require meat in order to grow up (1). Just as last year's textbook held little value once the girls had passed the course, so we must all dig into the Bible to get some meat if we hope to grow into Christian maturity! Like the Inspector who hadn't noticed the error, many older Christians do not realize they are being fed on a milk diet designed for babies!

The Apostle Paul pointed out to the Corinthian church that the reason they must go on into deep-

er teaching was because they were still living by their carnal nature with their envy, strife, and divisions. We, today, must also get rid of our carnal nature which emphasizes self, and root out sin if we are to build a solid faith.

It is essential to be born of God (2), and be filled with His Spirit (3). It is interesting to note, however, that even among those who have met these two requirements there are many living on last year's learning. For example, there are many who teach only the blessings we receive when we become a Christian, not realizing that although God does indeed bless, such blessings are not to add to human pride or self-indul-

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gence. He expects us to go beyond self-interest into spiritual maturity, not wanting the highest position as did the disciples (4), but being willing to be a servant. We are to grow into the full stature of Christ (5), "no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine" (6).

Today, more than ever before, it is essential for Christians to grow up spiritually to avoid the deceptions springing up around us. Let us realize where we are at, as I did in my dream, and get some meat so we can become more than carnal Christians!

KJV - I Cor 3:1-10; Jn 3:6; Eph 5:18; Mk 9:34-35; Eph 4:13; Eph 4:14-16

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DIRECTORY OF HALTON HILLS Churches & Temples

He that walketh with wise men shall be wise.
Proverbs 13:20

St. Paul's Church
(Anglican)
Winston Churchill, south of Hwy. 7
Norval + 877-3404
Rev. Richard Ruggle, MA, B.Th.

10:30 a.m.
Sunday Service
and Sunday School

Welcome

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH
Georgetown & Glen Williams
11 Guelph St. Main St., G.W.
PHONE 877-2531

Maunder Thursday Choir Cantata in Georgetown 7:30 p.m.
Good Friday in Georgetown 10:30 a.m.
Easter Sunrise Service 7 a.m. at Glen Williams Cemetery
An ecumenical service with local clergy & congregations taking part.
Hot Cross Buns & Coffee at St. John's in Glen Williams following service.
Also regular services.

MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
Corner of Maple & Guelph, 877-6665

Pastor: Bruce Scott
Youth Pastor: Rob Grainger

SUNDAY:
9:30 Family Teaching Ministry (for all ages)
11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Worship Service

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

Christian Reformed Church
Trafalgar Rd.

SUNDAY 10:00 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.
Rev. P. Stadt

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 and 41

Ladies' Coffee Break Tues. 9:30 a.m. (Sept. through May)

CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR
Anglican Church of Canada
537 Main St. Glen Williams
(Mountain & Main Sts.)
416-877-8323
HOLY WEEK

Wed. 7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist
Maundy Thursday 7:30 p.m. Confirmation & Eucharist
Bishop W. Asbil Officiating
10:00 a.m. Good Friday Liturgy (Family Hike following)
Holy Saturday, March 30th, 7:30 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter & Service of Light
Easter Day - Sunday, March 31st, 8 & 10 a.m. (bring your bells)
Nursery at 10:30 a.m.

ST. ANDREWS UNITED CHURCH
Minister:
Rev. Joe Smiley
B.A., M.Div.
89 Mountainview
877-4482

9:45 a.m.
- Morning Worship
- Sunday School
- Nursery Facilities

"Building Tomorrow's Church Today"

NORVAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9:45 A.M.

Minister: Rev. Mary Campbell
B.A. M.Div.

Nursery Available

St. George's Anglican Church
60 Guelph Street, Georgetown - 877-8044

GOOD FRIDAY, EASTER
Wed., Mar. 27 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion
Maundy Thurs., March 28 7:30 p.m.
Good Friday March 29, Family Service
10 a.m. & 12 noon Liturgy of Good Friday
Holy Sat., March 30 7:30 p.m.
Easter Vigil an Baptism
Easter Sunday, March 31
8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Knox Presbyterian Church
Corner Main & Church, Georgetown

10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Morning Workshop

Junior Congregation
Nursery Facilities

Peter Barrow, B.D., Minister

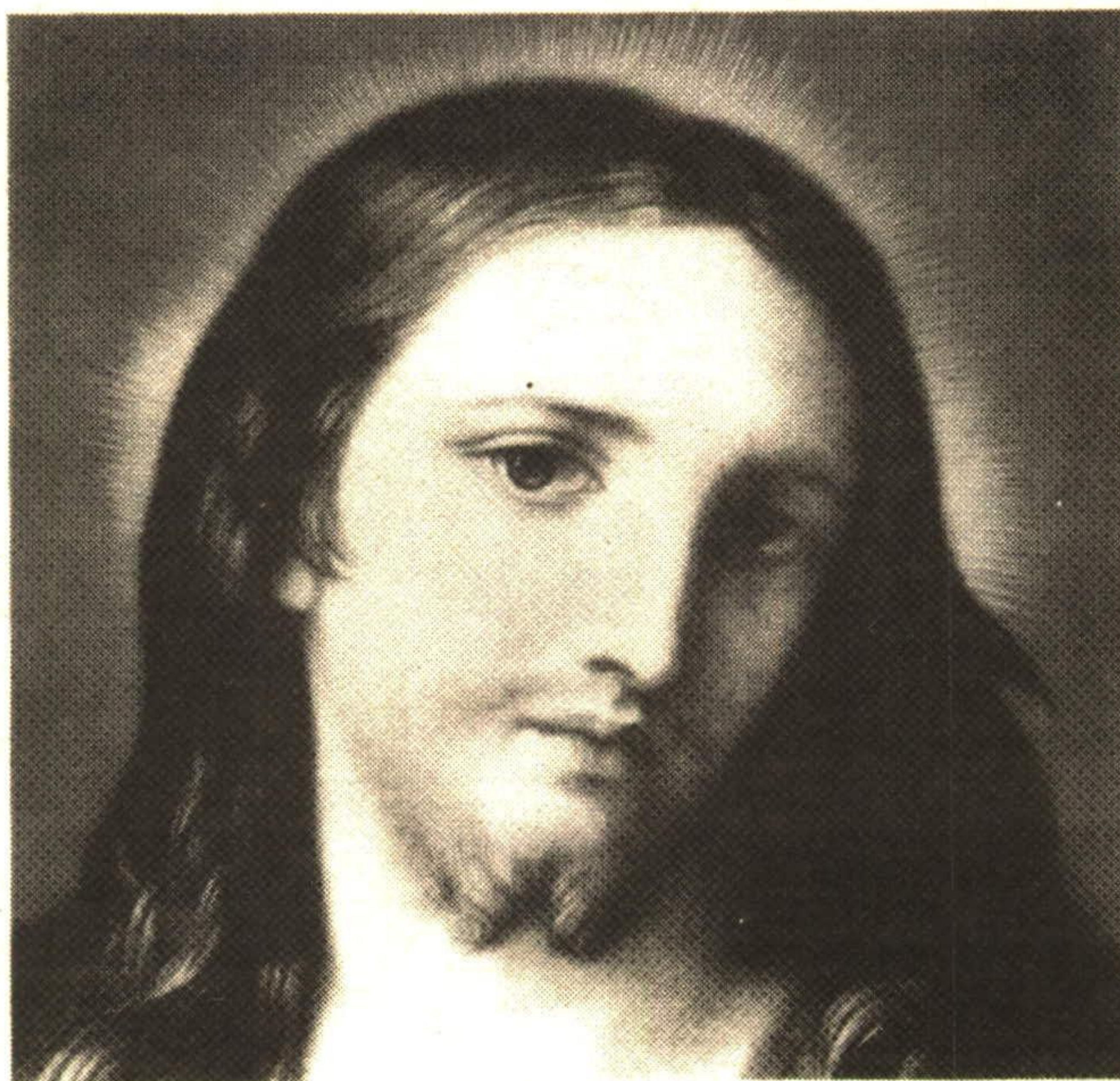
A STAGE IN TIME . . .

An Easter play for the entire family!
FREE ADMISSION
Saturday, March 30, 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 31, 6:30 p.m.
EVERYONE WELCOME!

HALTON GOSPEL TEMPLE
(Hwy. 7, one mile west of Georgetown)
PHONE: 877-2759

He didn't rise from the dead to hunt Easter eggs.

This year instead of getting on your knees to hunt Easter eggs, rise up and join us thinking God for the gift of everlasting life.
The Lutheran Church



Immanuel Lutheran Church, Georgetown and Epiphany Lutheran, Milton, will be holding a joint Easter Sunrise service, 6:30 a.m., March 31st at Hillcrest United Church (Trafalgar Rd. and 5 Sideroad) and 11 a.m. service in Georgetown. A breakfast and special video presentation will follow at Immanuel.

St. John's anniversary

St. John's Anglican Church, Nassagaweya, is anxious to communicate with all former members of the congregation regarding its 150th anniversary celebrations in 1992. Those wishing to know more about the special events planned for the Sesquicentennial are invited to contact: Dr. John Dougan, R.R.1 Acton Ont. L7J 2L7.

An evening of songs

Sacred songs old and new will be presented by soprano Mary Jane McGinn who is accompanied by pianist Lynn Archdekin. There is no admission charge. Come to Georgetown Alliance Church on Sun. April 7 located on Main St. S. at 15th Sideroad.

Good Friday Service

There will be a Good Friday service on Friday, March 29 at 7:30 p.m. For "the passion of our Lord" in music, drama and scripture attend the Cheltenham Baptist Church.

Everyone is invited to participate in an Easter Sunday Sunrise Event

Celebrating: "THE GREATEST PRO-LIFE EVENT IN HISTORY"
"THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST FROM THE DEAD"—
"The only Hope for a Nation and a world in Despair!"

EXPERIENCE "A SPECTACULAR VIEW OF TIME AND ETERNITY"
in a simple, interdenominational sunrise service at **RATTLESNAKE POINT PARK**
(At "The Nelson Lookout", the southern brow of the Niagara Escarpment on Appleby Line, 4 miles West of Milton, with a breathtaking overview of most of "the Golden Horseshoe." In case of inclement weather, the celebration will be held under the Park Pavilion.)

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 7:00 A.M.

Mary Magdalene, a liberated victim of her culture, was the FIRST to whom Jesus showed Himself alive after His resurrection.



GREGORY and BARBARA (DODD) MURPHY are TWO OF THE LATEST VICTIMS OF OUR SECULAR CULTURE who've been LIBERATED by the power of the resurrected Christ!
—HEAR GREGORY and BARBARA MURPHY tell:
'WHAT THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST MEANS TO US—
—FROM ABORTION TO SALVATION!
—FROM MISCARRIAGE TO MARRIAGE!
—FROM RUIN TO RESTORATION!
—FROM WRECKED RELATIONS TO RECONCILIATION!
—FROM VICTIM TO VICTOR!"

—ALSO participating in this "pro-life celebration: will be Rev. Ken Campbell and Father Ted Colleton
This is an event well worth getting up for — at a location within an hour of 3-4 million Canadians — at the population heart of the nation.
— sponsored by CHOOSE LIFE CANADA
— No admission — an offering will be received to defray expenses.
— Park Gates open at 6:30 A.M. (For further information phone (416) 878-8461)
— ALL WELCOME — skeptic or seeker; agnostic or believer; friend or foe!