

Religious Service Directory

IMMANUEL - GOD WITH US - FOR ALWAYS

In 1994, two foreign missionaries answered an invitation from the Russian Department of Education to teach morals and ethics in a large orphanage. About 100 boys and girls who had been abandoned, abused, and left in the care of a government-run program were in the orphanage. One of the dedicated workers shared the following story in their own words:

It was time for our orphans to hear, for the first time, the traditional story of Christmas. We told them about Mary and Joseph arriving in Bethlehem and how when they found no room in the inn, they went to a stable, where the baby Jesus was born and placed in a manger.

Throughout the story, the children and orphanage staff sat in amazement as they listened. Some sat on the edges of their stools, trying to grasp every word. Completing the story, we gave the children three small pieces of cardboard to make a crude manger. Each child was given a small paper square, cut from yellow napkins for there was no coloured paper available in the city.

Following instructions, the children tore the paper and carefully laid strips in the manger for

straw. Small squares of flannel, cut from a worn-out nightgown an American lady was throwing away as she left Russia, were used for the baby's blanket. A doll-like baby was cut from tan felt. The orphans were busy assembling their manger as I walked among them to see if they needed any help.

All went well until I got to one table where little Misha sat - he looked to be about six years old and had finished his project. As I looked at the little boy's manger, I was startled to see not one, but two babies in the manger. Quickly, I called for the translator to ask why there were two babies in the manger.

Crossing his arms in front of him and looking at his completed manger scene, Misha repeated the story. I was amazed at how accurately this young boy could remember the details, since he had only heard the Christmas story once! But, when he came to the end, Misha added his own conclusion:

"... and when Mary laid the baby in the manger, Jesus looked at me and asked me if I had a place to stay. I told him I have no mamma and I have no papa, so I don't have

any place to stay. Then Jesus told me I could stay with Him.

I told Him I couldn't, because I didn't have a gift to give him like everybody else did. But I wanted to stay with Jesus so much, so I thought about what I had that maybe I could use for a gift. I thought maybe if I kept him warm, that would be a good gift.

So I asked Jesus, 'if I keep you warm, will that be a good enough gift?'

And Jesus told me, 'If you keep me warm, that will be the best gift anybody ever gave me.'

So I got into the manger, and then Jesus looked at me and He told me I could stay with him - for always."

As little Misha finished his story, his eyes brimmed full of tears that splashed down his little cheeks. Putting his hand over his face, his head dropped to the table and his shoulders shook as he sobbed and sobbed.

The little orphan had found someone who would never abandon nor abuse him, someone who would stay with him - for always!

Original author unknown

I've learned that it's not what you have in

your life, but Who you have in your life that counts! Rediscover the true meaning of Christmas this year by celebrating the real reason for the season - the birth of God's Son, Jesus Christ! Allow one of our local churches listed below help make your Christmas more meaningful. Take the time to visit this week!

Submitted by Reverend Dan Rogge,
Senior Pastor of New Life Church, Milton

Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church

15th Sideroad, just east of Guelph Line • 854-1055

Rev. Glen Soderholm

Organist and Youth Ministry: Doug Root

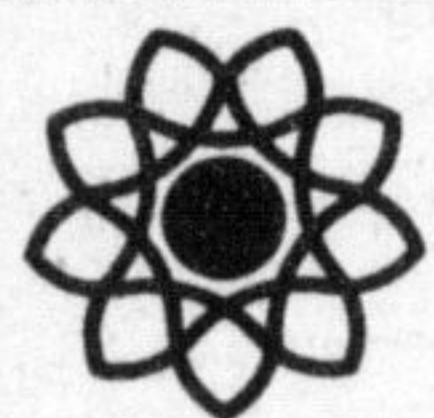
Sunday Worship Service 9:30 a.m.

Dec. 17 Special Presentation by the Sunday School

"164 Years of Christmas"

an historical overview of the Church and Community.

All are welcome!



BAHA'I

The purpose of God in creating man hath been, and will ever be, to enable him to know his Creator and to attain His Presence. To this most excellent aim, this supreme objective, all the heavenly Books and the divinely-revealed and weighty Scriptures unequivocally bear witness.

from the Baha'i Writings

LOCAL:878-0011
REGIONAL:1-800-433-3284
GLOBAL: www.bahai.org



Milton Bible Church

Presents

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

A Christmas Musical for the Entire Family

Sunday, December 17, 2000

10:00am & 6:30pm

At the Milton Seniors Activity Centre
500 Childs Drive, Milton



VICTORY BIBLE CHURCH

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(1 John 1:9 KJV)

Sin is a subject that we do not like to deal with. But there is a wonderful blessing in knowing that we can have forgiveness in Jesus Christ. Join us this Sunday so you too can know His forgiveness for yourself.

10:00 A.M. - Sunday Morning Worship
Milton Leisure Centre
(Boardroom)

(separate services for children 9 years and under)

Wednesday Bible Study 7-8:30 pm
Milton Leisure Centre Boardroom

(child care provided)

"Living A Victorious Life By The Word Of God"
Pastor Charles Boyce

(905) 875-2162

Email: cboyce@interhop.net



MILTON SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Invites you to our weekly Sabbath services at

Hugh Foster Hall, 43 Brown St. Milton

Sat. 9:30 a. m. - Sabbath School

Sat. 11:00 a.m. - Divine Service

FREE BIBLE SCHOOL

Discover the amazing Bible answers to life's perplexing questions, and the secret to a happy life. For FREE BIBLE LESSONS, write: P.O. Box 23012, 55 Ontario St., Milton, Ont., L9T 5B4.

On the INTERNET, <http://www.vop.com> and www.amazingfacts.org/bibleschool/schoolmain.asp

PASTOR: Carlton O. Roulston, 416-821-4610



Milton Baptist Church

900 Nipissing Rd.
(905) 875-1626

9:45 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship Service

Title: "Opening our Hearts Door to Divine Encounter"

Rev. Greg Macaulay - B.A., M.Div.



We welcome you to...

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

123 Main St. E., Milton

This Sunday - ADVENT 3
Worship 10:30 am • Nursery & Church School
Thur. Dec. 21, 7:30 pm - Service of Light for the longest Night of the Year



Rev. John Benham & Rev. John Ambrose
Judy Hunter, Director of Music
Church office: (905) 878-8895
www.stpaulsmilton.org

MILTON GOSPEL HALL

306 Ontario St. N. • 878-3873

10:00 a.m. - The Lord's Supper
11:45 a.m. - Sunday School
6:30 p.m. - Gospel Service

Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
Prayer and Bible Study

I give unto my sheep eternal life; they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.
John 10.28



SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

of The Christian & Missionary Alliance
(formerly known as Milton Alliance Church)

2850 DERRY RD.

• Phone 878-5664 • Fax 878-6676

Pastor Greg McCombs

11:00 A.M. SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
(Nursery care provided)

3rd Sunday of Advent - Theme: "Season Your Gatherings"

*ADVENTURELAND (for kids age 3-gr.6) also follows Advent Theme

** For more info on our regular weekly ministries, please call the church office.

HOLY ROSARY PARISH

<http://www.golden.net/~wts/hamilton/p-holyrosary-m.html>

878-6535 (T.T.Y. 878-9044)

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

139 Martin Street

Mass at 5:30 p.m. Saturday
9:00 am., 10:30 a.m. & noon Sunday

ST. PETER MISSION

9th Line & Britannia

Mass at 9:00 a.m. Sunday

Rev. Earl Talbot, P.P.



The Salvation Army Church Milton

11:00 am - Morning Worship
11:00 am Sunday School

100 Nipissing Road, Unit 3

Pastors:

Lieutenants Sheldon & Clare Feener

For more information about our services, and other programming please call 876-2420

Grace Anglican Church

317 Main St. E., Milton
the Church on the Hill
Tel. 878-2411 Fax 878-3005
www.welcome.to/Grace.Milton

Rev. Dr. Mark McDermott

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 am - Holy Communion
10:00 am - Sung Eucharist
Church School & Coffee Hour
4:00 - 5:30 pm - Youth Group

THURSDAY

10:00 am Holy Communion



Wheelchair Access Through parking Lot Doors

NEW LIFE

6620 THIRD LINE, MILTON
"Only 1/2 km South of Derry Road"

Phone: (905) 878-3358

Church Affiliated with the

Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada

Senior Pastor Rev. Dan Rogge
Children Mrs. Natalie Rogge
Worship Mrs. Esther Kessler
Youth Rev. Gord Clark

9 am - Early Worship Service
9:30 - Sunday School

10:45 am - Second Worship Service
Pastor Dan Rogge Preaching

WHAT IF...?

CHRISTMAS WITHOUT CHRIST
Sermon Series Designed to Measure
Jesus' Impact Upon the World

Supervised Nursery & Dynamic Children's Programs available during all services!



YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT CHOIR
Christmas Musical

6:30 p.m.

Call Him Jesus

CAPTIONING PROVIDED FOR DEAF/HARD OF HEARING EVERY SUNDAY AT 10:45 AM



"ENLARGE YOUR CIRCLE OF LOVE"