

# Religious Service Directory

## Passing a Divine Spark Along

At a fundraising dinner for a school that caters to children with learning disabilities, a student's father delivered a memorable speech. After extolling the school and its dedicated staff, he offered a question: "Everything God does is done with perfection. Yet, my son, Shay, cannot learn things as other children do. He cannot understand things as other children do. Where is God's plan in reflected in my son?"

The audience was quieted by the query.

"I believe," the father answered, "that when God brings a child like Shay into the world, it presents an opportunity for us to realize God's Divine plan through the manner in which people treat that child."

Consider one day when Shay and I were walking in a park and we saw some boys playing baseball. Shay asked me, "Do you think they will let me play?"

I knew that most young, competitive boys would not want him on their team. However, I also knew that if Shay were allowed to play it would give him a much-needed sense of belonging. So I approached one of the boys on the field and asked if Shay could play.

The boy looked around for guidance from his team mates, getting none, he took matters into his own hands and said, "We are losing by six runs, and the game is in the eighth inning. I guess he can be on our team and we'll try to put him up to bat in the ninth inning."

In the bottom of the eighth inning, Shay's team

scored a few runs but was still behind by three. At the top of the ninth inning, Shay put on a glove and played in the outfield. Although no hits came his way, he was obviously ecstatic just to be on the field, grinning from ear to ear as I waved to him from the sidelines.

In the bottom of the ninth inning, Shay's team scored again. Now, with two outs and the bases loaded, the potential winning run was on base. Shay was scheduled to be the next at-bat. Would the team actually let Shay bat at this juncture and give away their chance to win the game? Surprisingly, Shay was given the bat.

Everyone knew that a hit was next to impossible because Shay didn't even know how to hold the bat properly, much less connect with the ball. However, as Shay stepped up to the plate, the pitcher moved in a few steps in order to make it easier for Shay to make contact.

The first pitch came and Shay swung clumsily and missed. The pitcher took a few more steps forward to toss the ball softly toward Shay. As the pitch came in, Shay swung at the ball and hit a slow ground ball back to the mound. Fielding the soft grounder, the pitcher could easily have thrown the ball to the first baseman. Shay would have been out and the game would have been over. Instead, the pitcher took the ball and threw it on a high arc to right field, far beyond reach of the first baseman.

Everyone started yelling, "Shay, run to first. Run to first." Never in his life had Shay ever

made it to first base. He scampered down the baseline, wide-eyed and startled.

By the time Shay was rounding first base, the right fielder had the ball. Everyone yelled, "Run to second; run to second!" The right fielder could have thrown the ball to the second baseman for a tag. But the right fielder understood what the pitcher's intentions had been, so he threw the ball high and far over the third baseman's head. Shay ran towards second base as the runners ahead of him deliriously circled the bases towards home.

As Shay reached second base, the opposing shortstop ran to him, turned him in the direction of third base, and shouted, "Run to third!"

As Shay rounded third, the boys from both teams were screaming, "Shay! Run home!" Shay ran home, stepped on home plate and was cheered as the hero, for hitting a "grand slam"

and winning the game for his team.

"That day," said the father softly with tears now rolling down his face, "the boys from both teams helped bring a piece of God's Divine Plan into this world."

We can all make a difference. We are presented with daily opportunities to help share God's love. So many seemingly trivial interactions between two people present us with a choice: Do we pass along a spark of the Divine? Or do we pass up that opportunity, and leave the world a bit colder in the process?

Find a need and fill it - find a hurt and heal it! To learn more about how you can impact your world, let me encourage you to visit a local church this week! Please consult the Religious Directory below for service times and locations!

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

### Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church

Rev. Glen Soderholm

May 27 & June 3

Pastor Glen completes the sermon series on the family May 27 "Married for Good"

Annual Chicken Barbecue June 3

165th Anniversary Service June 10

Speaker: Paul Robertson from Youth Unlimited

Join us in worship at our historic rural church.

15th Sideroad, just east of Guelph Line

(905) 854-1055



### Milton Baptist Church

900 Nipissing Rd.  
(905) 875-1626

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Worship Service

Sermon: In God's Perfect Timing



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

### SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH of The Christian & Missionary Alliance (formerly known as Milton Alliance Church)

2850 DERRY RD.

• Phone 878-5664 • Fax 878-6676

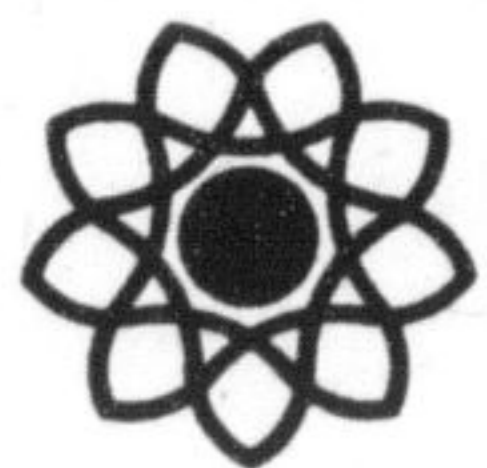
Pastor Greg McCombs

11:00 A.M. SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Join us May 6th-June 24th for a series on the Family (Nursery care provided)

\*ADVENTURELAND (for kids age 3-gr.6)

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



### BAHA'I

WORDS

"Beware lest ye harm any soul, or make any heart to sorrow; lest ye wound any man with your words, be he known to you or a stranger, be he friend or foe."

from the Writings of Baha'i

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

We believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God. John 6.69



### 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 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & noon Sunday

### ST. PETER CHURCH

9th Line & Britannia

Mass at 9:00 a.m. Sunday

Rev. Earl Talbot, P.P.



### 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

We welcome you to...

### ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

123 Main St. E., Milton

Sat. May 26, 8 a.m. - Annual Outreach Garage Sale & 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Marathon Hymn Sing-A-long

This Sunday - PASTORAL CARE SUNDAY

Worship 10:30 a.m. • Nursery & Church School



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

### 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

THURSDAY

10:00 am Holy Communion



Wheelchair Access Through Parking Lot Doors



### VICTORY BIBLE CHURCH

In today's world, there are many pressures that pull us in various directions. VBC is a church focused on learning how to apply the Bible to all aspects of life. Join us for our services so you and your family can have victory in your life.

But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:57)

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



### 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

### 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

Paster Dan Rogge preaching

THINGS TO COME  
The Book of Revelation

6:30 p.m. - Evening Worship Service

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

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

SHERYL STACEY & STARFIELD

★ REGENERATION TOUR 2001

Free Admission - Offering Received

Sunday, June 3 at 6:30 p.m.



"ENLARGE YOUR CIRCLE OF LOVE"