

# Religious Service Directory

## Building a Better Community

Once upon a time, two brothers who farmed adjoining pieces of property fell into conflict. It was their first serious rift in forty years of farming side-by-side, sharing machinery, and trading labour and goods as needed, without a hitch.

When their longtime collaboration fell apart, it began with a small misunderstanding and grew into a major difficulty! It exploded into an exchange of bitter words and was followed by silence.

One morning, there was a knock on Farmer John's door. He opened it to find a man with a carpenter's toolbox. "I'm a handyman-carpenter looking for work," he said. "Perhaps you would have a few small jobs around here that I could help with? Would you like to hire me?"

"Yes," said Farmer John. "I do have a job for you. Look across the creek at the neighbouring farm. It's where my younger brother, Joe, lives. A couple of weeks ago, all that divided us was a meadow. But then, he took his bulldozer to the river levee, opened it up and now there is a creek running right between us. He never talked to me about it! In fact, I think that he may have done it purposefully to spite me,

but I'll do him one better."

Pointing towards his barn, farmer John continued, "See that pile of lumber over there? I want you to build me a fence ... an 8-foot high fence ... so that I won't need to see his miserable place, or his ugly face, anymore!"

The handyman-carpenter said, "I think I understand the situation. Show me where you keep your nails. All I'll need is a post-hole digger and I'll be able to do a job that pleases you."

Farmer John helped his newly hired handyman-carpenter find the building materials he needed, made sure that he was ready to do the job and then left for town to attend to some pressing business. His responsibilities in town kept him busy for the majority of the day. He returned to the farm just after dinner.

He was greeted by his handyman-carpenter who had worked feverishly hard all that day - measuring, sawing, and nailing. "Let's go look at your work!" Farmer John exclaimed, "I want to see how much progress you made! Let's hurry - the sun is about to set!"

As they walked towards the meadow, Farmer John's eyes popped out of

his head. His jaw dropped. He could not believe what he saw. His handyman-carpenter had not built a fence at all. Rather, he had built a bridge ... one that stretched from one side of the creek to the other! It was a fine piece of work, but not what he wanted at all! Farmer John was fuming mad!

Before he could chasten his handyman/carpenter, however, he saw his younger brother, Joe, the neighbour next door coming towards him. He stopped on the other side of the bridge and shouted, "I can't believe you! You are quite a guy, a fine brother! After all that's happened and all that's been said and done, you've built a bridge back to me!"

The two brothers stood on opposite sides of the bridge looking at each other in disbelief, then choking back tears ran to meet each other in the middle. When they met, they embraced and asked each other for forgiveness for all the bad thoughts and bad words.

Then, they noticed the handyman-carpenter hoist his toolbox onto his shoulder and began to walk away. "No, wait! Stay a few days. I've a lot of other projects for you," said Farmer John.

"I'd love to stay!" the handyman-carpenter said with a smile as he walked on, "But I have many more bridges to build!" We build a better community by building bridges towards our neighbours. Let's make Milton the most desired place to live in the GTA. It all begins at home!

To learn more about building bridges and productively resolving conflicts with people, visit a local church this week. Learn about the power of forgiveness. Service times and locations are published for you in the Religious Directory below.

Submitted by Rev. Dan Rogge, Pastor of Milton's New Life Church

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

1412 Britannia Rd. West, Milton, On L9T 2X8  
905-875-2939

Sunday School Classes  
10:00 am

Worship & Communion  
11:00 am

Thursday Bible Study  
7:00 pm

Minister Steve Corbett

**The Sanctuary**  
Church for Your Heart, Mind & Spirit

**Sunday, October 10 10:00 a.m.**

**BEING SPIRITUAL NOT RELIGIOUS**

PART 4:  
"RECOGNIZE MY NET WORTH...  
Experience a faith that is confident of my God-given Value."

[www.thesanctuary.ca/milton](http://www.thesanctuary.ca/milton)  
**905.257.3987**  
Milton Senior Centre  
500 Childs Drive (near the Mall)

We welcome you to...

**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH**  
123 Main St. E., Milton

ONE CONGREGATION,  
TWO GREAT SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES AT 10:30 AM!  
Sun. Oct. 17, 10:30 am  
DISCIPLESHIP SUNDAY  
Celebrating our many volunteers!

Church School Theme: *The 10 Commandments*  
Nursery for babies & toddlers at 10:15am  
Weekly Bible studies, choirs for all ages, youth groups, musical ensembles & bands, and more - Call for details.

Rev. John Benham & Rev. Gerry Hofstetter  
Church office: (905) 878-8895  
[www.stpaulsmilton.org](http://www.stpaulsmilton.org)

### Milton Bible Church

200 Main Street E.

10:30 AM Coffee & Conversation  
11:00 AM Worship Service

Children's program running concurrently  
A New Church for a New Generation!

[www.MiltonBibleChurch.ca](http://www.MiltonBibleChurch.ca) 905-876-3586

### NEW LIFE

824 THOMPSON RD. S., 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 **Natalie Rogge**  
Assistant/Worship **Esther Kessler**  
Interim Youth **Clinton Kruger**

9 a.m. - Early Worship Service  
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages  
10:45 a.m. - Second Worship Service

**LET GO OF THE ROPE!**  
6:30 p.m. - Evening Praise & Preach  
**WHO'S AFRAID OF THE BIG, BAD WOLF?**

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

CAPTIONING PROVIDED FOR DEAF/  
HARD OF HEARING  
EVERY SUNDAY AT 10:45 A.M.



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**HARVEST PARTY**  
A Halloween Alternative  
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Registration begins at 6 p.m.

Website: [www.newlife-milton.org](http://www.newlife-milton.org)

"ENLARGE YOUR CIRCLE OF LOVE"

**Southside**  
Community Church  
A Church of The Christian and Missionary Alliance of Canada

2850 Derry Rd. E.  
PO Box 332,  
Milton, On L9T 4Y9  
905-878-5664  
Fax: 905-878-6676  
office@southsidemilton.org

**Sunday Worship**  
10:30am- Worship Service  
"Investments with Ultimate Returns"

2 Cor 9  
Pastor Jack Ninaber

Tuesday October 19th Safari (Gr. 6-8)  
Wednesday October 20th Jungle (Gr.9-12)

### GRACEWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

103 Martin Street  
905-878-1629  
Pastor Walter H. Isaak

10:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. - Morning Service  
6:00 p.m. - Evening Service

Thursday  
7:00 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer  
Captain's Crew for Children  
(ages 6-12)

"You'll always find a friend at Graceway"  
[www.gracewaybaptist.org](http://www.gracewaybaptist.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

"There is one God,  
and one mediator between God and men,  
the man Christ Jesus"

1st Timothy 2.5

### GRACE ANGLICAN CHURCH

Clergy: 317 Main St. E.  
Rev. Dr. Mark McDermott the Church on the Hill  
905-878-2411  
Rev. Carole Langlotz  
Father Mark Curtis

**KIDS' SPIRIT**  
Sundays at 10am

Services  
Sun. 8:00 Holy Communion  
10:00 Sung Eucharist followed by coffee hour  
Thurs. 10:00 Holy Communion followed by Tea and Sharing

Wheelchair Access Through Parking  
[www.gracechurchmilton.com](http://www.gracechurchmilton.com)

### KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

170 Main St. E., Milton  
905-878-6066

"Growing together in the grace of Christ"  
You're invited to join us for  
Sunday Morning Worship  
at 10:30 a.m.

9:15 Youth & Adult Sunday School Classes  
10:30 Children's Worship & Nursery

A variety of children's and adult music programs  
Midweek small group ministries and support groups  
There is a place for you at Knox. Come grow with us!

Wheelchair access at Mary Street entrance.



### 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**

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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](http://www.amazingfacts.org/bibleschool/schoolmain.asp)  
PASTOR: AJ DaCosta 519-835-8301  
For more information about our service and program, please call.