# Réligious Service Directory

## This Christmas, don't forget to count your blessings.

This is a true account of a girl born with more birth defects than you might think possible: only one lung, one kidney, misshapen nose and ears, a cleft palate so deep that speech was incredibly difficult, almost totally deaf, and destined to become blind.

Cruelly teased by other children, depressed by parental neglect, Helen became so desperate about her situation that a friend took her to church, where she learned to pray, to have faith in a God whose loving arms would hold her safe in spite of everything.

Her church friends found doctors to perform surgery on her eyes and ears. But the operations failed. So she went to a school for the blind to prepare for a life of total darkness.

Years passed and communication steadily became more difficult for Helen. One Christmas Eve at the midnight service back in Helen's friendly home church, the pastor was offering Communion. A young woman approached the

table. There was a pause as she did not seem to hear the invitation to accept the bread and wine.

Then with a gasp of astonishment, the minister recognized Helen, noticed her white can, and understood why she did not see the Communion emblems presented to her and why she had not heard his voice in offering them.

Deeply moved, he leaned forward to kiss her and a tear fell on her cheek. But it was not Helen's tear. You see, she was also born without tear ducts. Even the comfort of having a good cry had been denied her because of her physical prob-

The pastor indicated to Helen that she should stay behind after the rest of Christmas crowd had left, to visit with him in his office.

Later, in the office, working hard to express her emotions through her cleft palate, Helen's words tumbled out. She told her pastor that although what little vision she'd had was now gone, her faith was stronger than ever. She expressed her love for God at this Christmas season.

As she conversed about her classes at school, about her struggles for acceptance and her anxiety towards the future, she declared: "I am the luckiest person in my class for the blind! I'm so blessed to have had what I had! I'm the only one in class who remembers what it was like to be able to

A positive attitude like this young girl's reminds us to count our blessings this Christmas! Take time to thank God for His goodness to you! Visit a local church this week! Service times and locations are published in the Religious Directory below to help you!

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** 

A Church for Your Heart, Mind & Spirit™

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

10:00 a.m.

Jim Danielson speaking

www.thesanctuary.ca/milton

905.257.3987

500 Childs Drive (near the Mall)

**Milton Senior Centre** 

#### ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH 7051 Guelph Ln - R.R. #3 Campbellville, On 905-878-1363

**Rector: The Reverend Canon Charlie Masters** Associate Rector: Rev. Jerry Salloum

> Sunday, December 12th - Advent 3 8:30 & 10:30 am Worship Services 4:30 pm A service of Lessons and Carols. Sunday, December 19th - Advent 4 8:30 & 10:30 am Worship Services **Christmas Eve Services**

4pm - Holy Communion Family Service in the Auditorium 9 pm - Holy Communion

**Christmas Day Service** 9 am - Holy Communion Sunday December 26th - Christmas 1

8:30 and 10:30 am Worship Services A special welcome is extended to newcomers to the area.

We welcome you to ...

### ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

ONE CONGREGATION 2 GREAT WORSHIP SERVICES AT 10:30 am Sun. Dec. 5, 10:30 am

Church School, Youth Programs & Nursery at 10:30 Weekly Bible Studies, choirs for all ages, youth groups, musical ensembles, bands and more. Alpha Program Follow Up starting January 6

Rev. John Benham & Rev. Gerry Hofstetter Church office: (905) 878-8895

Call for details!

'On the Way to Bethlehem' runs December 3rd through December 6th from 6:30p.m. to 9p.m. at Country Heritage Park, 8560 Tremaine Road, Milton (off Hwy 401, just west of Milton). Everyone is welcome. There is no admission charge and no tickets are required. A free-will offering will be accepted.

### Make plans to attend!

'On the Way to Bethlehem' is an outdoor Christmas Nativity Pageant. As participants walk from scene to scene, they will experience what is was like to travel the road to Bethlehem to be counted in the census two thousands years ago. On their thirty minute journey, visitors will be able to interact with performers - the wise men, the shepherds, the Roman soldiers. They will be able to rejoice with the mass choir of angels and see baby Jesus in the manger scene. And along the way, they'll meet lots of real animals. It is a spectacular event!

123 Main St. E., Milton

**ADVENT 2 SERVICES** 

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 905-876-3586

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824 THOMPSON RD. S., MILTON "Only 1/2 km South of Derry Road" Phone: (905) 878-3358 Church Affiliated with the

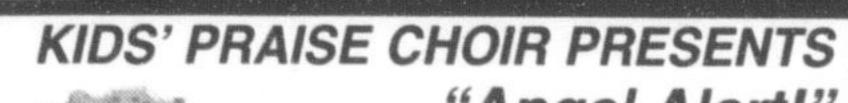
Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada Senior Pastor Rev. Dan Rogge Children **Natalie Rogge** Assistant/Worship Esther Kessler Interim Youth Clinton Kruger

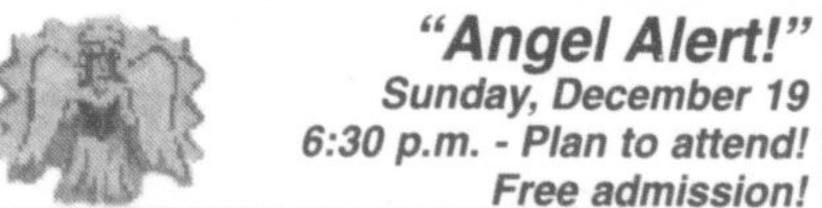
9 a.m. - Early Worship Service 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages 10:45 a.m. - Second Worship Service

EARTH MOVERS 6:30 p.m. - Sunday Night Live SHINE, JESUS, SHINE!

Great music, inspirational message & more! Supervised Nursery & Dynamic Children's Programs available all services!

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





Website: www.newlife-milton.org

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2850 Derry Rd. E. PO Box 332. Milton, On L9T 4Y9 905-878-5664 Fax: 905-878-6676 office@southsidemilton.org A Church of The Christian and Missionary Alliance of Canada

### Sunday Worship

10:30am - Worship Service "The Personalities of Christmas, #1-Mary: Extreme Commitment" Pastor Brian Roe

Every Tuesday @ 6:30pm - Safari (Gr. 6-8)

Every Wednesday@ 7:00pm - 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

### 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

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. Luke 19.10

### 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.

#### GRACE ANGLICAN CHURCH Clergy: 317 Main St. E

Rev. Dr. Mark the Church on the Hill McDermott 905-878-2411 Rev. Carole Langlotz **Father Mark Curtis** 

KIDS, Sundays at 10am

### Services

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



MILTON SEVENTH-DAY

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: AJ DaCosta 519-835-8301

For more information about our service and program, please call.