# Your Guide To Local Houses of Worship

## Safely Held in the Master's Hand

New Year - new goals - new dreams - I trust and pray that God will enable you to accomplish all that you have set out to do in 2005!

It always amazes me how God will stretch us again and again, often carrying us into the heat of a difficult battle or the furnace of tremendous adversity in order to make us better. As tempted as we can be to curse the tough times, it is often in those moments of desperation that we discover what really matters in life! As a result, we learn to prioritize - to let the less important things go and to focus on the significant things that we may accomplish great things!

A dear friend, Val Best, is no stranger to pain, having lost her beloved husband to brain cancer several years ago. She shared wonderful insight with me: There was a group of women in a Bible study on the book of Malachi. As they were studying chapter three, they came across the verse three which says: "He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver."

This verse puzzled the women and they

wondered what this statement meant about the character and nature of God. One of the women offered to find out about the process of refining silver and get back to the group at their next Bible study.

That week the woman called up a silver smith and made an appointment to watch him at work. She didn't mention anything about the reason for her interest in silver beyond her curiosity about the process of refining silver.

As she watched the silver smith, he held a piece of silver over the fire and let it heat up. He explained that in refining silver, one needed to hold the silver in the middle of the fire where the flames were hottest as to burn away all the impurities. The woman thought about God holding us in such a hot spot - then she thought again about the verse, that he sits as a refiner and purifier of silver.

She asked the silver smith if it was true that he had to sit there in front of the fire the whole time the silver was being refined. The man answered yes, he not only had to sit there holding the silver, but

he had to keep his eyes on the silver the entire time it was in the fire. If the silver was left even a moment too long in the flames, it would be destroyed.

The woman was silent for a moment. Then she asked the silver smith, "How do you know when the silver is fully refined?"

He smiled at her and answered, "Oh, that's easy -- when I see my image in it."

If you are feeling the heat of the fire today, remember that God has his eye on you. And not only is He watching over you, He is patiently perfecting you, waiting till you are a reflection of Him. As you struggle through your life's challenges, remember that there is a Saviour who holds you safely in the palm of His hand and who will bring you through to perfection if you will trust Him.

Scripture declares:

We are "God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

God has a wonderful plan for your life! Would you let Him bring it about to fruition?

The only person who can stop you from becoming what God intends you to become is you! Let me encourage you to benefit from the challenge, inspiration and practical assistance that a church has to offer in your quest of becoming the best that you can be!

Make plans to visit a local church this week. Service times and locations are published in the directory below.

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

We welcome you to ...

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

Sunday, January 2, 10:30 am

INTERGENERATIONAL WORSHIP One service with music from the St. Paul's Worship Band Nursery Care at 10:30

Church School resumes next Sunday!

Alpha Program Follow-up Starting Thurs., January 6th 'The Da Vinci Code' Discussion - Thurs., January 13th, 7:30pm Call for details!

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

# A Church for Your Heart, Mind & Spirit"

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 2 10:00 a.m.

Jim Danielson speaking

www.thesanctuary.ca/milton 905.257.3987

> Milton Senior Centre 500 Childs Drive (near the Mall)

#### 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** 

## 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

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

Senior Pastor Children Assistant/Worship Interim Youth

Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada Rev. Dan Rogge Natalie Rogge Esther Kessler Clinton Kruger

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31 7 p.m. - The Wonders of His Love

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2 9a.m. - Early Worship Service 10:45 a.m. - Second Worship Service

#### WHERE WE HEADED?

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

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

#### WONDERS OF HIS LOVE

New Year's Eve at 7 p.m. Hear inspiring testimonies of God's goodness - share finger foods after! Youth Late Night Begins at 9:30 p.m. Skating, Laserquest, Food & Games

Website: www.newlife-milton.org

2850 Derry Rd. E. office@southsidemilton.org A Church of The Christian and Missionary Alliance of Canada

## Sunday Worship

10:30am - Worship Service "Living in Anticipation"

Pastor Jack Ninaber

#### 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

> Christ was once offered to bear the sin of many -Hebrews 9.28

#### KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WELCOMES YOU

170 Main St. E., Milton 905-878-6066 Minister - Rev. Joseph Gray Director of Music Ministries - Sonja van de Hoef

> Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Nursery

Youth Class Grades 7-12 9:30 a.m. Sunday School age 3 - Grade 6 10:30 a.m.

"Growing together in the grace of Christ"

Christmas Eve Services 2004 7:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Family Service 9:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



Wheelchair access and washrooms provided so that all may come and worship. Access off Mary Street.

## GRACEWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

103 Martin Street 905-878-1629 Pastor Walter H. Isaak 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship - No 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

#### GRACE ANGLICAN CHURCH

Clergy:

McDermott

317 Main St. E Rev. Dr. Mark the Church on the Hill 905-878-2411

Rev. Carole Langlotz KIDS' Father Mark Curtis 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 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

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PASTOR: AJ DaCosta 519-835-8301 For more information about our service and program, please call.

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