

Your Invitation To Worship

Just Checking In

One day around noon, a church minister was startled to see a rough-looking man enter the church sanctuary and make his way down the aisle towards the altar. The minister followed the haggard man, wondering what his intentions could be and observing that man's hair was unkempt, his face was unshaven, his shirt was shabby and his coat was frayed. As he approached the altar, the worn man knelt, bowed his head, paused, softly spoke a few words, then arose and walked away.

The minister's anxiety was quieted... until the next day, when the whole regimen repeated itself. The preacher's suspicions grew with every passing day, as the tough, old man came in consistently at the same time, knelt just for a moment at the altar and walked out with his lunch pail in tow.

Concerned about the potential of a robbery, the pastor

confronted the man on his pattern of noon-hour conduct. Gruffly, the man of God said, "What are you doing here?"

The old man gently replied, "I work just down the road. They give me half an hour for lunch - not long enough, really, but I use my lunchtime to get my strength and power back. So, I come here. I stay for only a few moments, because that's all the time I have! I just come and kneel at the altar and talk to my Lord. I tell Him:

'Hey, Lord! I just came in to tell You again how happy I've been ever since we found each other and you took away my sin. I really don't know how to pray, but think of you each day - so, Jesus, I am just checking in!'

Feeling embarrassed because of his earlier suspicions, the minister told Jim that he was welcome to come in and pray anytime.

"Thanks!" said Jim. "I got to go!" and he hurried out the door.

Alone, the pastor knelt at the altar, unlike any time he had ever done before and he met Jesus there. As the tears flowed, his cold heart melted. He was warmed with divine love, as he quietly prayed:

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About a month later, the minister noticed that old Jim hadn't come in to pray. It was past noon. He wondered what had happened. Several days passed - still no Jim. The pastor worried even more.

Finally, he went to Jim's workplace and enquired about him. He learned that Jim was seriously ill and had to be hospitalized. He rushed over to see him.

In the week that Jim had been in the hospital, his inner light and contagious smiles had changed the people that

worked on his ward. But the medical staff was concerned about him. The head nurse was convinced that he was in denial and couldn't sustain his joy. She complained that he had not received any flowers, phone calls or cards - and no visitors ever came.

The minister came to Jim's bed and voiced the nurse's concern. Surprised, the tired man smiled as he spoke, "They've got it all wrong! 'Cause everyday at noon, He is here! My dear friend, He sits down, takes me by the hand, leans over and says to me:

'Hey, Jim! I just came in to tell You again how happy I've been ever since we found each other and you let me take away your sin. I always love it when you pray! I think of you each and every day! So, Jim, this is Jesus - just checking in!'

Find a church and check in sometime - you will be glad you did!

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



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- 10:30 am Morning Prayer - Traditional Service
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Sunday School Classes
10:00 am

Worship & Communion
11:00 am

Thursday Bible Study
7:00 pm

Minister Steve Corbett

NEW LIFE

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Senior Pastor: Rev. Dan Rogge
Children: Natalie Rogge
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9 a.m. - Early Worship Service
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School for All Ages
10:45 a.m. - Second Worship Service
*Service Captioned for Deaf/Hard of Hearing

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BIG ENOUGH TO LOVE ME UNCONDITIONALLY

6:30 p.m. - Anointing Service

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

Sunday Services

- 8:00 am - Said Eucharist
- 10:00 am - Sung Eucharist including "Kids' Spirit" Program followed by coffee hour
- 10:00 am - Said Eucharist

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

Interim Moderator - Rev. Harry Klassen
Supply Minister - Rev. Nader Awad
Director of Music Ministries - Sonja van de Hoef

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

Youth Small Group (Grades 7-12) 9:15 am

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Nursery

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Saturday, March 18th, 12 - 2 pm

Mary Street entrance

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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

And the Word was made flesh and swelt among us and we beheld His glory, as of the only of the Father.

John 1.14



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

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PASTOR: AJ DaCosta 519-835-8301

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905-878-1629

Pastor Walter H. Isaak

- 10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
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Thursday

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Supervised Nursery Care from 10:15 a.m.

No Church School or Gospel Unit this week

Coffee & Conversation after the services

Sun. March 19, Mission Sunday

"Friends of the Orphans Canada"

Weekly Bible Studies, Youth Groups
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for all ages

Come Worship With Us!

Rev. John Benham & Rev. Gerry Hofstetter
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