Invitation Co Morship

Mark Evans, Pastor of Valleybrook Community Church, reflects on his daughter's first attendance at a Passion play. Maybe you can relate!

My daughter was four years old and about to see her first Easter play. Like most little girls at Easter, she was all decked out in her flowered outfit, patent leather shoes, matching purse, white lace gloves, and to top it all off - her beautiful Easter hat.

As the play started, she saw the actors come on stage and screamed with excitement, "There is Jesus!" He was playing with the children on the stage and she wanted to know why she couldn't go up and play with Jesus too.

My response to her was, "Honey, this is only a play. He isn't really Jesus. He's only an actor. This isn't real."

"Okay," she said, "but will you pick me up so that Jesus can see my hat?"

During the scene of Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane, when the soldiers came barging in



yelling and screaming, my daughter became so frightened that she turned her face away, buried it into my chest and began to cry.

Again I tried to rationalize with her, "It's okay, honey. This is only a play. These are only actors. It's not real." So she agreed to watch some more.

Then came that dreaded scene. Down the isle of the church came Jesus dragging His cross - people yelling and cursing him. This was too much. She could not bear to watch. I held her tightly and tried to comfort her. "It's okay, honey. This is only a play. These are only actors. It isn't real."

Next, soldiers grabbed Jesus, threw Him against the cross, picked up their hammers and pounded. At the top of her lungs, my daughter screamed, "NOOOOO! THEY'RE KILLING MY JESUS!"

She cried so loud and so long that I had to rush her out of the auditorium. I took her outside where she could finish watching the play on the outside TV screens and told her Jesus was going to come back to life if she would watch. But she would not be

consoled until she could see Jesus alive again. At the end of the play, she was determined to go up and see Jesus and have him hold her in his arms to ensure he was alive.

Many people were in that auditorium that day. They, like me, had all gone to see a play - only actors - it wasn't real. But when we saw the Gospel through the eyes of a child, the gospel became real once again.

Did Easter lose its luster in your eyes? Its appeal? Its richness? Its sense of wonder? Maybe you need a good dose of child-like faith this post-Easter season. Look beyond the sermon. Look beyond the stage and the lights and the people. Find comfort and consolation only in the presence of the risen Lord and allow Him to hold you in His arms.

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

OF CHRIST

The Milton Dawn Christadelphians warmly invite you to a presentation:

> Sunday, April 23rd 2:00 pm (God Willing)

Hugh Foster Hall 55 Brown St., Milton (next to Town Hall) www.milton.biblelight.org

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



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> 8:30 am Morning Prayer 10:30 am - Morning Prayer - Traditional Services 10:30 am - Holy Communion in the Family Room Nursery and Junior Sunday School 5:00 - pm Evensong

7051 Guelph Line at Derry Road (Tel) 905-878-1363 Visit our web site www.stgeorgeslowville.org

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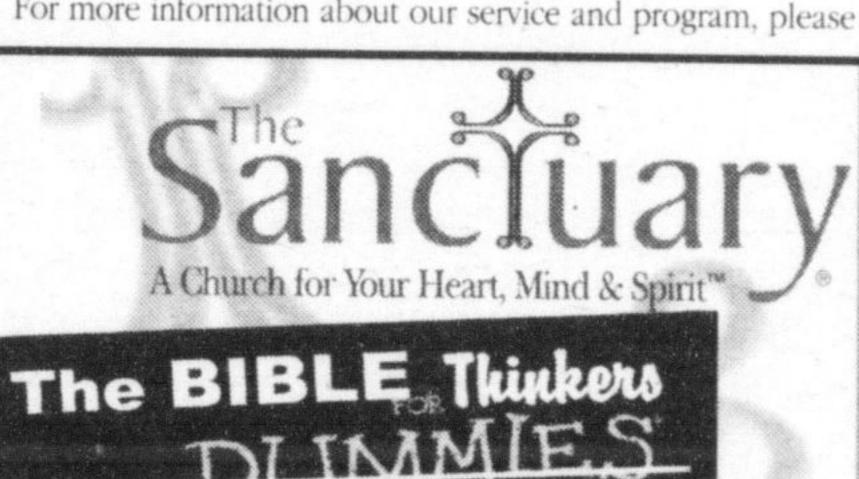
1412 Britannia Rd. West, Milton, On L9T 2X8 905-875-2939

> Sunday School Classes 10:00 am

Worship & Communion 11:00 am

Thursday Bible Study 7:00 pm

Minister Steve Corbett



Messages for the Rest of Us!

Sunday April 23rd 10:00am PRACTICAL TIPS FOR UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE.

www.thesanctuary.ca/milton 905.257.3987 NEW HOME Milton Sports Centre 605 Santa Maria Blvd. (Derry Rd., west of Hwy. 25)

GRACE ANGLICAN CHURCH

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Rev. Carole Langlotz

Father Mark Curtis

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

Sunday Services

8:00 am -Said Eucharist

Sung Eucharist including 10:00 am -

"Kids' Spirit" Program followed by coffee hour

905-878-1629

Pastor Walter H. Isaak

10:00 a.m. - Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

6:00 p.m. - Evening Service

Thursday

7:00 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer

Captain's Crew for Children 4-12

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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.

Nursery

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

Children's Worship (Age 3 - Grade 6) 10:30 am

"Growing together in the grace of Christ"

and the Hospital Pastor Jack Ninaber

Romans Bible Study 9:00 am

Connections Café (in the foyer) 10:00 am Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m. "A Community that Grows Together"

Week 4 in our "40 Days of Community" series.

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MILTON GOSPEL HALL

905-876-3586

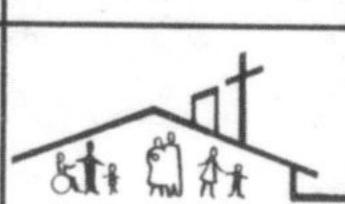
306 Ontario St. N. • 878-3873

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God. and the Word was God.

John 1.1



silton Bible Church

Sundays at MBC, 9:30 am & 11:00 am, Worship Service

Children's Ministries Running Concurrently

10:30 am Coffee & Conversations

(We serve Tim Hortons Coffee)

Senior Pastor - Jim DeMarsh · Youth Pastor - Mark Strickland

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900 Nipissing Rd. (905) 875-1626

Pastor Gord Rutledge

Sunday 11:00am

Everyone Welcome!

PASTOR GORD RUTLEDGE



824 THOMPSON RD. S., MILTON

Senior Pastor Children Youth

Rev. Dan Rogge Natalie Rogge Assistant/Worship Esther Kessler Clinton Kruger

9 a.m. - Early Worship Service

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School for All Ages

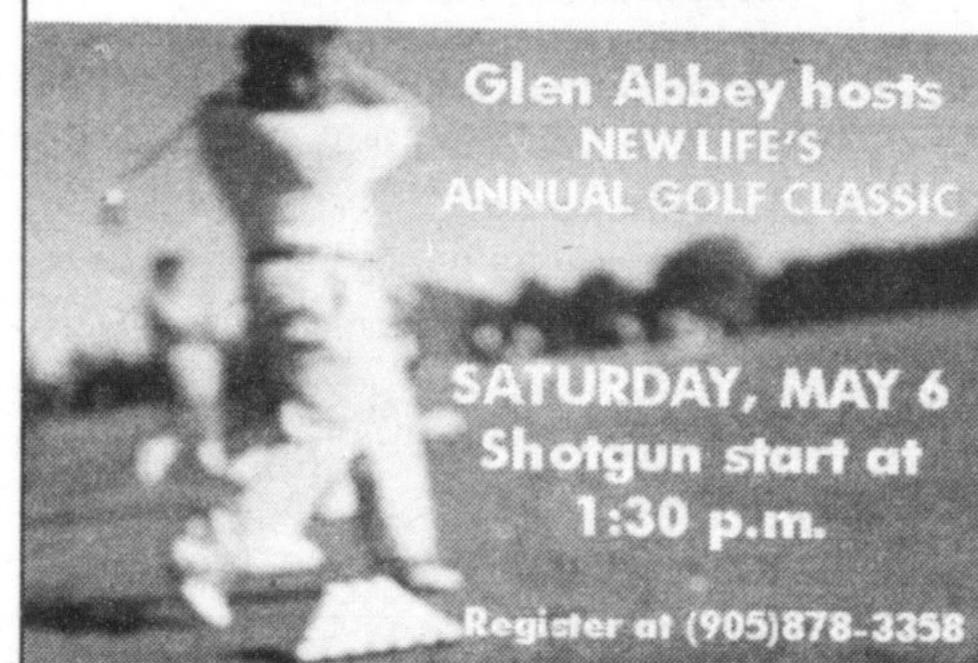
10:45 a.m. - Second Worship Service*

*Captioned for Deaf/Hard of Hearing

GONE FISHING!

6:30 p.m. - Sunday Night LIVE Contemporary Family-Friendly Worship

TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CHOIR Kids' Praise Choir Practice Tool



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ONE CONGREGATION, 2 GREAT SUNDAY WORSHIP STYLES AT 10:30 AM!

> Sunday April 23 10:30 am Worship in Graham Hall

supported by music from our Youth Band

Worship in the Sanctuary Guest Speaker: Mavis O'Neil supported by music from the St. Paul's Choir

Supervised Nursery Care from 10:15am Church School 'The Peacemakers' 10:45 am Gospel Unit for grades 6-8 10:45 am Coffee & Conversation after the services

Thursday April 27, Annual Fish Dinner

Continuous Seatings from 5 to 7:30pm Adults \$14, Children \$8, Special Kids' Meal \$5. Tickets available at the church office.

Come Worship With Us!

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