

# Meditorial

By Rev. J. Paul

Happy Birthday Church. Did you know that Sunday, June 3, 1979, the Church of Jesus Christ was approximately 1,945 years old. Nearly two milleniums ago, a small band of disciples were gathered together awaiting the promised visitation of God's Spirit. Then suddenly on the day of Pentecost the windows of heaven opened and endued each believer with divine power. Unstable Simeon Peter became Peter the rock, doubting Thomas became Thomas the faithful and that motly fearful group were welded into the Church of Jesus Christ which 'turned the world upside-down', or more appropriately 'turned the world right side up'.

Many of her birthdays have come and gone without fanfare or applause. Moreover, one can say that most have been graced by persecution or passive indifference. In the 1960's the Church was disowned by many Canadians. It seemed as though the television was more popular than Jesus or the Bible. However, since those carefree years worldwide sorrows have dethroned man's self-confidence. Thousands have come to realize that a personal faith in Jesus Christ and a committment to His Church is not a sign of weakness or intellectual immaturity. One of the greatest and most exciting challenges of life is this challenge to live as a visible member of Christ' Church.

The question before us is how can one become a member of the Church? Because the Church is not a social club we cannot sign on as interested persons and attend festive days. Because the Church is not a self-serve department store we cannot hope to gain entry by Baptism, Confirmation or any other holy act. But because the Church is a spiritual union with Christ one can only enter by a new birth. John the Apostle gives us the simple answer in John 1:12; "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the power to become children of God, even to those who believe on His name."

## Castor Valley Baptist Church



Minister: Rev. James Paul, 821-2144

Kenmore — Sunday School, 10:15 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 11:15 a.m.

Evening Fellowship — 7:30 p.m. in the Russell area Sun., June 10 — at John Bailey's residence, George St.

Sun., June 17 — at Al Staniforth's residence, Forest Park

Sun., June 24 — at Wally Lehmann's residence, Casselman

## Cancer campaign success

The Russell Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society reached its objective in this year's campaign for funds. The goal was \$2,000.00, and the amount collected \$2,011.55, an increase of \$574.59 over last year.

Eric King, the Branch President, expressed his appreciation of the generosity of local residents, and also the contribution of the many volunteer canvassers who responded to the call for assistance. Mr. King said, "Mrs. Diny Achtereekte, the campaign co-ordinator, is' worthy of particular praise for her efforts in this year's campaign."

## Couples Club

The May meeting of the Couples Club of the United Church was held at the home of Wilmer Hamilton. President R. W. Gamble presided. Lunch was served.

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## Visiting

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Miss Catherine Kinnaird of Halifax was a week-end guest of her uncle Dr. F. A. Kinnaird.

Mrs. William Carscadden spent a month at Botha, Alberta with her brother Mr. Gordon Morrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Greer of Chesterville, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Williams of Kemptville were dinner guests of Miss Florence and Miss Dorothy Marquette.

Mr. and Mrs. David Bruce of Toronto spent a weekend with Mrs. Bruce's mother Mrs. Lloyd Steele.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Carscadden, Rhonda and Shawn visited the holiday weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carscadden.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Carss and Shelly of Brampton were weekend guests of Mrs. Shirley Rombough.

Mr. and Mrs. Myles McLeod of Kingston visited Mrs. James Dempsey.

Miss Jean Murrant of Ste-Agathe des Monts, Quebec, spent a weekend with the Misses Florence and Dorothy Marquette.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Loucks spent several days visiting relatives in Northern Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell Booth, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Cumming were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Kinkaid of Auers Cliff, Quebec.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hay and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Boyd attended the wedding in Collingwood of their cousin Miss Robin Kingsmill to Mr. Stephen Brown.

Mrs. Gordon Magladry and Mrs. Donald McLaren visited Mr. and Mrs. Mervyn MacGregor of Winchester.

Mrs. R. W. Gamble attended a recent United Church conference at Bishop's College, Lennoxville. She was a delegate to the Montreal-Ottawa Conference. In early May she was in Virginia Beach, Virginia at Camp Farthest Out, where she spent ten days. While there she attended a broadcast of the 700 Club.

Mr. and Mrs. William Buttorf, of Stuartown, Pa., spent a week with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Loucks, of Russell.

## Baptists take name from Castor Valley

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The Kenmore Baptist Church and the Russell Baptist Church merged Sunday, May 6, and have named the new congregation The Castor Valley Baptist Church.

There is a rich history behind this new church. In January, 1875, the Kenmore Baptist Church was organized with a membership of 23. In February, 1894, the Russell Mission was opened as an outreach of the mother church.

By 1910, the Kenmore Church had moved into a new brick building and the Russell mission had purchased the old Anglican Church in Russell and moved it to its present site.

It was not until 1952 that the Russell Mission was officially recognized as an independent church.

The new Castor Valley Baptist Church is in line with much of the not so distant past.

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