

# CHURCH NEWS

**CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN STOUFFVILLE**  
 Rev. John L. Ball, Rector  
 Sunday, December 31st, 1961  
 Sunday After Christmas  
 9:30 a.m.—Holy Communion  
 9:30 a.m.—Junior and Senior Sunday Schools  
 7 p.m. Wed.—Jr. Choir Practice  
 8 p.m. Wed.—Sr. Choir Practice

## Stouffville United Missionary Church

Rev. Arthur Walsh, Minister  
 Sunday, December 31st, 1961  
 10 a.m.—Sunday School with classes for all ages  
 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.—The New Year Message in word and song  
 Wed. 8 p.m.—Midweek Prayer Meeting  
**PIONEER GIRLS:** The Colonists meet each Tues. at 7 p.m. The Pilgrims meet each Wed. at 6:30 p.m.

**ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STOUFFVILLE**  
 Minister  
 Rev. Gordon Hamill, B.A.  
 Sunday, December 31st, 1961  
 10 a.m.—Morning Worship  
 10 a.m.—Church School  
 "Worship With Us"

**GORMLEY UNITED MISSIONARY CHURCH**  
 Rev. C. E. Hunking, Minister  
 Sunday, December 31st, 1961  
 10 a.m.—Sunday School  
 11 a.m.—Morning Worship  
 7:30 p.m.—Evening Service  
 9:45 p.m.—Watch Night Service  
 Each Wed. evening prayer service.  
 Jan. 11-14—Home Mission Convention.  
 You Are Always Welcome at Gormley

**CHURCHILL MUSSELMAN'S LAKE BIBLE SCHOOL**  
 Sunday, December 31st, 1961  
 10:30—Sunday School

**SECOND MARKHAM & BAKER HILL BAPTIST CHURCHES**  
 Rev. Bruce Hisey  
 Sunday, December 31st, 1961  
 Second Markham  
 Sunday Bible School, 10 a.m.  
 Morning Service, 11 a.m.  
 Baker Hill  
 Prayer Service Thurs., 8 p.m.  
 Sunday Bible School, 1:30 p.m.  
 Service, 2:30 p.m.

**STOUFFVILLE MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
 Pastor — Mr. Clarence F. Bass  
 Sunday, December 31st, 1961  
 10 a.m.—Sunday School  
 11 a.m.—Worship Service  
 7:30 p.m.—Evening Service  
 8 p.m. Mon.—Young Peoples  
 7 p.m. Wed.—Children's Choir Practice  
 Prayer and Bible Study, Wed., 8 p.m. in Parsonage

**RINGWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
 Mr. Barry Jones, Minister  
 Sunday, December 31st, 1961  
 10 a.m.—Sunday School  
 11:10 a.m.—Worship Service  
 6:30 p.m. Wed.—Children's Meeting  
 8 p.m. Wed.—C.E. Prayer Meeting

**ALTONA MENNONITE CHURCH**  
 Sunday, December 31st, 1961  
 Worship Service, 10 a.m.  
 — Everyone Welcome —

**UNITED CHURCH MELVILLE CHARGE**  
 Rev. G. Davison  
 Sunday, December 31st, 1961  
 10:00 a.m. — Peach's  
 11:40 a.m. — Melville  
 2:30 p.m. — Bethesda  
 7:30 p.m. — Y.P.U. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Pattenden

**VIVIAN McCORMACK MEMORIAL CHURCH**  
 Rev. Bruce Hisey, Pastor  
 Sunday, December 31st, 1961  
 10:30 a.m.—Bible School  
 7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship  
 Tues., 8 p.m.—Bible Study and Prayer  
 Thurs., 8 p.m.—Young Peoples Meeting

**STOUFFVILLE UNITED CHURCH**  
 Rev. J. Gordon Cruikshank, B.A.  
 Sunday, December 31st, 1961  
 9:45 a.m.—Junior to Senior Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m.—Nursery to Primary Sunday School  
 11 a.m.—Morning Worship  
 Mon., 7 p.m.—Explorers  
 Tues., 7:30 p.m.—Cubs  
 Wed., 7:30 p.m.—Scouts  
 Thurs., 7 p.m.—C.G.I.T.  
 8:15 p.m.—Choir Practice



**STOUFFVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 "A Church with a Message for Today."  
 Minister — Rev. J. Williams  
 Sunday, December 31st, 1961  
 10 a.m.—Bible School (all ages)  
 11 a.m.—Family Worship  
 7 p.m.—Prayer Meeting  
 7:30 p.m.—Baptismal Service  
 Wed. 8 p.m.—Prayer and Bible Study

**UNITED MISSIONARY CHURCH**  
 Rev. Alfred Rees Minister  
 Sunday, December 31st, 1961  
**MARKHAM**  
 10 a.m.—Sunday School. Forward in '62  
 11 a.m.—Worship Service: Subject "What Doest Thou Here, Elijah?"  
 8:30 p.m.—WATCH NIGHT SERVICE. Special singing, Communion Service and two outstanding movie pictures—"Faith of our Families" & "The House that Hunter Built"  
 Tues., 8 p.m.—Young Peoples in the Dickson's Hill Church  
 Thurs., 8 p.m.—Prayer and Bible Study  
**DICKSON'S HILL**  
 9:45 a.m.—Worship Service: Subject: "What Doest Thou Here, Elijah?"  
 10:50 a.m.—Sunday School for the family  
 Tues., 8 p.m.—Young Peoples  
 Wed., 8 p.m.—Prayer and Bible Study  
 Extending to you a Happy New Year

**BRETHREN IN CHRIST CHURCH (Heise Hill) Gormley**  
 Pastor—Rev. Wm. Vanderbent P.O. Richmond Hill T9R 4-3155  
 Sunday, December 31st, 1961  
 10 a.m.—Sunday School  
 11 a.m.—Worship Service  
 7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic  
 Wed., 7:45 p.m.—Midweek Prayer Meeting

**BLOOMINGTON CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATED GOSPEL CHURCH**  
 Pastor—G. T. Gooderham, B.Th.  
 Sunday, December 31st, 1961  
 9:45 a.m.—Bible School  
 11 a.m.—Morning Worship  
 7:30 p.m.—Evening Service  
 Wed., 8 p.m.—Prayer and Bible Study  
 Thurs., 2 p.m.—The Business Meeting and Election of Officers of the Ladies Aid will be held in the church.

**ALTONA UNITED MISSIONARY CHURCH**  
 Rev. Dow Sargeant, Pastor  
 Sunday, December 31st, 1961  
 Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.  
 11:30 a.m.—Pastor's Message  
 7:30 p.m.—Worship Service  
 Wed., 8 p.m.—Prayer Service



Sat. Evening—COME AS EARLY AS YOU CAN FOR SKATING AND INDOOR GAMES.  
 9:30 p.m.—YOUTHINSPIRATIONAL RALLY.  
 Sun., 9:15 p.m.—WATCH NIGHT SPECIAL  
 "SPECIAL SINGING"  
 "EXCEPTIONAL FILM, 'Lord of All'"  
 "RADIO BROADCAST commencing at 10 p.m. in rally and transcribed at 12 p.m. over C.F.G.M. radio 1310 on your dial. (Refreshments served throughout the entire evening). COME AND SEE THE OLD YEAR OUT AND THE NEW YEAR IN.

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## Sunday School Lesson

(Lesson for December 31)  
**GROWTH TOWARD CHRISTIAN MATURITY**  
 1 Corinthians 13; Eph. 4:11-24  
**GOLDEN TEXT** — But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ. — Ephesians 4:15.

**THE LESSON AS A WHOLE**  
 The lessons of this entire past quarter have dealt with the subject of Christian growth. All of us have been freshly impressed by the importance and urgency of this matter. God has made the fullest provision for us. If we remain spiritual dwarfs in His family it will be only because we have neglected the means of growth at our disposal.

The true Church of Jesus Christ is a vital body, organic and spiritual. He Himself is the glorified head. And as head He has gifted and equipped each individual member with various spiritual abilities that he might build up that body. All this results in the development of

Christian character and service. Just as each of the many beautiful facets of a cut diamond, to be truly appreciated, must be seen in relation to every other facet, so is the body of Christ. Moses prayed, "Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish thou the work of our hands upon us." (Psalm 90:17). Thus 'beauty' comes before 'work'; character before service; likeness to God, then work that He can bless.

**The Heart of the Lesson**  
 When King David and his men captured the Jebusite stronghold height in Jerusalem, Zion, and had completely dislodged the foe that had tauntingly defied them, he made it his capital. Then the ark of the Lord, the true God, was established on the height. Having thus made His political and spiritual capital secure, the triumphant king gave food gifts to his rejoicing people (see 2 Sam. 5; 6).

All of this is a faint reflection of another Victor, our Lord Jesus Christ. Sin and Satan had held mankind in captivity from Adam's day until the great Son of God appeared as challenger. At Calvary the battle was joined. In resurrection the victory was accomplished. In ascension the triumph was complete. Captivity was led captive! And having taken His place in that heavenly glory, Christ became head of the Church that is His body. Furthermore, He gave gifts unto men for that Church's upbuilding. Thus He shares the spoils of His victory with His people.

From the head flows life and nourishment to all the members. Just as the human body has been fitted together with an amazing variety of parts, and each of these parts has its own peculiar function, so is Christ's spiritual body. And just as every gland, nerve, blood vessel and joint depends upon — and takes its direction from the head — so we may easily find the counterpart of all this in the Church. Thus as each member receives nourishment and functions, the health of each and the health of the whole is assured.

## BETHESDA

Christmas dinner visitors with the Burn Preston family were Mr. and Mrs. L. Swanson and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. Hoover and family and Mr. Clifford Preston.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Russell Preston, formerly of Bethesda, has had to undergo surgery and has spent three weeks in Newmarket Hospital.

The Hill family spent Christmas with Mrs. Hill's father, Mr. H. Shearn of Unionville. Misses Selena and Flossie Atkinson and Mrs. Galbraith spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Yake and family. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Atkinson and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bolender and family were also guests of the Yakes.

The Wesley Brillingers had Christmas dinner with his parents at the John Brillinger home. On Saturday evening Mr. W. Brillinger entertained the Atkinson sisters with records played on his new Hi-Fi set. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Masters and family, Grand Valley; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Vanderkooy and three boys and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Atkinson had Christmas dinner at home with the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Atkinson. Mrs. Lorne Hisey and younger children joined the gathering in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. David McVie in Toronto.

The Lee family were entertained for dinner in the apartment of Mr. Lee's son in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Empringham and Allan were the dinner guests at noon, of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Nelson, Gormley, and supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hunt of Bethesda, where they were joined by Miss Marie Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Allin and family and Mr. Peter Connon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Allen and Shirley entertained Mr. and Mrs. Murray Allin, Douglas and Larry for Christmas dinner. Mr. Frank Curtis was the dinner guest of Prof. E. A. and Mrs. Smith.

The Hunt home was the gathering place for relatives — Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hunt and Robert, Mrs. Carr and Miss Peggy of Keswick, Mr. Hugh Kernahan of Sutton, and Mrs. Tisbury, Doris and Allan of Markham were entertained.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Scott had a fine gathering with all the family including six grandchildren at home.

The Burkholder gathering included all the family, Alma of Stouffville and Maurice Pike.

Lack of time to enquire prevents giving a further report on good times enjoyed by our neighbours on Christmas Day. (Do report to your reporter—Gormley 5667). But we know that Christmas has been kept well, and with Tiny Tim of Dickens' Christmas Carol, we would say, "God bless us, every one." And we add — a Happy New Year to all!

## CEDAR GROVE

Every year a certain amount of discussion arises on the pros and cons of Christmas concerts at church and at school. The children are so busy and so are the teachers who must bear the responsibility of producing concerts. Hockey has already begun and rehearsals are hard to arrange and unpredictable in attendance. But what would Christmas be without these children on the stage dressed up like grandmothers; singing carols; small-voiced recitations; giggling through their inexperience and starry-eyed, awaiting the arrival of Santa?

This year the White Gift Service began the festivities with the spirit of giving and the religious meanings of Christmas brought first to our attention. The school concert followed and brought with it all the gaiety, fun and laughter that we have every right to expect at a birthday party. Aubrey and Millie Lapp spent several nights decorating the school because this year there were no pupils in the higher grades to take care of this kind of chore. The school looked wonderful and the whole programme matched the atmosphere.

Has it ever happened before that such very young children have tackled Gilbert and Sullivan? The tackling deserves merit but the finished product had all the sparkle and life, all the humour and pep that those two gentlemen planned in their satirical music. It was delightful. The skits were presented with such a fine sense of drama and timing, it was impossible to believe there is not a child in the school over 11 — and only two that age.

Fortunately for those who missed the school concert and doubly fortunate for those who saw it, some of the music and skits were repeated in the Sunday School concert on Friday night. Added to these were tiny people so fascinated by an audience that their purpose on the stage was entirely forgotten; a cat who, in The Arrival of Thomas, gave an Oscar winning performance; Colleen Reesor, as Snow White, singing about her prince so beautifully to seven sleepy, sneezy, grumpy dwarfs and lots of music and carol singing and a gorgeous big tree and finally Santa himself and presents for everyone.

No, it might be less work or more convenient, there might be fewer grey hairs and worn nerves; it might be easier for everyone to go through this yuletide season without concerts — only it wouldn't be Christmas.

This month's Community Club meeting disposed of business as quickly as possible and enjoyed a Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Petrie. The officers elected for 1962 should be available for next week's paper.

Personal Note: — I would like to thank very much those of you who so kindly added notes to your Christmas greetings telling me you have enjoyed the column over the past year. It is nice of you to do it and very encouraging at the beginning of a new year of columns — think this will be the eleventh year. Happy New Year!

## WATCH NIGHT SERVICE

Two and one half hours of great BLESSING, PRAISE AND WORSHIP

in the Markham United Missionary Church Sunday, Dec. 31st at 9:30 p.m.

SINGING: SOLOS, DUETS, TRIOS, ETC.

Two Gospel Movie Pictures: "Faith of our Families" "The House that Hunter Built" Pastor Alfred Rees will minister the word of God "What is Your Future for '62?"

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# NEW YEAR

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