

Rev. and Mrs Chris Sorley

Bloomington pastor-wife soon to say their farewells

BLOOMINGTON — Following Sunday's service, May 25, there'll be a vacancy in the pulpit at the Bloomington Christian Gospel Church that will be difficult to fill.

Rev. Chris Sorley, pastor to the congregation at Bloomington since 1974, has announced his intention to retire.

Rev. and Mrs Sorley will be honored at a Farewell, Sat., May 24 from 2 to 6 p.m. The occasion will be held in the church, their 'second home' for the past twelve years. A service of tribute will take place at 2:30 p.m.

For Chris and Muriel Sorley, active pastoral ministry with the Associated Gospel Churches of Canada extends over a period of 52 years.

They'll retire to Parkview Village, the new seniors' complex, Ninth Line South, Stouffville.

Rev. Sorley was born March 16, 1905, in Tayport, Scotland. At age 14, he left school to obtain a job and assist his mother and father. Three years later, he emigrated to Canada and took up residence at Niagara Falls.

Mr Sorley was an excellent soccer player in his youth. It's oft been said that had he stayed in Scotland, he would have graduated to professional ranks. As it was, while working at McGlashan and Clarke cutlery in Niagara, he led his team to four gold medals.

It was while attending The Gospel Tabernacle in Niagara, that he met his wife-to-be. They enrolled in the Toronto Bible College, (now Ontario Bible College), and later married in 1927.

Rev. and Mrs Sorley were the first married couple to continue their studies at Toronto Bible College and later graduate.

Rev. Sorley remembers selling vacuum cleaners door-to-door while waiting for his new wife to complete her final year.

Son Paul was the first newborn to arrive on the scene; then Isabelle and Earl, all within a period of three years.

For a time they lived at Windsor, then Kitchener where, in 1934, Rev. Sorley became pastor of Grace Gospel Church. Later, he began a new work known as 'Missionary Tabernacle'. Muriel was always at her husband's right arm, entertaining guest missionaries, ministers and musicians.

In 1938, their youngest son died tragically at the age of 5 1/2. Pastor Sorley remembers conducting the funeral, the most difficult task he ever had to face.

Later, three other children followed—Grace, Tim and Edythe.

For several years, Rev. and Mrs Sorley took the children from the Missionary Tabernacle Sunday School to the grounds at Fair Havens, the A.G.C.'s official conference site. As a result, a camp for children was started on the site called Fair Glen.

Between 1956 and 1974, Rev. and Mrs Sorley labored in the Province of Quebec. On their return to Ontario, they divided their time between McCormack Memorial Church at Vivian and the Christian Gospel Church at Bloomington. When the Bloomington Church purchased a parsonage in Stouffville, all of his time was spent with the membership there. Many people's lives have been

greatly enriched by Rev. and Mrs Sorley's faithful and unselfish ministry. Rev. Sorley, always a man with the courage of his convictions, has never been afraid to speak his mind. Through these many years, he's been steadfastly supported by his wife whose

warmth and caring is appreciated by young and old alike. Their services will be greatly missed.

Rev. Sorley intends to pursue his favorite past-time of golf, a recreation that's won him many trophies. Mrs Sorley will continue her hobbies of sewing, knitting,

quilting and crocheting.

On Sat., May 24, Chris and Muriel Sorley will be the centre of attention at a testimonial in their honor. And the following Sunday, they'll say their farewells, creating a vacancy that'll be difficult to fill.



Painting stays with the painter

This fall scene has to be viewed in color to be fully appreciated. Its creator, Alma Johnson of Mill Street, Stouffville, declined to put a price on it at the Silver Jubilee Club Art Exhibition, Saturday. When Alma moves to Parkview Village in a few weeks time, the painting goes with her.

—Jim Thomas

Churches host seminar

STOUFFVILLE — Spiritual growth is the topic of a lecture series being hosted by the Markham Pentecostal Church.

Rev. Walter Rusnell, a lecturer for eight years, will begin his seminar at Stouffville Pentecostal Church next Sunday at 6 p.m.

Two subsequent lectures will be held Monday, May 12 and Tuesday, May 13 from 7 to 10 p.m.

Each evening there will be a refreshment break: mid-session. There is no registration fee. Opportunity will be given to purchase a study guide written by Rev. Rusnell and to share in a free will gift the final evening.

For more information call Rev. Craig Pitts at 640-5696.

Grade 9's at dance

Dear Jim:

Due to requests from parents, the Whitchurch-Stouffville Youth Club will permit students from Grade 9 to attend the last three dances, May 9, May 23 and June 13. They must adhere to Club rules.

If no problems occur, Grade Niners will be welcome when dances resume next fall.

Parents have been very cooperative and all dances have been well chaperoned. We, the organizers, are most grateful.

I wish to thank The Tribune for its ongoing support.

Sincerely,
Daphne Goldman
Elm Road,
Stouffville

Editor's Mail

Refute cartoon

Dear Jim:

For everyone at Parkview, we wish to thank you for the excellent coverage you provide in your newspaper to the various facilities, people and programs at Parkview.

We have, however, mixed feelings about the cartoon published on the Editorial Page of the April 30 issue.

While we recognize and understand the privileges of the cartoonist, we are something less than happy with the caricature of the ladies moving into Parkview Village. We hope it does not reflect a stereotype in society of older persons in general.

From our perspective, every older person is a person of worth, to be regarded with respect and treated with dignity.

We have interviewed everyone who is moving into the Village and when one gets to know older persons as individuals, one finds them to be interesting and attractive. Physical unattractiveness and peculiarities do not occur with any greater incidence than in any other age category.

Other than the feelings I have just expressed, we did get a good laugh from the sketch. People coming into Parkview Village with armloads of belongings, (yes, even a cat or two), is certainly a common occurrence these days.

We welcome them—everyone!

Sincerely,
J.M. Nighswander,
Executive Administrator,
Parkview Village,
Stouffville

Another country bumpkin

Dear Mr Thomas:

Your experiences with street walkers in Toronto's downtown, (Roaming Around, Oct. 16), brought to mind an incident that occurred while I was in the city recently.

It was a warm day in August and I was driving, (alone), with the passenger side window down. When I pulled up at an intersection in the Carlton-Sherbourne area, a young lady approached, stuck her head inside and smiled ever so nicely.

At first, I took her to be someone who recognized me as an old friend; either that or someone who mistakenly recognized me as an old friend! So I leaned over in

the seat and said hello.

To my surprise, she said "do you want to go?"

I stammered "go where?" She replied "to my place, in the next block."

I guess she could tell I was some country bumpkin from Stouffville, for she quickly backed off when I indicated no interest in her offer.

I've been in Toronto many times but never been propositioned before in my car. Times must be tough when girls have to go that far.

Sincerely,
Bert Henderson,
Aspen Crescent,
Stouffville

Come to Church

<p>McCORMACK MEMORIAL CHURCH PASTOR: REV. W. GAWA 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School - Balanced Living 11 a.m. - Mothers lead in morning service 7 p.m. Flattery Special music - Mr. Garnet Rae</p> <p>NURSERY SUPERVISION AND JUNIOR CHURCH PROVIDED</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vivian Rd. #48 Ballantrae</p>	<p>SPRINGVALE BAPTIST CHURCH Gormley-Stouffville Rd. At Kennedy Rd. Pastor Rev. Robt. Flemming Asst. Pastor - Mark Rodgers 887-5651 9:45 a.m. - Bible School 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship 7 p.m. - Evening Worship WED. 7 P.M. Adult Prayer & Bible Study & Awana Program (Ages 3 to 14 years). FRI. 7 P.M. Youth Alive NURSERY PROGRAM AVAILABLE</p>
<p>STOUFFVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH (a Fellowship Church) 76 Main St. West Interim Pastor Ellard Corbett Associate - Pastor Mark Burger Sun. May 11th, 1986 9:50 A.M. Bible School 11:00 A.M. Morning Worship 6:50 P.M. Warm Fellowship Service Wednesday 8:00 P.M. Prayer and Bible Study For information call 640-2651 A WARM WELCOME AT EVERY SERVICE.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH Sun. May 11th, 1986 Pastor Calvin Stone Main-Stouffer 10 A.M. Sunday School 11 A.M. Worship Service Wed. 7:30 P.M. Prayer Meeting</p>
<p>STOUFFVILLE UNITED CHURCH 34 Church St. N. Rev. Cecil W. Tiller Minister Sunday, May 11th, 1986 Sacrament of Baptism 11:00 A.M. - Morning Worship Church School Program for all ages, including infant care.</p>	<p>ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Rev. Herb Gale 101 Main St. E. Phone 640-3151 Sunday, May 11th, 1986 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School 11 a.m. - Morning Worship - Christian Family Sunday. Special Music.</p>
<p>ST. MARK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH STOUFFVILLE 640-6665 SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday 5 p.m. Sunday 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>WIDEMAN MENNONITE CHURCH Hwy. 48-N. of 17th Ave. Phone 640-1227 Pastor James R. Shantz Sun., May 11th, 1986 10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. - Sunday School 7:00 p.m. - Monthly Area Hymn Sing ALL WELCOME</p>
<p>THE ANGLICAN PARISH of CHRIST CHURCH 254 Sunset Blvd., Rev. Paul D. Scuse 640-1461 Sun. May 11th, 1986 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION</p>	<p>BLOOMINGTON CHRISTIAN GOSPEL CHURCH Rev. C.W. Sorley 9:45 A.M. - Sunday School 11:00 A.M. - Morning Service 7:00 P.M. - Evening Service Wed. 8 p.m. - Prayer Meeting</p>
<p>HEISE HILL BRETHREN IN CHRIST CHURCH Gormley, Ontario Rev. Marlin K. Ressler Pastor Phone: 887-5489 Sunday May 11th Christian Education Hour: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Evening Service 7:00 p.m. Wednesday May 14th Bible Study Hour & Prayer Hour 7:30 p.m. You Are Welcome At Heise Hill</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>STOUFFVILLE MISSIONARY CHURCH 159 Main Street East 640-3911 Pastor: Rev. James Clubine Assoc. Pastors: Douglas Gray Charles Mashinter Sunday, May 11th, 1986 9:30 - 11:00 A.M. - Morning Worship Services and Sunday School hours. 7 P.M. - Evening Service Wed. 7 P.M. Family Night: Children's Clubs, youth and adult Bible study & prayer Friday 7:30 P.M. - Youth "You're Always Welcome at the Missionary Church"</p>
<p>BAKER HILL BAPTIST CHURCH On Hwy 48 2 mi. north of Hwy 47 Pastor Dana Struve 9:50 a.m. - Bible School 11 a.m. - Morning Worship WEDNESDAY 7:30 p.m. - Prayer & Bible Study ALL ARE WELCOME</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>STOUFFVILLE pentecostal church 460 Main Street E. Stouffville, Ontario Church Phone (416) 640-5696</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HEAR BIBLE TEACHER WALTER RUSNELL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">IN THE SECRET OF HIS PRESENCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Touching the unseen • The door to spiritual reality. • Living in the awareness of God's presence • Entering into rest • Understanding the kingdom of Christ • Recognizing God's leading • Enjoying fellowship with Christ • Release from human struggle <p>Through years of responsible research, Walter Rusnell has developed and refined effective Seminars concerning the spiritual life. This proven ministry has awakened thousands of Christians to possibilities beyond the new birth. He will challenge your understanding with fresh perspective and insight. This special five night Spiritual Life Seminar runs from Sunday to Thursday — (May 11 to 15) at Stouffville Pentecostal Church. Sunday at 6:00 p.m. Monday at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at Markham Pentecostal Church... (16th Avenue between Markham Rd. & McCowan) Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Thursday at 7:00 p.m. More than just a seminar... an Experience!</p>

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