

More Church Focus

Thank God for spiritual bounty

From the Pulpit

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Although every season has its unique beauty and charm, the fall season is in a class of its own. What other season can compare to the beautiful reds, oranges, greens, browns and yellows of fall, as the hillsides come alive with the changing of the trees? There is often a crispness in the air, the smell of leaves burning, or a log fire. It's no wonder that fall is a season of Thanksgiving.

As we share in another Thanksgiving time, most of us in the Markham area have much for which to be thankful. We live in a beautiful, fairly affluent community. We live in nice homes, drive nice cars, wear beautiful clothing, eat more than we need, have all the latest conveniences right at our fingertips.

Materially speaking, we've got it made. Oh, we still complain about not having enough, of wanting so much more, but when you really stop to think about it, we really do live like kings and queens. Without a doubt, we are all enjoying a standard of living our grandparents and great grandparents would have thought only the extremely wealthy could afford. Even I as a child considered eating in a restaurant, even McDonalds, a rare treat. For my kids today, however, such outings are almost a weekly experience.

Oh indeed, if any one ever had cause for giving thanks it's you and me today. But you know, as

thankful as we should be to the Lord for the material abundance he has generously supplied us with, our material blessings should not be the cause of our greatest thanks, for if it is what are we left to give thanks for should these material blessings be taken away?

Some in Markham, I am sure, know what that is like. Although most of us enjoy abundance, some in our community are not so fortunate. Some lost jobs, some were laid off, some experienced severe financial set backs, some had dreams come crashing down around, some learned of severe illnesses, some lost loved ones in death — some very tragically.

There are others within our community and beyond our boundaries who this fall are living in extreme poverty, such as those we have recently heard so much of who are living in tents because they cannot afford housing. If your greatest thanks to God is for the good things we enjoy, then

what do these people have to give thanks for this fall?

Oh my friends, while we all need to give thanks for the little or much that we have, our greatest thanks needs to be directed to something much greater, something all of us together, rich and poor, joyous and troubled have in common, and that is the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour. This fall, as always, we need to give our greatest thanks to God for the gift of his Son, and for the forgiveness of sin, the deliverance from guilt, and the gift of eternal life

which he offers to all who put their faith in him.

This is what Jesus was trying to teach his disciples, I believe, when after a successful mission, they were rejoicing over their great success, their great power, he interjected in Luke 10:20, "However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

My friends, most of us have much materially to give thanks for this fall, but all of us have an even greater reason to break forth into praise and that is for Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, who today offers to one and all forgiveness and life everlasting.

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nedy Rd., north of 16th Ave.

Markham Baptist

The fourth film in the Marriage Enrichment series will be held Sunday, Oct. 4 at 7 p.m. The film is entitled What Wives Need To Know.

Ladies Sharing a Morning has begun meeting again on Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. for Bible Study and refreshments. Babysitting is provided.

Registration for Christian Services Brigade will be Wed., Oct. 7 at 7 p.m. for boys aged 8 - 15. The church is located at 110 Church St., Markham.

St. Andrew's United

A Marriage Preparation Course for prospective brides and grooms will be held for four Wednesday evenings beginning Oct. 21. The cost is \$70 and those interested may call the church office at 294-0351 to register.

Its the mortgage they are burning not the turkey at the turkey dinner planned for Oct. 17, the eve of the 153rd Anniversary of St. Andrew's. Tickets will be available by Oct. 4.

Gospel Music with an upbeat is what you will enjoy on Sunday evening Oct. 18 when the Harvillites will sing at a special evening concert here at St. Andrew's United, located at 32 Main St., Markham. For tickets phone 294-0351.

Locust Hill United

World Wide Communion Sunday is Oct. 4 and the congregation will join in the celebration of the Lord's Supper during the 9:45 a.m. service. Sunday school is also at 9:45 a.m.

Melville United

Rev. John Miller, the minister of the two charges, will be holding baptism seminars Nov. 3, 10 and 17 for parents wishing to have their children baptised during the service on Nov. 22. For registration please phone 887-9564.

The induction service for Rev. John Miller into the joint pastorate of Locust Hill and Melville United was held Tues., Sept. 29.

Melville United is located on Kennedy Rd, north of 18th Ave. Locust Hill is located on Hwy. 7 in Locust Hill.

St. Justins Martyr

An anniversary mass for all couples married in October will be held Saturday Oct. 3 at 5 p.m. at St. Mathew's Separate School, 75 Waterbridge Lane Unionville.


For anyone interested in learning about the Catholic Church a program will begin Oct. 4 at 8 p.m. at 1 the rectory. For more details call 479-2463.

Anyone interested in joining the bridge club may call 477-1155 or 477-3705.


Womens' awareness group will hold its first meeting October 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the rectory at 12 Greencroft Cr. Unionville. Babysitting available.

Village Baptist Church

Village Baptist which meets at John XX111 school will formally constitute itself during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Guest speaker will be Rev. Bill Crump of Emanuel Baptist church in Wil- lowdale.



PASTOR: Allan Summers & Merrill Summers 475-3579
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
 6:30 p.m. Celebration
 Kennedy Rd. 1 Block north of Steeles
 "A Friendly Community Church in the Methodist Tradition"



MURDER IN THE CATHEDRAL
 A dinner and mystery night at Central United Church, 131 Main St., Unionville on October 17th at 7 p.m. Adventure and prizes by "Weekenders" a professional group which specializes in writing and conducting mystery evenings. They have put on events for corporations such as IBM, General Foods, as well as in numerous resorts in Ontario.
 This evening, for adults, is sponsored by the Senior Youth Group of Central. Please join us for appetizers, a full course dinner followed by an evening of mystery and intrigue. Cost per person \$35.00. Reservations are needed and may be made by calling Debra Savage at 474-0183 during office hours.




UNIONVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
 243 Main St.
 479-0942
 Pastor: Dr. Ray Reed
 Asst. Rev. Brian Allison

SUNDAY MORNING:
 10:00 a.m.—Seeking The Lord—heart preparation for worship
 10:30 a.m.—Praising The Lord—families together in celebration
 11:00 a.m.—Hearing The Lord—exposition of the Word at 4 levels

SUNDAY EVENING:
 6:30 p.m.—Evening Worship and Praise

TUESDAY:
 7:00 p.m.—Training Hour—Video Series "Counseling by Encouragement"
 8:00 p.m.—Prayer Fellowship


THURSDAY:
 Pioneer Clubs
 Scooters (4 & 5 yrs.) 6-7 p.m.
 All other groups 7:15-8:30 p.m.
 8:15 p.m.—Choir practice
 "COME GROW WITH US"



STOUFFVILLE MISSIONARY CHURCH
 159 Main Street East 640-3911
 Pastors: Douglas Gray
 Charles Mashinter

Sunday, Oct. 4th, 1987
 9:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. - Sunday School and Morning Worship hours.
 6:30 P.M. - MWI Thank Offering - Mr. Timothy Siswanto
 Wed. Oct. 7th
 7:00 P.M. - Nursery
 - Missionary Mites
 - Pioneer Clubs
 - Christian Service Brigade

7:15 P.M. - Adult Bible Study
 7:30 P.M. - Youth Bible Study
 Fri. Oct. 8th
 7:30 P.M. - Youth - Meet at Church


 "You're Always Welcome at the Missionary Church"

Come to Church

SPRINGVALE BAPTIST CHURCH
 Gormley-Stouffville Rd. At Kennedy Rd.
 Pastor Rev. Robt. Flemming
 Assistant Pastor of Youth Rev. Byron Stewart
 887-5651


9:45 a.m. - Bible School
 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
 6:00 p.m. - Evening Service
 WED. 7:00 P.M.
 Adult Prayer & Bible Study
 Awana - ages 4-12 years
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 FRI. 7:00 P.M.
 "Youth Alive"

NURSERY PROGRAM AVAILABLE



STOUFFVILLE UNITED CHURCH
 34 Church St. N.
 640-1163
 Rev. Wayne Reed

Sun. Oct. 4th, 1987
 11 a.m. - Morning Worship
 Nursery Fold Available



MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 Sun. Oct. 4th, 1987
 Pastor Calvin Stone
 Main-Stouffer

10 a.m. - Sunday School
 11 a.m. - Morning Worship
 Wed. 7:30 P.M. Prayer Meeting

BETHEL ASSEMBLY (Pentecostal)
 Hwy. #48, north of Hwy. #47
 RINGWOOD
 Rev. Howard Minaker,
 Call 640-5555


LORD'S DAY
 9:45 a.m. - Christian Education
 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
 7:00 p.m. - Evening Service
 Saturday, 7:30 p.m.:
 COFFEE HOUSE
 ALL ROADS LEAD TO BETHEL
 JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY TO HEAVEN

STOUFFVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH (a Fellowship Church)
 76 Main St. West
 Sun. Oct. 4th, 1987
PASTOR M. BURGER
 9:50 A.M. Sunday School All Ages (Nursery available)
 11:00 A.M. Morning Worship
 6:50 P.M. Warm Fellowship Service
 Wednesday
 8:00 P.M. Prayer Meeting at Church.
 For information call 640-2911
A WARM WELCOME AT EVERY SERVICE

HEISE HILL BRETHREN IN CHRIST CHURCH
 Gormley, Ontario
 Rev. Marlin K. Ressler
 Pastor
 Phone: 887-5489
 Sunday, Oct. 4th
 Sunday School Hour 10:00 A.M.
 Worship Service 11:00 A.M.
 Guest Speaker for both morning services will be: Rev. Herbert Heppner.
 Evening Service 7:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 7th
 Missions Prayer Hour 7:00 P.M.
 Pioneer Clubs 7:00 P.M.
YOU ARE WELCOME AT HEISE HILL

ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 101 Main St. E.
 640-3151
 Sunday, Oct. 4th, 1987
 9:45 A.M. - Sunday School
 11:00 A.M. - Morning Worship
 Nursery supervision, and Junior Church provided

Stouffville pentecostal church
 460 MAIN ST., STOUFFVILLE
 ONT. 640-5696



9:45 a.m. Christian Education
 11 a.m. Morning Worship
 6:00 p.m. Evening Rally

ST. MARK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
 345 GLAD PARK AVE.
 STOUFFVILLE
 640-6665
SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE
 Saturday 5 p.m.
 Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

THE ANGLICAN PARISH of CHRIST CHURCH
 254 Sunset Blvd.
 Rev. Paul D. Scuse
 640-1461
 Sun. Oct. 4th, 1987
 8:00 & 10:00 A.M.
HARVEST THANKSGIVING

VIVIAN McCORMACK PASTOR - REV. W. GAWA
 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
 7:00 p.m. - Evening Service