

Thankful for freedom and faith

All of the family was there. We sat shoulder to shoulder around the enlarged dining table. Steam rose slowly from the various bowls which promised to satisfy every appetite. The large golden brown turkey filled the room with an aroma that would be surpassed only by its taste.

Every head was bowed as my grandfather led his family in grace and a prayer of thanksgiving.

"Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you today for faith and for family, friends, fellowship and food. Amen."

As eager hands began to load their dinner plates, I looked lovingly to the head of the table. I saw a man, now in his 80's, who for 50 years had served as a minister and missionary.

I recalled that in the summer of 1936 he had left his position of principal of a school in Saskatchewan, and with his wife and their lively 3-year-old (my father), had

From the Pulpit

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Markham Pentecostal Church



set sail for distant Africa to share the love of God with the people of the dark continent as it was then known. Years of experience and wisdom had condensed into one sentence the truth and emotion of this holiday season.

I recall that prayer fairly frequently and am constantly challenged by its contents. I'm glad it begins with faith. Everything hinges on our faith in God. That faith is made possible through the gift of God's Son, Jesus Christ. He is God's greatest gift to mankind. Faith in Jesus Christ brings us

into a personal relationship with God as our Heavenly Father and is the most important thing anyone could experience. The assurance in this life of sins forgiven, peace with God and with our fellow man are accompanied by a continuous inner joy. This gives life real purpose and meaning. Then, of course, there are the future benefits of a home in heaven, and eternity with the Lord. A living faith in God causes a heart to be filled with thanks.

Life would be very lonely without family and friends. Life con-

sists of relationships with other people; people who love us and care about us; people who share life's high and low points with us.

Albert Schweitzer wrote, "When I look back upon my early days I am stirred by the thought of the number of people whom I have to thank for what they gave me or what they were to me. At the same time I am haunted by an oppressive consciousness of the little gratitude I really showed them while I was young."

How many of them have said farewell to life without my having made clear to them what it meant to me to receive from them so much kindness or so much care. Many a time have I, with a feeling of shame, said quietly to myself over a grave the words which my mouth ought to have spoken to the departed, while he was still in the flesh.

Fellowship is more than

friendship. It springs from a common bond or shared interest. Those who desire to serve and worship God love to help and build each other up. We sing together, worship together, learn together, pray together, and cry together. We need each other. How thankful we are for this country where we are free and unrestricted to love and serve God together.

The story is told that morale was low among the first settlers of the new world. It was proposed in one of the local churches that they proclaim a fast. An old farmer stood and spoke of how they would anger God with their complaints.

He reviewed God's mercies, showed them how much they had to be thankful for and moved that instead of a day of fasting, they should appoint a day of thanksgiving. Today we applaud his wisdom and insight.

CENTENNIAL BAPTIST CHURCH
8252 McCowan Rd. South

Pastor Harvey Peters
Youth Pastor Ken Clarke
475-7695

SUNDAY OCT. 11
9:45 a.m.
Sunday School
11:00 a.m.
Sharing with the Family of God
7:00 p.m.
Living Thanksgiving

UNIONVILLE ALLIANCE CHURCH
477-1104

PASTORAL TEAM
Dave Petrescue
Alex Parachin
Allan McLean

SUNDAY OCT. 11
9:30 A.M. Sunday School
11:00 A.M. Not Forgetting His Benefits Psalms 103
Pastor Petrescue
6:30 p.m. Communion Service

Unionville Public School
300 Main St.

MARKHAM MISSIONARY CHURCH
MAJOR MACKENZIE
(half mile east of McCowan Road)
294-5081

Pastors: Grant Sloss
Myles Toop

Sunday, Oct. 11
9:45 a.m. Family Bible School
11:00 a.m. Pastor Sloss
"Godliness & Contentment = GAIN"
6:30 p.m. Turn your heart toward home
Film #5 "Overcoming a painful childhood"
Wed. 7:00 p.m.
Mid week ministries

You're invited to be a part of an Evangelical Bible Believing Church
A warm welcome awaits you

TWO LOCATIONS

STOUFFVILLE MONUMENT WORKS LTD.
113 Main St. W.
Stouffville, Ont.
L4A 2S5
640-3643

HILLTOP MEMORIALS LTD.
449 Major MacKenzie Dr. E.
(Allen Court Plaza at Bayview)
L4C 1J9
884-1393

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NETHERLANDS REFORMED CONGREGATION
14th Ave. West of Markham Road

SERVICES ON SUNDAY

Biblically Based reformed preaching & teachings

10:00 A.M. and 5:30 P.M.

CLERK: R. COATES
294-8462

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

Sunday, Oct. 11th, 1987
9:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. Sunday School and Morning Worship hours.
6:30 P.M. - Evening Service
Guest Speaker - Mel Middleton
Wed. Oct. 14th
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. 16th
6:30 P.M. - Youth Missions Banquet

You're Always Welcome at the Missionary Church

BAKER HILL BAPTIST CHURCH
On Hwy 48
2 mi. north of Hwy 47
Pastor Dana Struve

9:50 - Sunday School
120th ANNIVERSARY & THANKSGIVING SERVICES
11:00 A.M. - Dr. W.S. Whitcombe
SPECIAL MUSIC - Mrs. Carol Gawa - Soloist
7:00 P.M. - Dr. W.S. Whitcombe
SPECIAL MUSIC - Mr. & Mrs. Herman Klitscher

WEDNESDAY
8:00 p.m. Prayer & Bible Study at The Oldham's
ALL ARE WELCOME

BLOOMINGTON CHRISTIAN GOSPEL CHURCH
Ninth Line South of Bloomington Rd.
Rev. Bryan Coker 640-4364

9:45 A.M. - Sunday School
11:00 A.M. - Morning Worship
6:30 P.M. - Evening Service
Wed. 8:00 P.M. - Bible Study and Prayer
Junior Church provided

PARKVIEW VILLAGE
70 Ninth Line South
Stouffville

Sunday, Oct. 11th, 1987
7:00 P.M. - Rev. Doug Gray - Pastor at Parkview Home (Communion Service to follow)

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
Ages 4-12 years
FRI. 7:00 P.M.
"Youth Alive"

NURSERY PROGRAM AVAILABLE

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

Rev. Craig F. Pitts

WIDEMAN MENNONITE CHURCH
Hwy. 48-North of Major Mackenzie
Phone 640-1227
Pastor James R. Shantz
Sun., Oct. 11th, 1987

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
7:00 p.m. - Evening Service

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7:00 P.M. - Rev. Doug Gray - Pastor at Parkview Home (Communion Service to follow)

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

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

STOUFFVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH (a Fellowship Church)
76 Main St. West
Sun. Oct. 11th, 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
Sat. Oct. 17th
7:30 P.M. - Torchmen Concert
A WARM WELCOME AT EVERY SERVICE

VIVIAN McCORMACK PASTOR - REV. W. GAWA
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
7:00 p.m. - Evening Service
473-3543

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

MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Sun. Oct. 11th, 1987
Pastor Calvin Stone
Main-Stouffer

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

HEISE HILL BRETHREN IN CHRIST CHURCH
Gormley, Ontario
Rev. Marlin K. Ressler
Pastor
Phone: 887-5489
Sunday, Oct. 11th
Sunday School Hour 10:00 A.M.
Worship Service 11:00 A.M.
Evening Service 7:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 14th
Pioneer Clubs 7:00 P.M.
Bible Study Hour 7:00 P.M.
A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU AT HEISE HILL

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. 11th, 1987
8:00 & 10:00 A.M.

ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
101 Main St. E.
640-3151

Sunday, Oct. 11th, 1987
9:45 A.M. - Sunday School
11:00 A.M. - Morning Worship
Nursery supervision and Junior Church provided.

THE SALVATION ARMY
is first and foremost an EVANGELICAL CHURCH
COME "SEE THIS SIDE OF US" at THE MARKHAM CORPS SUNDAY SERVICES

9:30 A.M. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR
11:00 A.M. FAMILY WORSHIP
6:30 P.M. EVENING PRAISE
Rick & Louise Embree
Lieutenants (Pastors)
471-1038

Now meeting in our own Church at the corner of McCowan and 16th Ave.