

# Stouffville Christian School Teacher Ken Benson graduates this month

By JIM THOMAS  
STOUFFVILLE — When the Class of '88 graduates from Stouffville Christian School next month, so also will one its highly respected teachers.

Ken Benson, Second Street, Stouffville, has accepted the position of Youth Pastor at Sarnia Missionary Church, beginning in August. The congregation has a membership of more than 300 with close to eighty young adults. Ken feels he's been led by the Lord into this new mission and is looking forward to the challenge. He's our Featured Teacher of the Week.

**Musical Chairs**  
Ken, 27, grew up in Gormley, son of Bruce and Gerry Benson. He has two sisters, Karen Sayers of Aurora and Kelly at home. Ken's elementary education was like a game of musical chairs. He attended no less than six schools prior to Grade 9.

He was the SDSS Commencement valedictorian. Ken retains marvellous memories of his years spent at Stouffville High. Volleyball was his favorite sport. He was a member of six championship teams.

Both Jim Rehill and Peter Sanderson had a positive influence on his athletic endeavors, he says.

Fastball's another enjoyable recreation. He patrols the outfield for an entry by the Gormley Missionary Church.

**Master's Degree**  
Ken has an extensive education record that includes Ontario Bible College; Laurentian University; Queen's University and the University of Western Ontario. He holds a Master's Degree in Health Education.

It was while enrolled at Queen's that he met and later married Carolyn Champion, "a real winner," he says, reflecting on her maiden name. They have a daughter Charity.

Prior to the arrival of Charity, Ken and Carolyn both taught at the Stouffville Christian School. "She's now a full-time mom," he says with a satisfied smile.

**Committed Christian**  
Ken teaches Science, Grades 7 to 10 and Typing, Grade 9. He coaches the volleyball team and is the staff vice-principal.

"I've been extremely happy here," he says. He appreciates, what he describes as the Christ-centred environment at SCS.

A committed Christian, Ken believes his hand's been in God's hand as he's walked the pathway of life. And the journey's by no means over. Eventually, he and

Carolyn expect to do full-time mission work, possibly in Canada's far North.

Part of the summer of '86 was spent in the North West Territories' community of Snowdrift on the south shore of Great Slave Lake. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

"I believe in long-term goals," he says, "with varied experiences along the way."

Ken's presence at Stouffville Christian School has been an 'experience' students will never forget. All readily admit he's had a profound impact on their lives. And they'll be sorry to see him go.

So will their parents.

## Cemetery decoration

The annual cemetery Decoration Day Service at Church Hill Baptist Church, Conc. 9, north of the Aurora Sideroad, will be held Sunday, June 12 at 3 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Rev Bryan Coker, pastor of Bloomington Christian Gospel Church with special music from within the congregation.



Ken Benson, highly respected teacher on the staff of the Stouffville Christian School will 'graduate' this month into the ministry. Ken has accepted a youth pastorate at Sarnia Missionary Church. The congregation has a membership of over 300 with a youth group of almost eighty.

—Jim Thomas

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Snider Drive (from Main Street Markham North westerly to where such stretch of road connects with Bullock Drive)	Bullock Drive

A copy of the map showing the proposed street name change as outlined herein may be seen in my office in the Municipal Building at 8911 Woodbine Avenue, Buttonville, Ontario, during normal business hours.

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Christine Palmer (Mrs.)  
Deputy Clerk

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