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## FOCUS ON BUSINESS

### Save energy costs immediately with energy-efficient windows and doors

If you've been thinking about replacing inefficient windows or doors, why wait until spring? Installing energy-efficient windows and doors today means that you can start saving up to 15 per cent on energy costs immediately.

Recently, an Encore customer wanted replacement windows installed in an upstairs bedroom which couldn't stay warm. "We installed new high performance vinyl windows using materials that last a lifetime," says Mike Montecalvo, co-owner of Encore Home Improvements. "The room temperature rose about four degrees right away."

While Encore installs all winter long, they do install windows on nicer days. Encore Home Improvements specializes in the sale and installation of quality doors and windows for all types of residential homes and businesses.

**REPLACEMENT WINDOWS**  
Many home owners are installing a new weatherproof, vinyl window that delivers higher efficiency. The new window is triple-paned and can outperform an R-40 wall.

Rated as a high efficiency window by Energy Canada, this vinyl window features argon gas between the panes and a low-e coating on the glass itself. The window is manufactured in Canada and comes with a full lifetime warranty on parts and labour (not pro-rated).

Heat mirror, low-emissivity (low-e), argon and triple glass are some of the other types of windows available today that can help to reduce your monthly heating bill in winter.

**ALL WINDOWS ARE NOT CREATED EQUAL**  
As with most building materials, there are many differences between poor, good and high

quality windows. Window quality is measured by the thickness of its vinyl, design, styles, spacer types, glass types, weather stripping hardware and manufacturing tolerances.

"We explain these differences so that customers understand what options are available," says Montecalvo. "We even provide the customer with a worksheet to compare our products and service with other window companies."

#### A LIFETIME WARRANTY ON WINDOWS

When you purchase windows from Encore

Home Improvements, you receive more than just a quality product at a competitive price. Encore also stands behind its products and workmanship with a complete lifetime warranty on parts and labour (not prorated).

Encore Home Improvements recently expanded its product line to include a new series of quality vinyl shutters and a home security system. Vinyl shutters, manufactured by Vinylbilt, are durable, attractive and maintenance-



free.

Another key benefit of quality windows is that they offer safety and protection. Some windows are available with laminated glass and safety locks for added protection.

The home security system is monitored by Microtec and compliments Encore's window replacements which offer safety glass, heavy duty window locks and safety latches.

For more information, check out Encore's new web site at [www.encorewindows.com](http://www.encorewindows.com). Encore Home Improvements is located at 450 Alden Rd.

For details call (905) 470-0750.

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# Running on Empty?

**ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH**  
32 Main St. N. Markham • 294-0351  
SUNDAY SERVICE - 10:00 A.M.

### "Religion Made Easy"

It's a busy, complicated world. Often we are grateful when people simplify things for us. Hence the popularity of the "For Dummies" books, you know "Windows For Dummies," "Gardening For Dummies," and so on.

I could probably write a "Christianity For Dummies." First thing, I'd abridge the Bible, remove all that difficult philosophy and symbolism stuff. I'd pare the Old Testament down to just a few top stories, maybe Noah and Jonah, include a bio on Abraham, Isaac, and Moses and list the ten commandments, but as suggestions. The New Testament can begin with the Christmas Story and one version of the event is plenty. Christ grows up and talks to some priests and gets some followers. From there we can go straight to Easter.

I think I can easily boil the whole thing down to about 50 pages including the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm, which is the only one worth including. Oh yeah, some prayers. Since this is the "me" generation, the prayers will be very personal. There will be one for money, one for recovery from personal or family illness, and maybe one for good grades.

This form of Christianity can be practiced without effort, at church or at home, whatever the reader prefers. This way, you don't have to sit in a pew beside someone you don't like, or listen to the views of someone with whom you don't agree. No collection will be taken and therefore no pesky decisions will have to be made regarding what to do with the proceeds.

Well, what do you think? Will "Christianity For Dummies" become a best seller? Is it one already? Do we have the courage to close the book and live more truly?

Don Franklin

With the start of a new year one of the biggest problems for a lot of people is the "post-Christmas blues."

This time can be especially problematic if one is faced with long term challenges such as an abusive relationship, addiction or divorce. Sometimes these issues get placed on "hold" during the Christmas season only to surface again soon thereafter.

The result? a sinking feeling that

more and more of life is being lived "running on empty."

Take heart! Here's help!

On Saturday, January 20th, the Unionville Village Church is hosting an evening with Karen Perkins, a lay pastoral counsellor, renowned public speaker and survivor of abuse. Her fresh approach to telling her story offers real hope and direction.

Karen will relate the problems of her childhood, the adult abuse that she endured, and the resulting emotional baggage she carried into adulthood. Her story is a remarkable journey of courage and victory that highlights her deep faith in God. With gratitude and conviction Karen proclaims that God not only healed her broken heart, a life, but also guided her journey into

wholeness.

The significance of this presentation cannot be overstated. Karen's discourse will include insights on the process of recovery, how to deal with sexual abuse, divorce, loneliness, shame, fear and multiple personality disorder. Her candid narration is being presented with the hope that others may gain, from her story, courage and renewed faith to benefit either themselves or a friend in need.

An added feature of this event will be the music of Anne Harmer and Greg Perkins.

Everyone is welcome to attend this special feature next Saturday, January 20th at 7 p.m.

The Village Church is located at 218 Main Street, Unionville. Parking is provided in the lot across from the church. Babysitting can be arranged or additional details obtained by calling (905) 513-1549.

~ submitted by Paul Fawcett

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Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Worship - 10:30 a.m.

**CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH**  
131 Main St., Unionville 474-0183  
Visit us at [www.unitedchurch.com](http://www.unitedchurch.com)  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2001**  
Services: 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
**"Expect The Best"**  
A warm welcome awaits you

**CENTENNIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
WELLSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH  
A Church To Call Home  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service  
Evaluating Equality In The Church  
Pastor Mark Lowrie  
Everyone is invited to Parkway Village in Stouffville (West of 9th Line, South of Main St.) 7:00 p.m.  
Pastor Mark Lowrie will be leading the service.  
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**Wideman Mennonite Church**

**JANUARY 14, 2001**  
9:45 - Christian Education  
10:45 - Worship  
1 km. North of Major Mackenzie on Hwy. 48  
Church Office: 640-6219 For a ride call: 640-4185

**MARKHAM MISSIONARY CHURCH**  
Evangelical Missionary Church of Canada  
5438 Major Mackenzie Drive East, Markham  
(905) 294-5081  
**Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2001**  
9:00 a.m. - Early Worship Service  
9:30 a.m. - Christian Education Hour  
10:30 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship  
11:30 a.m. - Late Worship Service  
6:00 p.m. - Kids Only Club  
Adult Praise & Growth Groups  
Please watch next Sunday's ad for changes in Sunday service schedule.

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**10:00 a.m. Worship Service**  
Sunday School and Nursery

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