

# Anniversary Celebration & Reunion

Celebration of the 20th anniversary of Stouffville Christian School will take place April 7th at the Embassy Suites in Markham.

It all began in the early 80's when a group of concerned parents became convinced that they should launch a Christian school in the Markham-Stouffville area. They approached Bob Stover, an assistant superintendent of the York Region Board of Education, with the idea of including within the

Board schools that recognized differing educational philosophies. However, there was not at that time the mechanism in place for this type of alternative school within the existing educational structure.

But, an impression had been spurred within Mr. Stover's heart and mind. And after time spent "wrestling with God" about the matter, Bob and his wife Nancy clearly felt that God was directing him to become involved with this new school. He was attracted by the school's vision of pursuing an educational philosophy of academic excellence undergirded by Biblical

principles. Mr. Stover accepted responsibility as the school's first principal.

Volunteers worked diligently to prepare the vacated Altona Missionary Church as the school's first "home." In September 1981, Stouffville Christian School opened its doors to 49 students in grades 5 through 10 with 3 full-time and 6 part-time staff members.

In the second year of operation grades 1 through 4 were added and enrollment rose to 89 students. The Lewis Feed Mill across the road from the school was renovated and its facilities were modified to accommodate the increased student body and faculty.

Bob recalls that in those early days a great many people pulled together to make the school function. Teachers

accepted low wages and parents helped in a wide variety of ways. Board members were more than decision-makers. They also took an active role in the development of the properties. "It was a real pioneering movement," says Bob, "and we repeatedly saw the hand of the Lord supplying our needs."

Twenty years and hundreds of graduates later, Stouffville Christian School's mission remains the same: "Through Christ-centered education in partnership with the home the school is committed to challenging its students to pursue a life of godly character, service to others and of personal and academic excellence.

The school is located at 565 Uxbridge-Pickering Town Line. Applications are currently being accepted for September 2001 admission to grades Jr. Kindergarten through 8.

All alumni, family members present and former students, faculty and staff and friends of the Stouffville Christian School are invited to come April 7th, 5:30 p.m., and enjoy a great meal, hear good music, renew acquaintances and share lots of memories.

Reserve tickets for the 20th Anniversary Celebration and Reunion are \$40 and can be obtained by calling the school at (905) 640-3297.

-submitted by Paul Fawcett

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Visit us at [www.cuchurch.com](http://www.cuchurch.com)  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2001**  
Services: 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
"How to be a Charismatic Person"  
Prime Rib Dinner - April 28th

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

**Journeying to Easter!**  
V: Songs for the Journey

During the 1960's, the Civil Rights struggle in the United States reshaped attitudes and created a whole new life situation for black people in America. Of course we still have a long way to go before discrimination and exploitation are stamped out. However, the Civil Rights movement had an impact upon millions of lives, touching the minds and hearts of people who had never before questioned how things were in their communities and in the institutions of their society.

A major part of the strategy of the Civil Rights movement was the freedom march. Millions of people would march together to draw attention to glaring inequities, and to shock into awareness the conscience of the nation. And as they marched these people sang freedom songs that gave them unity and strength and courage for the confrontations that lay ahead. It was the songs, more than anything else, that infuriated the holders of power who saw the Civil Rights movement as a threat. Despite having no apparent power of their own, the marchers became empowered by their songs, which gave voice to their cause, and to their dependence upon one another.

And in our present journeys, we too need to sing songs that give voice to our cause and weave a tighter mesh of community among us; songs of caring and encouragement for one another.

Because no journey is accurately portrayed on a two minute news bite. Real journeys can be arduous and discouraging, frightening and bewildering along the way. We depend upon those who share the journey with us to bolster our sense of worth and our certainty of the importance of the journey that calls us to be the best that we can be.

All of our journeys are ultimately a journey toward Easter, in which we endeavor to open ourselves and each other to the newness of life that is God's gift. May we find the songs that will encourage ourselves and others in this shared task of making the love of God real in the here and now, and may the newness of life take birth within us because of the commitment we have shared as we travel the road together.

Dr. Frederick A. Styles

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed at St. Andrew's this Sunday.**

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**Come and sample our Hot Cross Buns! Sunday, April 8<sup>TH</sup>**

9:45 a.m. Buns and Coffee  
11:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Service  
Check out Wendy's secret bun recipe at  
<http://members.home.net/unionvillepe>

All welcome. Many come in casual dress

**"The Church With Heart"**  
**Unionville Presbyterian Church**  
600 Village Parkway  
South of Carlton Road on the west side  
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**Two Commandments Christian School**  
905-944-8859

The whole Law and the Prophets depend on these two commandments:

- ✓ You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.
  - ✓ You shall love your neighbour as yourself.
- Matthew 22:37-40

**CENTENNIAL CHURCH**  
A Fellowship Baptist Church  
**A Church to Call Home**  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. - Communion & Worship Service  
"Workboot Theology"  
Pastor Mark Lowrie  
6:00 p.m. - Life Builders  
8176 McCowan Road (just south of Hwy. 7)  
Markham, ON Tel. 905-475-7695  
Home of Centennial Child Care Centre

**EASTER SCHEDULE**  
• **Holy Thursday\***  
Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:30 p.m.  
(no morning mass) (church open until 12:00 a.m.)  
• **Good Friday - Liturgical Action**  
3:00 p.m.  
(church open until 6:00 p.m.)  
• **Easter Vigil - 8:00 p.m.**  
• **Easter Sunday Mass**  
9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m.  
St. Justin, Martyr Church,  
3898 Highway 7 East, Unionville (479-2463)

**Wideman Mennonite Church**  
• **APRIL 1, 2001**  
9:45 - Christian Education  
11:00 a.m. - Worship  
1 km. North of Major Mackenzie on Hwy. 48 &  
Church Office: 640-6219 For a ride call: 640-4185

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Corner of Brimley & Steeles • 477-4365  
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**10:00 a.m. Worship Service**  
Sunday School and Nursery

**MARKHAM MISSIONARY CHURCH**  
Evangelical Missionary Church of Canada  
5438 Major Mackenzie Drive East, Markham  
(905) 294-5081

**Sunday, April 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2001**

- 9:00 a.m. - Early Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. - Christian Education Hour
- 10:30 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship
- 11:00 a.m. - Late Worship Service
- 6:00 p.m. - Kids Only Club, Youth Mentoring & Adult Praise & Growth Groups

Please call church for details of services and other programs of the church.

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Diana Whitehead

**BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
20 Union St., Unionville - 477-1731  
(Near Hwy. 7 & Main)  
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Worship - 10:30 a.m.

**Fellowship Baptist Church Markham**  
A Friendly Growing Church  
9:45 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Worship Service  
7478 Kennedy Road & Denison Street  
Tel. (905) 470-9775  
Pastors: Rev. Francis Mpindu & Rev. Peter Toy

## Streams of Refreshment



**You are invited to 'Jump In'**  
Sunday Nights 7:30 p.m. - March 4<sup>TH</sup> to April 8<sup>TH</sup>

• April 1<sup>ST</sup>: Charismatic Stream  
Speaker: **Brian Stiller**  
**Applecreek 7<sup>TH</sup> Day Adventist,**  
700 Apple Creek BL

• April 8<sup>TH</sup>: Holiness Stream  
Speaker: **Rev. David Chotka**  
**St. Philip's On-the-Hill, 9400 Kennedy Road**  
Sponsored by the Markham-Unionville Ministerial Assoc.

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