

# A Christian Perspective

In a small rural town a young couple had known each other since childhood. Now that they were mature adults they noticed that they still enjoyed one another's company. Their friendship grew. Finally the young man presented the young woman with a ring and proposed marriage.

Their engagement period had flown by as wedding plans were made. Together their emotions and hearts joined and finally the big day arrived. The childhood sweethearts, having grown to love God, had each kept themselves

pure and had eyes only for each other. Their friends and families shared in their happy day. Their honeymoon over, they couldn't wait for work to finish so they could get back home together.

Everyone could see that their love for one another and happiness was genuine. There was an occasional disagreement but because of their love and respect for one another both worked at resolving their differences quickly. Weeks passed into months and after a year the young wife confided in her husband that the doctor had

confirmed it - he would be a daddy! They were so happy and couldn't wait to tell their parents the good news!

Eventually they couldn't hide their secret anymore and everyone they knew rejoiced with them. The husband lovingly supported his wife through morning sickness and being pregnant as the months flew by. The ultrasound had shown it was a girl and they both worked with great anticipation to get the new bedroom and everything ready for the new addition to their family. The doctor was happy that the unborn baby was growing as expected without apparent problems. As the due date came everyone was wondering when the baby would arrive.

Finally, both husband and wife became excited as labour pains had begun! The husband carefully got his wife into their car and they drove to the hospital. The time was getting closer and the nurses helped the husband get prepared to enter the delivery room to accompany his wife. He did his best to encourage

her in the midst of her waves of extreme labour pain. "Here she comes!" The baby safely entered the new world of the loving little family and waiting friends. There was great joy and celebrations all around! Everyone was happy that a beautiful, healthy little baby girl had been born!

And in that same way, great are the celebrations in heaven when a long expected loved one finally comes home! My wife and I watched as my beloved mother's frail 93 year old body took its final laboured breath here on earth. We imagined her excitement as she woke up in the presence of the God she had known and loved so personally for most of her lifetime.

Meanwhile preparations were being made in heaven. Jesus had let those who knew Mom know that her arrival would be soon. Decorations had been made and the birthing room was ready! Angels had been dispatched to my mother's bedside to offer unseen comfort and strength both to loved ones waiting and to my mother in her last few days and hours.

One time during the week before my mother's passing my wife watched as my mother's eyes turned and gazed towards the door of her room. My wife looked to see who had arrived because my mother's whole face had lit up in a beautiful full faced smile of sublime peace and joy. My wife saw no one at the door and looked back at my mother's still joyful face!

Many in heaven had missed my mother and were waiting for her. They watched with uncontainable excitement, anticipation and joy as "The Great Shepherd" gently received my mother into His arms and presented her with great joy and humility to those waiting! Her guardian angel was there too smiling with great happiness. His assignment now over - the one he had watched over and fought many a battle to protect those many years was finally safe at home! We watched her off and they watched her home. There was one small instant in time where both worlds met. Absent from the body and present with the Lord! (2 Corinthians 5:8)

I finally understood the verse I had read in Psalms 116:15, "Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints." As the skeleton of a body that I was watching cooled, and again later as the casket closed, I said my goodbyes knowing that I would see my precious mother one day again and that we would all enjoy heaven together in God's presence forever free from sin, sadness, sickness, pain and anything else that would cause unhappiness! That is the Christian Perspective! Do you personally know this God we know? I would be happy to introduce you to Him.

## Royal Canadian Legion News

By TINA MORRELL  
Branch 233, Orangeville

Come out and join us on Nov 14 for Karaoke with host Jill Phillips. From 9pm to 1am. Members and guest welcome.

On Nov 14 the Ladies Auxiliary is holding a Christmas craft and bake

sale at the Legion from 9am - 3pm. They will also be serving a light lunch (sandwiches and soup)

November 22 we will be having our next Euchre starting at 1pm (doors open at noon) Cost \$10.00 all money will be returned in prizes. This is open to the public.

*Lest We Forget*

# DUFFERIN AREA Church Directory

**ST. MARK'S ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
5 FIRST AVENUE, ORANGEVILLE  
519-941-0640  
FIND OUT MORE AT [www.saintmark.ca](http://www.saintmark.ca)  
WE INVITE YOU TO WORSHIP WITH US!

8:30 a.m. Traditional Service  
10 a.m. Contemporary Service with Hymns (Sunday School and Nursery)  
Rector: The Venerable Peter Scott  
Organist: Pam Claridge

**ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
312 Owen Sound St., Shelburne 925-2923  
Pastor: Rev. Susan D. Wilson  
Sunday, November 15 - 10:30 a.m.

**Grace Church of the Nazarene**  
at The Ministry Centre  
736 Steeles Street, Unit 3, Shelburne  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship and ACTS for Children  
Pastor: Rev. Bob McLellan - 519-925-0566  
Website: [www.ShelburneGrace.com](http://www.ShelburneGrace.com)  
Come Grow With Us!

**BROADWAY TABERNACLE**  
Lead Pastor: Paul Carroll  
Sunday Services 10:00 a.m., Bible Study 5 p.m., Young Adults Service 7:11 pm  
Programs for all ages  
Broadway welcomes you!  
Located: 1/4 kilometre West of C-Line, Orangeville  
519-941-3981 [www.broadwaytab.com](http://www.broadwaytab.com)

**ORANGEVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Corner of Hwy. 10 and Hockley Rd.  
Sunday Worship Services at 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.  
There's a place for you and your family at OBC.  
Come join us!  
For info about programs for children, students, and adults, visit [www.orangevillebaptist.com](http://www.orangevillebaptist.com) or call 519.941.4790.

**ABIDING PLACE MINISTRIES**  
A Church with a Difference, making a Difference  
Auditorium, Dufferin Oaks, Shelburne  
"C" Door off Centre Street  
Sunday Services - 10 a.m. & Children's Church Bible Study & Prayer - Wed. 7 p.m. @ Pastor's Home  
Pastor Rev. Gord Horsley (519) 925-3651  
Come and be blessed, all are welcome!

**HOCKLEY VALLEY BIBLE CHAPEL**  
SUNDAY SERVICES  
10:30 a.m. Family Worship, Sunday School  
Hockley Road (between 2nd & 3rd Line, Mono)  
Office 942-8200 Pastor Mark Condon

**CELEBRATE YOUR LOVE FOR GOD**

**JEHOVAH JIREH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES**  
"Preparing the Way of the Lord"  
Hwy. #10, 3 km south of Orangeville  
Sundays @ 10 a.m. Wednesdays @ 7:30 p.m.  
Pastor: Rev. Carol McLean 942-2338  
Everyone is Welcome!  
[www.jjcm.ca](http://www.jjcm.ca)

**FAITH FELLOWSHIP**  
SUNDAY: Service 11:00 a.m., Last Sunday Evening monthly - Family Night - 6 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY: Home Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. Call for Location.  
Hwy. #9 East of Hwy. #10, Orangeville (beside Toyota Dealership)  
Pastor: Dan Welwood  
Church Office: 942-4414  
Affiliated with the Independent Assemblies of God International

**WESTMINSTER UNITED CHURCH**  
247 Broadway, Orangeville 941-0381  
Rev. Sandra McLaughlan-Abuja  
Worship Service, Sunday School Classes, 10:30 a.m.  
[www.westminsterorangeville.ca](http://www.westminsterorangeville.ca)  
"Westminster United Church; Seeking and Sharing the Love of God"

**BETHEL BIBLE CHAPEL**  
419 Main Street East, Shelburne  
Sunday Services - 9:30 a.m. Lord's Supper  
10:45 am Family Bible Hour, Sunday School  
Chapel - 519-925-3910 or 519-925-0541  
[www.bethelshelburne.com](http://www.bethelshelburne.com) All Welcome

**St. JOHN'S CHURCH**  
3907 Highway 9 Caledon, ON 519-941-1950 519-941-5817 (f)  
[anglican@bellnet.ca](mailto:anglican@bellnet.ca) [www.stjohnshwy9caledon.ca](http://www.stjohnshwy9caledon.ca)  
Just east of Orangeville

Every Sunday morning  
9 a.m. Church Lite: all ages worship  
9:45 a.m. Café St. Jean: Coffee & Breakfast - Veggie Tales Sunday School  
11 a.m. Anglican Classic Choral Eucharist

**COVENANT ALLIANCE CHURCH**  
[www.TheHeartofOrangeville.com](http://www.TheHeartofOrangeville.com)  
Worshipping every Sunday @ 10:30 a.m.  
3 Zina St., on the corner of First and Zina!  
519-941-2707

**CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**  
50 Blind Line, Orangeville 941-6401  
[www.orangevillecrc.com](http://www.orangevillecrc.com)  
office@orangevillecrc.com  
Worship every Sunday at 10 am & 1st Sunday of the month at 7 pm  
3rd Sunday of the month - DVD series (check website)  
Nursery & Sunday school during a.m. worship, youth group, women's Coffee Break bible study Wed. a.m., GEMS girls club/Cadets boys club Monday nights, Friendship for mentally challenged adults every other Friday night. Wheelchair accessible - All Welcome!

**CHRIST CHURCH WHITFIELD**  
Centre Rd. & Dufferin 17  
705-435-2695  
Rev. Darrell Wright  
Joint Service at St. Luke's Rosemont.  
Sunday, November 15 at 10:30 am

**BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH OF GRAND VALLEY**  
152 Main Street North 928-5658  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting

**CANADIAN REFORMED CHURCH**  
55 C Line, Orangeville  
Minister: Rev. Eric Kampen  
Family Worship:  
Sundays at 10 am and 2:30 pm  
Come and Experience a Worship Service  
Wheelchair Accessible  
Nursery Available  
Web: [www.orangeville.canrc.org](http://www.orangeville.canrc.org)  
"Voice of the Church" Sundays @ 7:05 - 7:20 a.m. on FM 106.1

**ROMAN CATHOLIC ST. TIMOTHY CHURCH**  
Corner of Centre St. & Dawson Rd., Orangeville  
Pastor: Fr. Paul Dobson  
Pastoral Assistant: Mary Chiasson  
Youth Minister: John MacMullen  
WEEKEND MASSES  
Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9 & 11 a.m. with Children's Liturgy  
LIFETEEN Mass First, Third & Fifth Sundays of the month  
Reconciliation: Sat. 4:15-4:45  
Weekday Masses: Tues., Wed., 7 p.m., Thurs., Fri., 9 a.m.

**DUFFERIN COUNTY CHRISTDELPHIANS**  
10th Line Amaranth  
Contact: Chris (925-2236)  
Sunday 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
\* Sunday 6:00 p.m. Bible Talk  
\* Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Bible Study  
\* Friday 7:45 p.m. Youth Group  
\* Please call to verify location!  
\* No Collection \* Free Literature  
• Refreshments  
• All are welcome!

**New Hope Community Church**  
690 Riddell Orangeville  
943-1203  
Worship Service  
Sunday 10:30 a.m.  
Majors David and Donna Kennedy

**TRINITY UNITED CHURCH**  
11 am Service with Rev. Edward Bellsmith  
Nursery, Sunday School & Teen Group  
Music, Social events & Outreach  
200 Owen Sound St., Shelburne 925-2233  
[www.wondercafe.ca/churches/trinity-united-church](http://www.wondercafe.ca/churches/trinity-united-church)  
[trinityunitedchurch@bellnet.ca](mailto:trinityunitedchurch@bellnet.ca)

**Community of Christ**  
Grand Valley Branch - Mill Street, Grand Valley  
Pastor: Elder Del Franks  
Church phone: 928-3020 Pastor's phone: 940-8660  
9:45 a.m. - Adult and Children's Church School  
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service  
Shelburne (Reddickville) Branch - Pastor: Bill Arnold  
519-925-2796

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Here are some additional background comments written by the author about the above Christian Perspective article that the author wants the reader to know:

This one comes straight from my heart as I mourn the recent loss of my mother, Eva M. Carter, who slipped away while we watched her at the Shelburne Dufferin Oaks on Friday October 23, 2009 at 2:15 a.m. The description of the expression on my mother's face that my wife saw really happened as written in the article.

We as family wish to thank the Personal Support Workers, Nursing staff, kitchen staff (for meals provided to us during the last days and hours we waited) and especially the Palliative Care Team at the Dufferin Oaks for their excellent care of my mother, myself and our family both before and after my mother's health began to worsen and up to and after her time of death.

Their help made our parting from our mother so much easier - and I can attest to that from experience! We as a community have much to be proud of in our Dufferin Oaks' excellent service to those who for one reason or another can no longer care

**Calling All 'POETS' Limerick Contest**

We plan to publish on December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009, limericks that include the names of persons or places in Dufferin County.

Join the fun before December 10<sup>th</sup>

Prizes for the best submissions.

Send submissions to  
[mail@citizen.on.ca](mailto:mail@citizen.on.ca)

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