

Connect to Jesus, the Light of the World

I have noticed that many people have taken advantage of the nice weather to put up their Christmas lights.

As nice as some of these lights look, I was reminded a couple of weeks ago when the power went out, their beauty depends entirely upon their ability to connect to a power source.

Without the power source there is no light to be shared with our world.

What is true for those Christmas lights is also true for each one of us spiritually. Jesus said in

Matthew 5:14, "You are the light of the world."

He also said two verses later, "In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

What we need to understand is we are not the source of the light we are to radiate.

Jesus is the Light of the World. He is the power source for our light. It is our responsibility to stay close to Him and stay plugged into His will and direction for our lives. He is the One whose light can

guide us through the darkness all around. He is the One who can give us hope, peace, joy and love in the midst of all the overwhelming needs, pressures and stress we are facing.

These four qualities are represented by the four candles of the advent wreath.

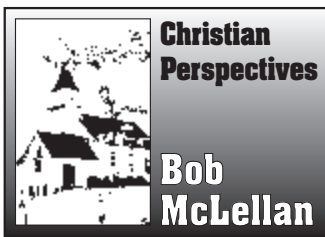
These qualities are not

to be our goal in life, but are the byproduct of accepting for ourselves the reason Jesus, the Light of the World came in to this world.

The purpose of Jesus coming to this earth is described in the words of the hymn by Dottie Rambo which says, "He left the splendour of heaven knowing His destiny was the lonely hill of Golgotha. There to lay down His life for me." It was necessary for Jesus to die on the Cross of Calvary in order to provide the sacrifice for us to be forgiven of our sins and to make it possible for us to become children of God.

At the same time, the choice is ours, we can surrender our lives to His plan and stay close to Him, or we can go our own way and do things as we want.

The apostle John in the third chapter of his Gospel reminds us of this choice



Christian Perspectives
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when he wrote, "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not

believed in the name of God's one and only Son. This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes

into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God." (Vs 17-21)

As we move into this Christmas season Jesus will provide the hope, peace, joy and love that comes from the salvation He provides as we trust our lives to His direction and care. If we want to be His lights, reflecting His glory,

so that others will be attracted to Him and encouraged even in dark and difficult times in their lives, then we must make sure we stay close to Jesus ourselves, the One who is the Light of the world.

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Is the YMCA needed in Dufferin County?

When questioned at the October 16, 2009 meeting of Melancthon County Mayor Fawcett confirmed that any loss in taxation from these demolitions will be "shared" by all taxpayers (meaning those of us left).

If these six municipalities felt that a YMCA was needed, why don't they pursue it themselves? The phone survey was \$28,000.00. (Source: Steve Boone, YMCA) Split six ways does not seem out of the realm of financial ability of any of the municipalities. If they can't afford the \$4,000 per municipality to do the study, they had better take a cold hard look at what the capital and operating costs of the YMCA itself will be, unless of course Highlands is paying.

If Highlands is in fact paying the whole shot, the next question is: if these municipalities are "partner-

ing" and accepting this kind of cash from Highlands, to benefit their electorate in an election year (or any year for that matter) does that create a pecuniary interest in voting pertaining to Highlands at both the local and County level? One only has to look to Orangeville Council over the rail issue to see how that worked for them. Very, very costly indeed and that is just the legal fees fighting the pecuniary interest in court, both with their tax dollars at the local level AND County level. In effect, Orangeville ratepayers are paying twice (on both sides of the dog fight so to speak).

Why does a Boston based hedge fund care about a YMCA in Shelburne? In my opinion they don't. This is cheap advertising for the Highland Companies and is an effective method for them to tie up and or silence, through pecuniary interests, local political votes. So far the following elected officials declare pecuniary interests in rela-

tions to Highlands: Ed Crewson, Ken Bennington, Sue Snider and of course all of Orangeville Council pending a judicial ruling. Any more pecuniary interests and we won't have a quorum.

If a YMCA is needed, then local Councils need to stand up, justify it to their ratepayers, budget for it and pay for it themselves. Kudos to the one lone Councillor who realized this early on, but who was clearly silenced, I mean outvoted by more "seasoned" politicians.

Ken Phillips via e-mail

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be driving their kids to the YMCA in Shelburne on a snowy night in a Dufferin and Southgate winter.

The question is not do we need a YMCA, but rather can we afford it? Melancthon ratepayers now support three arenas (Dundalk, Shelburne and Honeywood) and two pools (Dundalk and Shelburne). And Honeywood clearly has capacity issues, financial, population base and volunteer.

Additionally, there has been a significant decrease in taxable assessment in Melancthon due to the Highland Companies bulldozing and burning century and heritage houses and outbuildings on 12 properties. They have permits for seven more. To date the combined assessed value on these 12 properties exceeds \$2.9 million.

Royal Canadian Legion News

By TINA MORRELL
Branch 233, Orangeville

Our Youth Education Officer wishes to thank all the schools and students that participated in the Remembrance Poster & Poetry Competition.

The respective schools will be notified of winners for the awards presentation on Sunday Nov 29. The Dominion winners have an opportunity to lay

a wreath on behalf of the Youth of Canada Nov 11, 2010 in Ottawa.

On Friday Nov 27th we will be having a salmon dinner with salmon and dill sauce, mash potatoes, veggie, dinner roll & cole slaw for \$6.00. We only have a limited amount of Salmon so please get your tickets early

Come out and join us for Karaoke on Saturday Nov 28th with host Jill

Phillips from 9pm-1am. Members and guests welcome.

Our next Euchre date is Dec 6th starting at 1pm (doors open at noon) cost is \$10.00. Open to the public.

All money given back in prizes.

Look for further information our "Annual Xmas Turkey Roll" General Public Welcome *Lest We Forget*

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Grace Church of the Nazarene
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Sunday, November 15 - St. Andrew's, Camilla
Sunday, November 22 - Laurel United Sunday, November 29 - Burn's United, Mono Centre
All Services @ 10:30 a.m.
Minister: The Reverend Don Nash 519-941-0972

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Pastor: Elder Del Franks
Church phone: 928-3020 Pastor's phone: 940-8660
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Shelburne (Reddickville) Branch - Pastor: Bill Arnold 519-925-2796

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Calling All 'POETS' Limerick Contest
We plan to publish on December 24th, 2009, limericks that include the names of persons or places in Dufferin County.
Join the fun before December 10th
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