

We are evangelical Christians who meet at the Brampton Gospel Hall at 6 Beech Street.

Our church roots in the GTA go back to the 19th century, but here in Brampton we have been meeting together as a local church for just over 18 years.

In 2004 we moved into our current location and continue to this day as a small group of Christians who simply try to follow what the Bible says. We apply its principles to our daily lives and to how we function together. We model ourselves after what the Bible teaches us about the New Testament Church, and try to follow its pattern in simplicity.

If you are wondering about Christianity, eternity or why you are here on this earth, these special Gospel Meetings are a perfect opportunity for you to visit and find out what the Bible says. We recently put our name on the building and installed a new sign by the street to make it easier for people to find us. You'll find a warm welcome from real people who love the Lord and His Word. Hope to see you soon!





BRAMPTON GOSPEL HALL 6 Beech Street (905) 874-4072 www.bramptongospelhall.com

SUNDAYS BREAKING OF BREAD 9:45 am - 11:00 am

SUNDAY SCHOOL & Adult Bible Class 11:45 am - 12:45 pm *Classes for all ages, Bible Stories, songs, games.*

FAMILY GOSPEL SERVICE 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

MONDAYS BIBLE CLUB FOR KIDS (SEPT.-APRIL) 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Singing, quiz time, treats.

THURSDAYS PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY 7:30 pm - 8:45 pm

You are invited to GOSPEL MEETINGS

starting Sunday March 31st, 2019

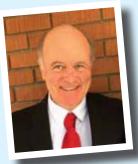
at BRAMPTON GOSPEL HALL, 6 Beech St. Brampton

SUNDAYS: 5:30 pm with a free Community Supper MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY: 7:30-8:30 pm Light refreshments served after the Gospel Meeting on Wednesdays & Fridays.

SPEAKERS: John Fitzpatrick (Phoenix, Arizona) Jim Jarvis (Brampton, Ontario)

Free COMMUNITY SUPPER every Sunday during

every Sunday during the Meetings **at 5:30pm** FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL JIM: (416) 455-0531 ALL ARE WELCOME • NO COLLECTIONS



John Fitzpatrick's STORY...

I was born in Yonkers, New York to parents of different nationalities and different religions. I was sprinkled by water as an infant. When I was a boy, I walked to church with my mother each Sunday and was baptized by water immersion in order to join that church. I remember that it was a very large building with big beams and beautiful stained glass windows.

I spent a lot of time with my good friend, Tom, who lived up the street. We were like brothers, doing everything together, except on Sundays. On that day his life was different; he went to 'meetings' as he called it. And every Friday he consistently invited me to come hear about the Bible at "Children's Meetings". For years I felt he pestered me to attend and I always refused.

In June of 1959, when we had just finished the sixth grade, Tom invited me to two weeks of summer "Children's Meetings". Surprisingly, I agreed to attend. The guest speaker was a happy, friendly kind of man with a shiny head! Each day he opened up the Bible and told us what the Bible said, not just what he himself thought.

We were all told that each person who learned ten Bible verses could get a New Testament. I quickly realized that I couldn't do that since we did not have a Bible in our house. Tom's mother gladly offered to type the verses on some paper for me and so I was able to memorize them. From these verses and the speaker, I learned about sin, the need to be saved and the Saviour. I found out that baptism does not wash away sins nor ensure a place in heaven. I had never heard of these things, but I realized that they were truths from the Bible.

God had begun to speak to me. I understood that I was still in my sins and was not ready for heaven. I wanted to be "saved", but I had no idea how I could be "born again" or "saved" as the Bible said.

In the fall, Tom still faithfully invited me to the Friday night meetings. I wanted to be saved, so I attended the meetings. One night at home in my bedroom, knowing that I was a sinner who deserved God's punishment, I realized that what the Lord Jesus did on the cross was for my sins and I simply rested on that. I took God at His Word and Jesus as my Saviour. My burden of sin was gone and I became a new person in Christ.

The verse from the Bible, John 3:16, was a real help to me. **"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life**". Another Bible passage assured me that I had eternal life: **"And this is the record, that God hath given us eternal**

life, and this life is in His Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life" (1 JOHN 5:11,12).

The years have come and gone and I can gladly say that God's salvation is real. It lasts and is available to anyone who will trust Him as Saviour. Will you come to Him? Jesus said, "Him that cometh to Me, I will in no wise cast out" JOHN 6:37.

REAL or ARTIFICIAL?

• oming through Terminal 1 at the →airport recently I noticed a sign which read "Natural intelligence is always better than artificial intelligence." Most of us would agree with this statement. However many are telling us that we are on the edge of a revolution that will rival the Industrial Revolution of the 18th and 19th centuries. It will have a greater impact than the Cultural Revolution that began in the 1960's. Almost every day I hear something about artificial intelligence (AI). We are being told it is going to change every aspect of our society: the way we work, play and even worship. A Silicon Valley engineer recently started the first AI religion. He calls it the divine AI and claims we may all come to the realization, acceptance and worship of a godhead based on artificial intelligence. He states, "If there is something a billion times smarter than the smartest human, what else are you going to call it?"

There is only one problem. With all of the talk about natural intelligence and artificial intelligence, is anyone considering the reality of a Divine Intelligence? According to the Biblical record, one of the greatest sins committed by Israel on their wilderness journey was to limit the God of their deliverance. Psalm 78:41 states, **"Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel".**

The Bible presents us with a Divine Being of unlimited intelligence, power and ability. His being and His attributes of holiness, righteousness and love are all uncreated and eternal. Why would anyone reject such a Being for something of his own creation? Furthermore, God deigned to become a man and walk amongst us in the flesh, perfect, holy and undefiled. Jesus Christ submitted to the death of the cross in order to pay the price for our sin and rebellion against Him. Why does humanity spurn such love and compassion fully displayed at Calvary?

We must go right back to the beginning of time to find the answer. When Satan tempted Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, his deceptive lie was that God was withholding something from them. "For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil" GENESIS 3:5. Satan has certainly become more sophisticated in his deception through the centuries. Now he is tempting man to create his own god, a reflection of himself, through AI. This god will never hold us accountable for our sin. It will not be a god of holiness or righteousness, but a god who will nevertheless seek to control lives (REVELATION 13). Our message is that the true God of the Bible is the real God. We invite you to visit the Brampton Gospel Hall and hear more about what is eternal and real as opposed to that which is artificial and temporary.

- J. Jarvis