

# As Baptists Gather

Spring 1995 - Interim Notice

## And They Came To Cobourg!

## On The Internet

With a cool wind blowing in off the waters of Lake Ontario, on Saturday, April 29th, the fourth Gathering of Baptists was held at Calvary Baptist Church in Cobourg. It was an important meeting for it represented a significant turning point in the life of these Gatherings.

Following a meaningful time of worship, the morning was spent wrestling with the question of how Baptists can effectively and with integrity, speak out on important social and justice issues. This included a vigorous discussion over the merits and demerits of joining, not joining, staying with, etc., etc., of the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada and Canadian Council of Churches. (*don't we just love choices!*).

It was most interesting to hear the reflections and comments of Ron Watts, who is a member of the E.F.C and has served for many years as a BCOQ representative and former executive member of the C.C.C.

The afternoon focused on the future of our gatherings. Important questions of purpose, goals and vision were addressed. It was felt that there is a definite need to continue to gather as friends and to discover and support our Baptist mission together. A more intentional approach to our gatherings is needed.

It was proposed that several "Tasks" were recognized as being important to address. There is a need to



### What Shall We Be? How Shall We Get There?

"Organize", to be responsible in a "Financial" way and to continue to "Communicate" with our constituency. Volunteers agreed to assist in these tasks as well as a number willing to serve in an Advisory capacity.

Part of the "Communications" task will be to develop a newsletter under this present format for the exchange of information, ideas, debate and support of one another. It is hoped that this will become a twice-yearly publication and with your contributions and support, it will be a most helpful addition to our Baptist life. If you wish to contribute your thoughts, comments, concerns and celebrations, please keep it to 700 words or less and send it to:

Rev. Terry Laing  
337 McNabb Cres.,  
Milton, Ontario. L9T 3G3  
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*Suggestions are welcome to name our "group" and this newsletter.*

The way in which we communicate with each other will determine both the strength and longevity of our future gatherings. The Internet is one such vehicle to accomplish this task. It is hoped that by the fall, we will have an E-Mail address for the Newsletter and perhaps an address to serve as a forum for articles, comments, issues and general news. As a supplement to this, please take note of the following Baptist Call In line at Acadia University.

To log on: access through E-Mail  
Type: [maiser@ace.acadiau.ca](mailto:maiser@ace.acadiau.ca)  
Message Type: **subscribe CBAP-L**  
(Upper case is important for this message) This gains access to messages.

To send a message:  
Type: [cbap-l@ace.acadiau.ca](mailto:cbap-l@ace.acadiau.ca)  
(I thought Greek was hard!)

## Dinner Anyone?

On June 9th, a dinner gathering at Assembly is proposed. If you wish to attend, we will gather at 6:30 p.m. on Friday evening June 9th. Please see the reverse side of this newsletter for details on location. Hope to see you there!

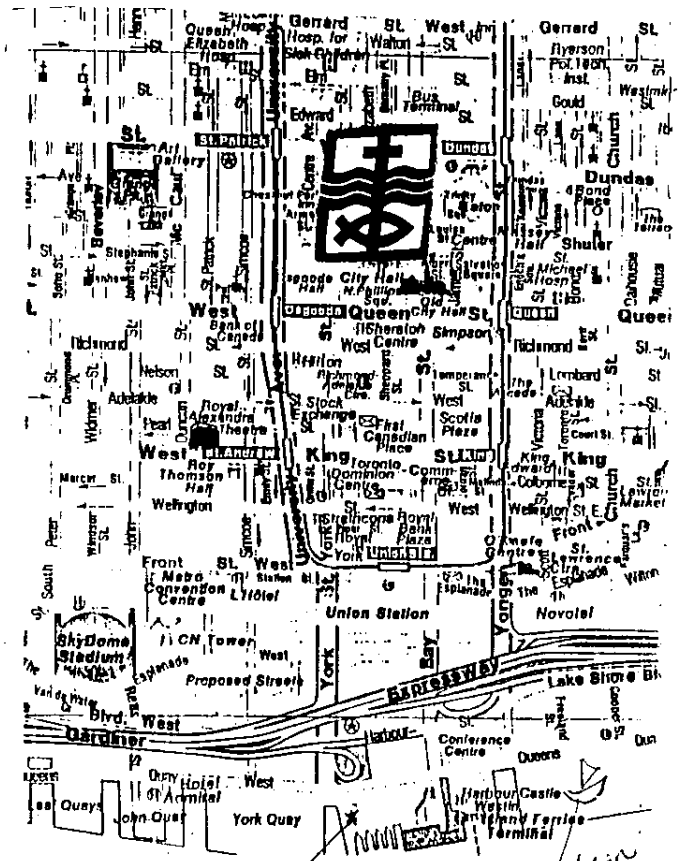
See You At Assembly

The next proposed Gathering is targeted for October 28th.

Dinner at Captain John's  
 Friday, June 9  
 7:00 p.m.

Let's gather to check in, be together, and enjoy Toronto's Harbour lights. We have a room that will accommodate 70 of us- very simple and not at all posh, but all ours for the evening. Cost per person: \$30. (Includes a small rental fee for the room). After our dinner, you may want to stroll the Harbourfront and soak up the ambience, or you may want to stay on the ship's stern/patio. Please invite friends you think would like to be with other "Gathering" folks. It's important to reserve your seat, so R.S.V.P. to Barbara Bishop (H: 416-203-6769; O: 416-467-1462), with menu selection if possible. Or mail to her- 99 Harbour Square, Suite 312, Toronto, M5J 2H2.

Easy access: By subway- get to Union Stn, and then look for Harbourfront LRT signs. Get off at the first stop (Ferry Terminal etc.) and walk east. Or walk from Union Stn. under the Gardiner at Yonge. By car: see map. There's a big parking lot beside the ship. Captain John's is docked right at the foot of Yonge St; you won't miss it. Or, take a Yonge St. bus right down



Barbara's  
 (1 York Quay)  
 Suite 312 South  
 see concierge.

Captain John

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For the "Functionaries" (remember we have no executive) who are lunching at Barbara's, note directions on map

- New England Clam Chowder OR Tossed Salad  
 Baked Turbot of Roast Breast of Chicken .....\$19.95  
*served with roast potato or seasoned rice and fresh cooked vegetables*  
 Dessert: Chocolate Mousse with Ice Cream \$25.95 Including  
 Coffee, Tea or Milk Tax & Gratuities
  
- New England Clam Chowder OR Tossed Salad .....\$19.95  
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