

A Nativity Play in Wentworth



Members of the Wentworth Baptist Church performed an excellent Nativity play: left to right: Kim Blades, Faye Langille, Doug MacDiarmid, Kelly Smith, Harry Crouse, Wendy Reid, Danny Blades, Shirley MacDiarmid, Debby Alexander; seated: Faye Henderson, Rev. James Smith. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)

By Hope Bridgewater

A splendid interpretation of the Nativity (birth of Jesus Christ) occurred recently at the Wentworth Baptist Church. The Baptist Church was beautifully decorated for the Nativity play. The choir loft on the left side had a manger in a stable constructed and the remainder of the rest of the loft had beautiful lighting representing Christmas.

Rev. James Smith introduced the service and commended the membership of this church for the dedicated hours of work preparing for this play of an event happening over two thousand years ago.

Debby Alexander standing on the left side below the choir loft narrated the story of the Nativity from the Biblical text contained in the books of Matthew and Luke. Across from her on the right just below the choir loft were the talented singers called the Encore: Kelly Smith, Wendy Reid, and Faye Henderson and

accompanied by two guitars owned by Wendy Reid and Kelly Smith. The Encore sang hymns chosen by Faye Henderson.

The drama of this event also benefited from the actors on the stage. Kim Blades and Danny Blades acting as Mary and Joseph heard the voice of an angel (Rev. James Smith) telling them (Joseph in Matthew and Mary in Luke) that Mary would bear a child to be called Jesus, the son of God. Mary and Joseph travelled to Bethlehem, Joseph's home town as Jesus was descended from King David and was there to pay taxes. The manger on stage showed where Jesus was born in a stable whereas there was no room in the Inn. Kim Blades as Mary emerged with the baby Jesus. Shepherds (actors Doug MacDiarmid, Shirley MacDiarmid, and Faye Langille) out in field nearby were told by angels of the birth of Jesus and its importance,

came to see him and spread the good news of his birth.

Wisemen (played by Doug MacDiarmid, Shirley MacDiarmid, and Harry Crouse) from the East saw a star and, believing it was the sign of an important birth of King of the Jews, travelled following the star to Bethlehem where they visited Mary, Joseph and Jesus at the stable and gave gifts.

King Herod of Judea (played by Rev. James Smith) heard about this King of the Jews, grew worried, and asked the Wisemen to return to him after they found the baby in Bethlehem. An angel warned the Wisemen to return another way going to the East.

Warned by an angel (played by Rev. James Smith) that King Herod was a danger to Jesus, Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus fled to Egypt. The play ended with a hymn of joy by the beautiful voices of the Encore singers.

God's Not Dead in Debert

By Ken Kennedy

Believe it or not, God is not dead. If you have a problem with that, you need to speak

with Rev. Betty Johnson, pastor of Debert Baptist Church. Effective Feb. 12 church service, Pastor Johnson begins a

series of messages based on that very same subject.

"You won't want to miss these powerful messages from God's Word, based on the film 'God's Not Dead,'" she said on Sunday morning. This movie presents the argument between a Christian college freshman and the professor of a philosophy class who tell his students they will need to "disavow" the existence of God.

The movie will be shown at 2:00 pm on Feb. 18 at the church. "Come and bring a friend."

World Junior Hockey Challenge



Continued from page 1 ensure all teams and fans visiting Truro have a memorable experience.

In recognition of the long-term service by past Hockey Canada board member, and Hockey Nova Scotia president/Life Member, the late Jed Ritcey, a former Truro resident, the 2017 World Junior A Challenge will serve as the catalyst for the establishment

of the Jed Ritcey Legacy Fund. This legacy will provide additional funding opportunities to support local minor hockey development, future event-hosting and capital upgrades to local rinks in Colchester County.

For more information on the World Junior A Challenge, visit HockeyCanada.ca or follow along via social media at Facebook or Twitter.

Butcher, Baker and Cheese Maker!



Culgin Construction have started excavating for a new 15,000 sq ft building across the road from Masstown Market adjacent to Masstown Petro-Canada. The building will be used for a butcher shop, dairy and cheese making operation. (Rees Photo)

By Linda Harrington

Masstown Market has been famous for its home-style bakery, and now perhaps an added butcher and dairy will be equally as successful.

Old Fletcher's Farm Ltd, a division of Masstown Market has another exciting business venture in the ground-breaking stage. Culgin Construction has been onsite this week, just behind Masstown Petro Canada, to start preparations for the concrete footings of a new 15,000 sq. foot building.

The multi-use facility will be home to agriculturally focused retail services including a butcher and artisan cheese shop. "These businesses will focus on using quality, locally sourced agricultural products, such as local beef

and local dairy, to produce premium foods at an affordable price," says Masstown Market's Laurie Jennings. "We hope to incorporate some educational aspects into the presentation. This is still in the planning stage but could include things like observing the cheese making process, learning how to utilize locally sourced foods or understanding efficient uses of different cuts of meats."

With the build, literally just off the ground, there will be much planning put forth over the coming months.

There are lots of details to be worked out, but as building progresses Laurie will be happy to share updates. A temporary facebook page has been set up. People are welcome to pass along suggestions or comments and keep a check on the construction.

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