



REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES

On Monday, November 3, the annual Remembrance Day Service, led and organized by Pastor Courtney, was conducted at the Innisfil Town Hall. As in previous years, the students from Rejoice Christian Academy attended and one of the students, Ryan Sticklee, recited the poem "Flanders Fields". Gillian Gauthier played "The Last Post" as the flag was raised. Thanks Ryan and Gillian for doing such a great job! On Sunday, November 9, a portion of our morning service was dedicated to the veterans of our church who helped serve in the war. Ryan and Gillian took part in that service as well. A moment of silence was held to remember those who had fallen in battle.

"WATER BAPTISMAL SERVICE"

On Sunday, November 16, Carol Justice, Rebecca Boone, and Shaun Moore followed the example of Jesus by being baptized in water. Another step in their Christian growth!

A NOTE OF THANKS!

We would like to extend our special appreciation to Lady Bug Lawn Care (Bruce & Susan Moore) for their commitment and donation of lawn care maintenance for the church during this past summer. Thanks for your many hours of labor. A job well done!

"VICTORY DAY"

On Saturday, November 1, those who completed the "7 Steps to Freedom" courses (Victory Over the Darkness & The Bondage Breaker) held a victory morning of sharing and fellowship. A special thank you to Betty Anne Taylor for her continuing leadership in this area.

MEN'S MINISTRIES BREAKFAST

Twenty-one men attended the men's breakfast meeting on Saturday, November 22. There was a time of sharing among the men as they reflected on the goodness of God in their lives. Our thanks to Tony Boone for his leadership in Men's Ministries.



INNISFIL COMMUNITY CHURCH "FUN & DESSERT NIGHT"

On Saturday, November 15, approximately 75 attended a night of fun, fellowship and dessert. It was great to share in the laughter as several entertaining skits were presented, as well as some musical "accomplishments" and action songs. We also discovered some hidden talents! Special thanks to Tony & Marion Boone and Anthony (Connie!) & Annette Langeveld for organizing the event. It was most enjoyable! We look forward to more fun-filled evenings, planned by these couples, in the New Year.



Innisfil Community Church

NEWSLETTER

December, 2003

"WHY" UPDATE

As this newsletter is written, excitement is mounting for our "WHY" Outreach. So far 70 volunteers have signed up to distribute the 5000 WHY books throughout the town of Innisfil. To date we have received \$10,000 towards our goal of \$12,000 to help finance these books. We are confident God will meet this need through the faithfulness of His people. Over and above this, a business person in the church is purchasing 400 additional books for distribution to clients. As well, all the red and green gift bags have been donated by another local business. May God continue to bless you as you invest in His Kingdom work! Special thanks to Bob & Jolanda



Galashan and the students of Rejoice Christian Academy for the many hours spent in gift-wrapping the books.

HAPPY 60TH ANNIVERSARIES!!

On Saturday, November 15, an “anniversary tea” was held at Churchill Hall for Gerald & Margaret French in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary. The event was organized by their family. It was nice to see so many of their Innisfil Church friends drop by to help celebrate. Pastor & Beulah Courtney also had the honor of attending a family dinner which followed later. Congratulations Gerald & Margaret!

Also celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary is Chester & Yvonne Avery. Their family held a party for them during their visit to Newfoundland in October. Congratulations Chester & Yvonne!

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

The cast for the Christmas Musical “Two from Galilee” have been fervently and frequently practicing, gearing up for the first performance which is on Sunday evening, December 7th. Under the direction of Pastor Eden Jamieson, this will be a full length, full costume, musical drama presentation performed by local people. On December 12th and 13th at 7 pm the Musical will be presented Dessert Theatre style. Tickets can be reserved by calling the church office at 436-1611. The final performance will be on Sunday, December 14th at 11 am.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following needs:
-Darlene Bedford—for complete healing of cancer.
-Kelly Mittler—preparing for a bone marrow transplant which is scheduled for December 18th. Please fast and pray for Kelly during this time.
-Muriel Roberts - in hospital awaiting nursing home placement.
-Kourtenay Farnell for complete healing.

A NOTE OF SYMPATHY

We would like to extend our sincere sympathy to Kevin and Christine Ross on the recent passing of Kevin’s father, James Ross, in Mississauga. Mr. Ross (Sr.) was 90 years of age. Our deepest sympathy, also, to Wilf and Alma Sharpe on the passing of Alma’s sister, Rita Thompson, in Truro, Nova Scotia. Rita was 52 years of age.

COMMUNITY REACHES OUT!

At Innisfil Community Church we endeavour to help needy families whenever possible, more especially at Christmas time. Our thanks to the following organizations for their recent contributions of food and toys to help in this regard: Innisfil Fire Department, Alcona Glen Public School, and Curves for Women in Stroud. Through your support, someone’s Christmas will be brighter! Thanks!!



STARS ON ICE!

Pastor Dwayne has organized a men’s church hockey team and so far over 22 of our men (hackers!) have been playing every second Saturday night at Lefroy Arena. The wives have been brave enough to show up and cheer....never sure for which side!! Go Pastor Courtney, go!!

REJOICING IN SALVATIONS!

During a recent Friday night youth service four of the youth raised their hands to accept Christ. The following Sunday morning, two more youth and an adult accepted the invitation for salvation. We rejoice that there are seven new names written down in Heaven!

THINGS ARE HAPPENING AT THE GATE!

The junior highs (The Gate!) are having a blast on Wednesday nights. On November 5th, Robbie Cressman, ordained minister and presenter of a world renown system of Christian self-defense (Defendo), captured the attention of an audience of nearly 100 junior highs.....but that’s not all! On Friday night of the same week, the junior highs piled into the church bus for an evening of fellowship and fun with the youth of Bethel Community Church. Braving our first winter storm was our courageous bus driver, Pastor Courtney. Thanks Pastor Courtney!