

## CHURCH SUPPORTS SPECIAL NEEDS APPEALS

Understanding that many other organizations are partners in the gospel with us, the following groups received help from the Innisfil Church family in April:

Evangelical Fellowship of Canada-  
\$200.00

Barrie Food Bank -  
\$ 200.00

Crisis Partners (P.A.O.C.) -  
\$ 500.00

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PLANNING IN PROCESS

For the last several months now, the planning team for the V.B.S. 2003 has been hard at work. This year's theme is "SCUBA - 2003" - **Super Cool Underwater Bible Adventure.**



Karen French, Liliana Lupo, Kim Arnott, Chantal Parsons, Teresa Galashan, Ryan Duff, Jackie Duff, are some of those who have been actively working behind the scenes. A number of others have also been participating. Things are shaping up for a great summer.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember to pray for the following needs: Darlene Bedford and Muriel Roberts recovering from surgery for cancer.

## EASTER MUSICAL FEATURES GREAT MUSIC AND SUPERB DRAMA

It all took place on Palm Sunday evening, April 13 and Easter Sunday morning, under the leadership of Betty Anne Taylor. The cast and crew presented a dynamic portrayal of the Easter story. The drama featured the Easter story from the perspective of Barabas. It was indeed a powerful presentation of the Gospel and several people responded to the call for a personal commitment to Christ. We praise God for working in and through the presentation.

A special thanks to all the participants who worked hard to make this Easter presentation a success.

## BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

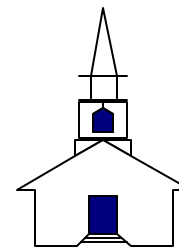
A VERY SUCCESSFUL Blood Donor Clinic was held at the church on April 24. We appreciate those who assisted as volunteers - Sharon Swenor and John White - and for all who gave blood. This is another demonstration of our love for one another, and our extension of God's love to those in need.

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# Innisfil Community Church NEWSLETTER

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## SARS OUTBREAK ENGAGES PASTOR'S HELP



Pastor Howard Courtney has been a long term volunteer with the Red Cross. In April he was deployed by the Canadian Red Cross Society to assist in the SARS Disaster Response. As a trained member of the Disaster Response Team (DRT), Pastor Courtney has been involved in several area emergency responses. The SARS response was different in that this is believed to be the first officially provincially declared "State of Emergency" for medical reasons. The Red Cross was called in to assist in the assembling, packaging, distribution and delivery of food, and health kits to persons in quarantine. Pastor Courtney served as Team Leader for the Red Cross effort in the Region of York for one week. More than 380 volunteers were involved with the Red Cross at that time and they covered over 20,000 kilometres in deliveries. Over 3,000 volunteer hours were clocked in providing this service.

## **YOUNG COUPLES' NIGHT OUT**

Once again the monthly gathering of young couples took place in April. On Saturday, April 12 couples met at the home of Morley and Jennifer Cooze in Bradford for some games and fellowship. We appreciate what this new group of couples bring to the life and vibrancy of our church body.

## **MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST FEATURES GRAHAM YEADON**

The monthly Men's Ministry breakfast was held on Saturday, April 19 with Graham Yeadon sharing his heart. Those present were encouraged to a deeper level of commitment to "The Word" and prayer. Graham walked us through Samuel's and Saul's experiences and made the parallel between them and us. (Graham suggested that Tony Boone should share next month!)

## **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE GETS POSITIVE RESPONSE**



This year's Good Friday Service took a new format allowing more time for worship and response. Marion and Renee Boone shared a duet, Christine Ross and Suzanne Wilson both sang solos, and communion was served. It was good to observe the work of the cross through the message of the songs and through the time of communion.

## **CHURCH BOARD MAKES SOME SIGNIFICANT DECISIONS OF FAITH!**

### ***SUMMER STUDENT PROGRAM!***

At the most recent meeting of the church board there was a unanimous decision to invite Bonnie Pereira and Caleb Courtney to join the staff at the church for the summer of 2003. The results of last summer's program was on the minds of those present and there was a feeling that we would miss out on a wonderful opportunity to tap in to the musical and organizational resources at our doorstep.

## **ANOTHER MAJOR ROOF REPAIR NEEDED**

During the late winter months we experienced some water damage in our vestibule due to roof leakage. The roof in question is the flat roof over the main entrance to the church. The roof has seen repairs on previous occasions since its original installation. After securing several quotes, it was decided that we proceed to replace the roof at a cost of \$ 7, 468.60. This work will be done in the next few weeks.



## ***THE WHY ENCOUNTER!***

A unique opportunity has been presented to us to become involved with the "Why Encounter". The "WHY" Booklet is a full colour, 11 X 11, 146 page booklet that gives Biblical answers to a multitude of questions. They are being made available to us for a minimal cost of \$ 2.00 each. Selling in the store for \$35 - \$40, these booklets are a first class production that few would throw away. The board has chosen to act in faith and order 5,000 copies for delivery in the Alcona area, including all businesses. The purchase of these at this price is conditional that we distribute them directly to local households and businesses. Distribution will take place in November or December. We will be looking for volunteers to choose a street to deliver these personally door to door. Coordinators will be needed to develop and execute this wonderful mission outreach in our local community. To volunteer to help, call the office.

## **CURVES FOR WOMEN FOOD DRIVE**

We want to express our gratefulness to Curves For Women in their recent food drive. The 1180 pounds of food was donated to our food bank for use in the community.

