

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Super Church has been "super" throughout September-October! It has become a well-rounded church experience for the children, rather than an hour of child care service to the parents. Pastor Charlene and her team have introduced Communion to the kids and they share a time of worship and altar time. God has a plan for the lives of ALL of our children.

Sunday School is running well with a fresh new group of teachers who are diligent in preparation and delivery of the truths of the Bible. Brian and Karen French have taken on the responsibility of co-superintendents and they are an amazing blessing! A special training seminar for the staff is being planned over the next couple of months.

BG's and "The Gate" - The church is buzzing on Wednesday nights, both upstairs and downstairs. We have upwards to 200 children and youth accessing our building between both programs. How crazy is that! Coach John Lawson of the Barry Christian Hockey League was the guest speaker at The Gate a couple of weeks ago and spoke about the importance of "playing the game of life" by God's rules. And...hearing the BG's singing at the top of their lungs is so exciting!



MEN'S MINISTRIES BREAKFAST

Approximately 30 men attended the men's breakfast meeting on Saturday, October 18th. John White was the special speaker and spoke on the topic "The Names of God". He also shared some of his experiences on the mission field.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

HURONIA SECTION RETREAT

Approximately 15 of our ladies attended the Huronia Section Fall Retreat in Orillia. Melissa Bone was the special speaker and spoke on "Running After You". Prior to the main sessions, the Pastors' wives were treated to a "special tea" (catered by Glenda Mitchell) and also a "Mary Kay" hand and facial pampering.

PAOC WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE

On October 20-22 our pastoral staff attended the Western District Conference of the PAOC in St. Catharines. This was a ministry conference where the main focus was spent praying, worshipping and ministering together.

WORSHIP CONFERENCE

On October 23-25, Pastors Dwayne & Eden Jamieson, Pastor Charlene, and 8 of our worship team attended the "Worship Together" conference at Queensway Cathedral. This is always a time of refreshing and renewal.



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PARKER TRIO VISIT

On September 29th we were pleased to have with us "The Parker Trio" who blessed us with their award winning gospel music. The songs and message they presented were both lively and inspiring.

EVANGELIST CLAUDE TREMBLAY

Claude and his wife, Joanne, used our church parking lot as a mobile home stop-over during their provincial "suicide prevention ministry" cross-Canada tour. Claude travels to community business places presenting the publication of the story of his son, Micah, who committed suicide at age 19. Claude also shared his heart with us on Sept. 24th in the evening service.

PRIMETIMERS THANKSGIVING DINNER

On October 13, over 65 seniors enjoyed a delicious Thanksgiving dinner, catered by Glenda Mitchell and her staff. Special music and message, provided by guests Ray & Bev Harrington, was enjoyed by all.



SPECIAL PREACHING SERIES

Pastor Courtney has been sharing an inspiring series on “who we are in Christ.” His topics have been: “Learning to Love Yourself, Dealing With An Inferiority Complex, Discovering Who We Really Are, and, Developing Confidence and Strength.” The main focus was teaching us that we are God’s workmanship, made in God’s likeness and created in His image.

WELCOME HOME, MELISSA!

One of our young adults, Melissa Wells, joined a team from Bancroft on a two-week missions trip to Malawi. While there, most of their time was spent conducting VBS programs in the orphanages. Melissa shared with us how exciting it was to be part of a first time ever youth camp in Malawi. We are proud of you, Melissa, and look forward to hearing more about your missions experience!

WHY ENCOUNTER

Innisfil Community Church, by faith, spent over \$10,000 on this special outreach ministry. We will be looking for help in packaging, delivering, and paying for this outreach. Some may buy a street or a subdivision! At \$2.00 per house, you can have a huge impact! Our thanks to Graham & Sharon Yeadon for co-ordinating this project.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to pray for the following needs:

- Darlene Bedford facing radiation treatments in November
- Pat Stuckless—surgery recovery
- Beth Skabernicky—surgery recovery
- Kelly Mittler continues to believe God for a full recovery and covets our prayers—preparing for a bone marrow transplant.
- Muriel Roberts - health needs
- Harold Hogeboom—health needs
- Kourtenay Farnell for complete healing.

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

Pastor Eden and her choir/drama teams have been busy preparing for the upcoming Christmas Musical “Two From Galilee”. Also, in preparation for this, Tom James is busy building the stage set. The musical will take place on December 7th in the evening service and December 14th in morning service. On December 12th and 13th the musical will be featured Dessert Theatre style.

EVENING SERVICE TIME

CHANGE GOING WELL

Since we have changed our evening service time from 7 pm to 6 pm, we are pleased to see an increase in attendance. Also, it is wonderful to see the fellowship that has been taking place after the services. Keep it up!

WATER BAPTISMAL SERVICE

On October 5th, in the afternoon, Pastor Rick Reimer of Alcona Bible Church held a water baptismal and communion service at our facility. Many of his congregation joined with him for the service. May God continue to bless Alcona Bible Church!

FAREWELL TO LOCAL CLERGY

Father Stephen Kirkegaard, St. Peter’s in Churchill and St. John’s in Cookstown, has relocated to a church in Toronto. Rev. Carol Smith, Cookstown Presbyterian, has moved out of Innisfil. We will miss these fellow ministers in our community. We welcome Pastor Tony Rennett to the Lefroy United Church. Stroud United Church is currently in pastoral change as well.

E.R.D.O.

(Emergency Relief & Development Overseas)

On October 22, another tractor trailer was loaded with clothing and necessities for the mission field. The junior highs from “The Gate” made this their missions project . The clothing portables were buzzing with kids as they assisted some of our adults in loading the truck. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm and energy of these kids. Thanks to Pastor Charlene (and Bonnie Pereira) for organizing this project and for their unending commitment and dedication to “The Gate”.