

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The Annual Business Meeting for Innisfil Community Church was held on Tuesday, February 24, 2004. Those who choose to accept the responsibility as voting members willingly make a commitment to build the church, tithe to the church, and volunteer in the church. Membership brings us into accountability and mutual support. Membership is vital in that it facilitates the oversight, vision, and mission of the church. Members ultimately determine the effectiveness and efficiency of the church now, and essentially determines its future. We encourage those who call Innisfil Community Church their "home church" to become voting members. Membership here is renewable annually.

In 2003, we registered 201 visitors. In our multiple Sunday Services we averaged 208 in the mornings, and 70 on Sunday evenings. We facilitated 6 child dedications, conducted 7 weddings, baptised 5 by immersion, and averaged 91 in Sunday School. We conducted 3 funerals, and an average of 131 were served communion monthly. The two board members (among a team of six) elected to serve for the next three years were Dale Clair and John White.

No less than \$ 4,096.42 was spent on benevolence. Twenty-two families were served in our benevolence program with food, and 20 Christmas hampers were distributed in the community. Another approximately 50 were served by our free Christmas eve turkey dinner. In 2003, we spent \$26,859.24 on local outreach, and another \$68,772.71 on missions.

Among those in the community using our facilities were Rejoice Christian Academy, Al-Anon, Innisfil Soccer, Girl Guides, Co-Dependency Support Group, Elections Canada, Canadian Blood Services, Monday Night Ball Hockey, Community Piano Recital group, and Allied Van Lines. Not only did we host an Easter Musical and Christmas Musical, but we also featured special music groups including the Jubilation Singers, The Phillips Family, and The Parker trio.

All in all we had a very good year!



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for complete physical healing for the following individuals:

- Darlene Bedford
- David King's sister
- Ruby Hutchison's niece's husband
- Muriel Roberts
- Hazel Shelswell
- Kelly Mittler
- Harold Hogeboom
- Sandy Benson
- Mrs. Benson (Sr.)
- Baby Kourtney Farnell
- Graeme McFarlane
- Sid Dejong
- Lesley Bryant

PRAISE REPORTS

Sid Dejong is recovering very well after having triple by-pass heart surgery on Thursday, February 19th, in Newmarket Hospital. The operation was performed in a shorter time-frame than is normally the case for these kinds of procedures, and the doctors were very pleased with the outcome. Sid and Ann would like to extend their thanks to all those who diligently prayed for Sid during this time.

Lesley Bryant, who is expecting her first baby in June, was in a car roll-over accident on Friday, February 13th. We thank God there were no serious injuries and Frank & Lesley were still able to drive to Florida the next day for their planned week's vacation.

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VALENTINE'S BANQUET

On Saturday, February 14th, a Valentine's banquet was held at Innisfil Community Church with 100 people in attendance. The gymnasium was beautifully decorated in a Valentine's Day theme style and a "walk down memory lane" with a table display of wedding photos. Special guest, Joanne Goodwin, captivated the audience as she delivered part of her heart-warming life story with both humor and sincerity. A delicious salad, roast-beef dinner and dessert selection was catered by Glenda Mitchell and her crew. Special singing and music by Marion Boone and Eden Jamieson was enjoyed by all. Thanks, Marion & Tony for all your hard work in coordinating this very successful event. Thanks, too, to Kyle and Angela Galashan for a great job of emceeing. We look forward to this becoming an annual event.




“IT’S ALL ABOUT LOVE”

Pastor Courtney has just completed his Song of Solomon series, with special emphasis on marriage. Topics of interest were: “Making Your House a Home, Problem Solving in Marriage, Maneuvering Your Marriage, and Growing Your Marriage.” As a special feature for this month’s theme, Pastor and Beulah shared their own life story on Sunday, February 15th.

“LOTS HOLIDAY-ING”

It’s that time of year when some of our church families “head south”. Currently in Florida are: Gil & Delores Weston, John & June White, Wolf & Carol Richter and Glen & Gwen Groves. Bob & Gayle Peck are spending a month’s vacation in Portugal. (We miss all you guys!). Welcome back Pastor & Beulah who enjoyed a gospelfest cruise for a week. As well, we welcome home from Florida the Langeveld family (Anthony & Annette), the Running family (Floyd & Pam) and the Bryants (Frank & Lesley). Good to have you home!

IT’S A GIRL!

 Congratulations to Abby & Gillian (Clair) Gauthier on the safe arrival of their beautiful baby girl, “Lacey Ella Rose Dale Gauthier”, born January 28th, weighing 4 lb. 15 oz.

PRIMETIMERS

On Tuesday, February 10th, the Primetimers enjoyed a pot blessing Valentine’s luncheon. Pastor Dwayne and Eden Jamieson were the special guests and did a wonderful job of sharing their own “love story.” Eden sang the “Wedding Song” she wrote and sang to Pastor Dwayne on their wedding day.

YOUTH EVENT NIGHT

On Friday night, February 20th, the Youth held a Special Events Night. One of the events was a Game Show, hosted by Pastor Charlene. The participants for this newly-wed-type game were: Pastor & Beulah Courtney, Pastor Dwayne & Eden Jamieson, Matt & LeeAnn Rodgers, and a mystery couple (pretend couple!) - Stefan Aust and Elizabeth Koning. Everyone had a fun time!

MEN’S MINISTRIES BREAKFAST

On Saturday, February 21st, Men’s Ministries enjoyed a continental breakfast and a good game of shuffle board. It was not reported who were declared the winners!

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC HELD

On Thursday, February 26th, Canadian Blood Services held another Blood Donor Clinic at ICC. It is good to see our gym utilized for such a worthy cause and to have our own volunteers assisting. Thank you to all those who gave the “gift of life.”

SPECIAL NOTE

We are pleased to report that the Sweetlands (Byron & Marian and Dad Jonkman) have resumed their Janitorial position with Innisfil Community Church. A change in their circumstances permitted them to continue and we are delighted to welcome them back!

WOMEN’S MINISTRIES

On Saturday, January 31st, approximately 30 ladies attended a special women’s luncheon event called “The Bionic Woman”. A Goodlife representative, Debbie, did a presentation on fitness and exercise. This was coupled with a nutritional health presentation by Betty Anne Taylor.

WELCOME NEW FAMILIES

These past few months we have seen quite a few new young families moving into our area and attending Innisfil Community Church. We trust you have received a warm welcome. If you have not yet identified yourself to us, please do so as we would love to meet you. Should you require any information about us or wish to be informed about the various programs of our church, please do not hesitate to speak to an usher or call our church office at 436-1611.