

## GROUND ZERO LOCKDOWN

On Friday and Saturday, March 26 & 27, ICC was a beehive of activity. Approximately 150 youth from surrounding churches attended "Lockdown", hosted by the Ground Zero youth of Innisfil Community Church. The foyer was transformed into a relaxing café, complete with lounge chairs, lights, and a refreshment bar. Friday night featured a special presentation by The Master's Commission. Approximately 50 of the youth stayed overnight and enjoyed a full day of Saturday events, including a fun competition at Georgian Mall. Lockdown concluded with Pastor Dwayne having his hair shaved as a previous fundraiser commitment. The most exciting part of the weekend, however, was that 6 youth accepted Jesus as their Lord and Saviour!

## JUNIOR HIGH CONVENTION

On April 2-3 (led by Pastor Charlene), a group of 26 very excited teens from ICC and Alliston Pentecostal Church, filled the bus to go to the Junior High Convention at Mississauga Gospel Church. There were nearly 1000 registered from 30+ groups in the Western Ontario District of the PAOC. It was a powerful time of transformation for the teens and chaperones alike.



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to remember those who are in need of prayer:

### For Health

- Pastor Charlene
- Pastor Dwayne
- Christine Ross
- Darlene Bedford
- Margaret (David King's sister)
- Muriel Roberts
- Hazel Shelswell
- Kelly Mittler
- Harold Hogeboom
- Baby Kourtney Farnell
- Graeme McFarlane
- Gary Wells' dad in Nfld.

### For Safety & Provision

- Chris Reid & friend Jacob—on missions trip in Haiti
- Holly Reid—on missions trip in Egypt and Turkey
- For Comfort
- In the passing of Ferne Burns. Please pray for the family.

## HOMEGOING

Ferne Burns went home to be with the Lord, after a lengthy illness, on Wednesday, April 14th, in her 90th year. Please pray for comfort for her daughter, Colleen, & husband Eric; sisters, Ruth Terrell and Dorothy Hopkins; nephew, Doug Hopkins, and their families. Funeral service was held on Sunday, April 18th, at Innisfil Community Church. Following the service, a reception was held in the Fireside Lounge for family and friends.

# Innisfil Community Church NEWSLETTER

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## CELEBRATING EASTER!

### Good Friday

ICC held a Good Friday morning communion service with special music and singing. It was great having visitors from the area communities joining us for this service.

### Easter Sunday

On Easter Sunday morning, a full house shared in the joyous celebration of the Risen Christ. Betty Anne Taylor directed the drama "The Ragman", portraying the life of Jesus and His power to touch and heal lives. Inspiring songs of Easter reflections were sung by Matthew Rodgers, Suzanne Wilson, Sheri McLaughlin, as well as a medley by Bonnie Pereira, Marion Boone, Renée Boone and Rebecca Boone. Pastor Courtney concluded the service with a message of hope, an invitation for salvation, and a prayer of thankfulness to God for giving His son, Jesus Christ....the wonderful story of Easter!

### E.L.T.

On March 30 to April 1, Pastor & Beulah Courtney were called upon by the Western District to assist in facilitating Early Leadership Training at Crief Hills Resort, Guelph. The training is led by the District Superintendent, Pastor David Shepherd, and is a mandatory prerequisite for ordination candidates. It is also an inspiring ministry time for the facilitators to glean new and fresh insights as they share together.



### WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

At the time of writing, approximately 10-12 of our ladies are attending the Women's Ministries Retreat in Niagara Falls. It is always exciting to hear the good reports on their return!

### "GATE" SPEAKER

On Wednesday evening, April 7th, Tom James was the guest speaker at The Gate. He shared on the topic of "The Holy Spirit, and the Power to Witness", followed by a question and answer period. This was very inspiring, not only for the kids but for the leaders as well. It was exciting to see the responsiveness of these junior highs and their hunger to learn more about God and His Word!



### ENGAGEMENT NEWS!

Congratulations to Elroy Shipley who has just announced his engagement to Lynn Sawler, a widowed lady he met during his visits to Nova Scotia! He has indicated plans are being made for an August wedding and that he and his new wife-to-be will establish a home in Truro, N.S. Elroy lost his late wife, Marge, to cancer several years ago.

### PRIMETIMERS LUNCHEON



On Tuesday, April 13th, Primetimers held their Easter/Spring ham and scallop potato luncheon. Pastor Courtney was the guest speaker and presented an illustrated message from his "Tickle Trunk", with spiritual applications, and help from those around the tables. Pastor Charlene and Beulah Courtney were the judges of the Easter Bonnet competition. The winners of the Easter plants were: Pastor Courtney (yes, that's right!), Margaret French, Gord Watling, Ruth Terrell, and Christina Karanfilis. Following the lunch, Beth Skabernicky presented Beulah Courtney with a lovely bouquet of spring flowers.

### PASTOR COURTNEY SPEAKS

#### AT MEN'S RETREAT

On Friday and Saturday, March 25th & 26th, Pastor Courtney was the invited guest speaker at Arthur Pentecostal Church for their men's retreat. Over 40 men attended from the local area churches.

### SPRING WORKBEE



A workbee was held at the church on Saturday, April 17th. Thanks to all those who came out to help with the spring clean up in and around the church property.

### WELCOME BACK!

Pastor Dwayne and Eden Jamieson have just returned from a week's vacation in Florida, where they enjoyed time away with their families. Welcome Back!

### A WELCOMED VISITOR!

Pastor Charlene was delighted to have her mother, Gertie Roberts, visit her—and Innisfil Community Church—the week of April 18th. It was wonderful for her mom to see "Pastor Charlene in action" and to also have the opportunity to spend just over a week together.

