

### March 8—Primetimers (continued)

Sharon Yeadon played the piano and Marion Boone led the Hymn Sing. Wearing green, in the spirit of St. Patrick's Day, everyone enjoyed the delicious pancake/sausage meal and their favorite gospel songs.

### March 9—Adult Bible Studies/Precepts

Wednesday (March 9) was the final precept Bible Study class in the series on I Samuel. Jessica Pereira has been facilitating this class and those who attended have gleaned much insight as they learned about the historical setting for the establishment of Kingship in Israel, under the guidance of Samuel the Prophet. The study of II Samuel is in progress.

As well, "The Purpose Driven Life" Sunday School Adult Elective class has concluded, with facilitator Kim Arnott. Those who participated have indicated how this series has helped them grow in their spiritual walk. The class was particularly helpful to new Christians. Beginning April 3, Kim Arnott and John Koning are jointly leading a new 12-week video teaching series called "The Bait of Satan". Many have already registered and anxious to learn how to be free from the deadly trap of offense.

We have seen an increase in the attendance at the Wednesday Night Adult Bible Studies. Pastor Courtney leads this group and is currently teaching on "The Baptism of the Holy Spirit".

The sermons for the Sunday evening services have been focusing on "Prayer", with special prayer times before, and at the conclusion of, each service. More than ever, it is being realized that "WE MUST PRAY".



### March 11—Women's Ministries

Women's Ministries took a different twist from their usual Tuesday event. Instead, Brenda Clair and her executive planned a Friday night casual and relaxed evening in the Fireside Lounge. The ladies got together and viewed a wholesome movie called "Love Comes Softly" (resulting in a few weepy eyes!), while also enjoying "snacking and yak-ing". It was so encouraging to see many of our newer church family ladies attending and enjoying the fellowship amongst each other.

### March 19—Men's Ministries

Continuing with their 2005 Theme "Building Bridges", Men's Ministries held their monthly "Breakfast" meeting on Saturday, March 19th. Special speaker for the morning was Wayne Ridgeway (Georgian Triangle Field Rep for Promise Keepers). Wayne spoke of the mandate for Promise Keepers and introduced some devotionals and study guides. Each one present received a free devotional called "Men of Integrity". Also during the meeting, Josip Petrovic shared his personal testimony of his salvation and the story of his journey to Canada.

### March 20—Sunday

Pastor Crystal preached her first sermon at ICC during the evening service. Her message was focused on prayer and seeking God's Face and was based on II Chronicles 7:14: "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." She delivered very well what God had laid on her heart, continuing with the prayer emphasis that has been taking place the past few Sunday evenings. At the conclusion of her message, she invited everyone to spend time praying around the altar, not just being hearers of the Word, but doers also.

### March 25

### GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

The Good Friday service was held on March 25 at 10:30 am. The service featured a variety of music including soloists Glenda Quinn, Pastor Crystal, and Suzanne Wilson. The song entitled "Worthy Is The Lamb" was featured by the trio: Marion Boone, Pastor Crystal and Angela Galashan. Leanne Yeadon illustrated in solo the song entitled "Above All".

### March 26—ICC Hockey

Saturday, March 26, was the final night for the ICC men's hockey team. It has been a good (and fun) season with not too many mishaps....well, except for a few. Gideon Courtney was in a sling for a couple of weeks, suffering from a separated scapula. Then during the second last game, Pastor Courtney broke a rib (ouch!). However, the players and "fans" look forward to another season of "ice activity".

### March 27—EASTER SUNDAY

As this newsletter is being written, a variety of special music and drama is being prepared for the Easter Sunday morning service, with a vivid and dramatic component that tells the story of the triumph of The Passion of Christ where Jesus Christ is presented as "The Champion". We rejoice in the "Risen Savior", and, because He lives, we can live also.



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I CAN FACE TOMORROW  
BECAUSE HE LIVES  
ALL FEAR IS GONE  
BECAUSE I KNOW  
HE HOLDS THE FUTURE  
AND LIFE IS WORTH THE LIVING  
JUST BECAUSE HE LIVES**



## PRAYER NEEDS

- Please continue to pray for Chester Avery who is recovering from surgery and still not well.
- Sherry Elgas's dad is battling cancer and Sherry covets our prayers.
- Chris Landsburg's step-mom recently passed away. Please pray for comfort and peace for the family.
- We are still searching for a Youth Pastor and ask that you join with us in praying for God's choice for this ministry.

### A REASON TO REJOICE!

Recently we have witnessed a number of people receiving salvation and beginning their journey as a new Christian. It is exciting to see God's hand at work as we see these new believers growing spiritually and fellowshiping with us as part of our church family.

### CONGRATULATIONS!

We congratulate Sheri McLaughlin in the recent recording of her first CD. May God continue to use Sheri in her singing ministry. The CD will be released soon.

### VBS PROGRAM

Under the leadership of Pastor Crystal, the VBS team is busy getting ready for our upcoming VBS program. The

curriculum has been selected and this year's theme is "Serengeti Trek": *where kids are wild about God*. This year every child will receive a CD of the music. We encourage our church families to enroll early to help us in our preparations. Vacation Bible School is such an exciting time at ICC!



## SURPRISE BIRTHDAY AND GROCERY SHOWER!

Pastor Crystal celebrated her 25th birthday on Sunday, March 13. Following the evening service while she was on the platform wrapping up worship, everyone gathered in the Fireside Lounge without her knowledge. To Pastor Crystal's surprise, she was greeted with a combined "birthday party" and "grocery shower" - warmly welcoming her to Innisfil Community Church. She was blessed with many food items and other special gifts. As usual, everyone enjoyed the great spread of goodies provided by the church folk. Pastor Crystal extends her thanks for the kindness she has received.

### TRAVELLING/VACATIONING

- Bob & Gayle Peck are back from enjoying a vacation in Punta Cana, DR., looking well rested and tanned!
- Ron & Sharon Emmons just spent a great week, also enjoying the sun, in St. Lucia.
- Chad Stuckless and his dad are back from Newfoundland where they spent a week with family and friends
- Bob & Jolanda Galashan and Dale & Brenda Clair spent a wonderful week vacationing together on a Caribbean cruise.
- Lesley Bryant and their little girl, Robin, is spending a month in England/Scotland with Lesley's parents and visiting other family members. Lesley's husband, Frank has just left to spend a week with them also.
- Pastor & Beulah Courtney spent a few days visiting Beulah's mom in Hare Bay, Newfoundland. Pastor & Beulah even managed to take in an afternoon of ski-dooing along the Gander trails!
- Our snow birds are still vacationing in Florida and will be home soon.



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### SPRING IS IN THE AIR!

Yes, that's right! It has been a long winter, but we're finally enjoying mild weather and sunshine! It's hard to believe that the school children have already finished their Spring Break and...summer is on its way!

## MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

### March 6—Child Dedication

During the morning service, Pastor Courtney had the privilege of dedicating Wyatt George Hamlyn to the Lord. Wyatt is the new son of Josh & Christine Hamlyn and was born on October 26. It was wonderful to also have had the grandparents join us for the dedication—Dave & Donna Hamlyn and Susan Millman, as well as other family members. The Hamlyns attended Innisfil Community Church for many years and were actively involved in music, drama and other ministries. We were delighted they chose their "home church" for this special occasion.

### March 8—Primetimers

The Primetimers held a "Pancake Breakfast/Maple Syrup" and "Old Gospel Hymn Sing" as their monthly event, organized by Sid & Ann DeJong, (with help from their daughter Mary and son-in-law Dwayne). Ann & Mary sang a beautiful duet entitled "He Didn't Throw The Clay Away".  
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