

VBS

The curriculum has arrived; T-shirts are being ordered, and everything is being set to go for this year's Vacation Bible School, "Serengeti Trek". The first two weeks of August will be a buzzing place around ICC and, already, some have called to register their children for this exciting, "no cost" venture. Be sure to get the registrations in early for YOUR children and grandchildren; they won't want to miss it!

WELCOME HOME TO OUR VACATIONERS AND TRAVELLERS!

We welcome home those who have been away over the winter months and those who have recently been on vacation:

Wolf & Carol Richter—Florida
Glen & Gwen Groves—Florida
Lisa Auger-Richter - Florida

Tony & Marion Boone & family—Puerto Plata
Floyd & Pam Running & family—Puerto Plata
Bob & Pat Stuckless—Punta Cana, DR
Heather & Gary Wells—Caribbean Cruise

SAYING GOODBYE....

On Sunday, May 22, Pastor Courtney prayed a farewell blessing over Paul & Daphne Noseworthy. Paul, Daphne and their son, Geoffrey, are relocating to New World Island in Newfoundland. Paul faithfully served on the Board at ICC for many years and he and Daphne taught Sunday School together, as well as serving in other areas of the church. Thank you so much for your investment in God's Kingdom work. We pray God's blessing upon you as you launch out in a new direction for your lives. As well, Paul & Daphne's friends—Lon & Sheila Clarke, are moving back to Newfoundland the end of May. Lon & Sheila have been attending Innisfil Community Church for about a year. We also pray a blessing over you, Lon & Sheila, as you allow God to direct your paths. **WE WILL MISS YOU ALL!**

PRAYER NEEDS

Please pray for the following needs:

- Health Needs: Ryan Lunau (home from RVH recovering from a flu virus)
- Sherry Elgas's dad, battling cancer, and comfort and strength for Sherry and her family during this very difficult time.

Our Friday morning prayer group continues to meet in the Fireside Lounge, from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. This prayer meeting is open to all who are available to come. We have been encouraged by the number of people who have recently joined us to pray, and have seen and heard many answers to those prayers. If you would like prayer for a specific need, please call the church office at 436-1611 and we would be honored to pray on your behalf.

THE BAIT OF SATAN

"The Bait of Satan" video series, facilitated by Kim Arnott and John Koning, is a current Sunday School Adult Elective Class running on Sunday mornings. Due to increased demand, a second class is being conducted on Monday nights, jointly facilitated by John Koning and Annette Langeveld. We are hearing amazing reports of how this course has helped so many in dealing with the tactics of the enemy, through the power of God's Word.

WELCOME NEW VISITORS

Once again, it is our privilege to welcome so many who have been visiting with us for the first time and those who have recently made Innisfil Community Church your home. It is our desire to serve you and your family to the best of our ability. Please take a moment to introduce yourselves and allow us to get to know you. As well, if you have not as yet signed our guest book, we invite you to do so. This is one of the ways in which we can stay in touch with you and keep you informed of the activities of the church. We welcome you!



NEWSLETTER

June, 2005

MAY HIGHLIGHTS

May 8—MOTHER'S DAY

Baby Dedication



Pastor Courtney had the privilege of dedicating little Rachael Lynn Audette to the Lord during the morning service on a very appropriate day—"Mother's Day". We extend a warm ICC welcome to Rachel's parents, Michael & Wendy Audette, and to Rachel's sister, Jessica. We were also pleased that some of their family and friends were able to be present for this special occasion. Following the dedication, Shelly Urban sang a beautiful song entitled "In My Daughter's Eyes". As well, the Mother's Day sermon highlighted the godly women of the Bible.

May 15—PENTECOST SUNDAY

What an exciting Sunday at Innisfil Community Church! Our invited guests for the day, Rev. George & Liz Tunks, were welcomed and received with much love and enthusiasm. In the morning service, Pastor Tunks, in his unique humorous style, preached to a "full house", sharing a message of the true meaning of "Pentecost". His lovely wife, Liz, sang a special song featuring her "gift of yodeling" (with a *little* help from the audience). In the evening service, Pastor Tunks delivered a powerful message on "The Baptism of the Holy Spirit". He then invited those who wished to receive this free gift to come forward for prayer. It was wonderful to witness 12 or more people being filled with the Holy Spirit. As well, a good number were re-filled, expressing their desire to be more effective witnesses. All in all, it was a tremendous day in which many lives were blessed.

MAY HIGHLIGHTS (cont'd)

Sunday, May 15 (cont'd)

Since Rev. Tunks was celebrating his 87th birthday on the day of his visit to ICC, a few people gathered at Pastor & Beulah's home, following the evening service, to share in this special occasion and enjoy a birthday cake and fellowship together. We pray Pastor George & Liz will enjoy many more birthday celebrations.

May 17 – Primetimers

The Primetimers event for the month of May was a bus trip to Niagara Falls, organized by their pastors, Rev. June & John White. It was a full day, beginning at 8:30 am and returning at 8:20 pm. The activities included a Tim Horton's stop in Grimsby, a tour of the Falls, Botanical Gardens, "The Clock", The Butterfly Conservatory, a fantastic dinner at Betty's Restaurant, and of course another Tim Horton's stop on the return home. Everyone had such a good time; it was a perfect day for a perfect outing!



May 17—Women's Ministries

What a great evening! Over 40 ladies attended the Women's Ministries "Gardening and Faith" night on Tuesday, May 17th. The evening began with prayer, followed by a gardening scramble ice-breaker around each table. Angela Galashan and her team led in praise and worship. This month's speaker was Jessica Pereira. Jessica presented a planting demonstration and tips on how to maintain a good garden. She spoke on faith principles, based on 1 Corinthians 3: verses 7 to 9 — "So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose and each will be rewarded according to his own labor. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building." (NIV).

MAY HIGHLIGHTS (cont'd)

May 17—Women's Ministries (cont'd)

Jessica shared her personal testimony on how God was so faithful in bringing her through a very difficult family crisis. She truly ministered to the ladies present and handed out daffodils to those who had been broken in spirit; encouraging and challenging everyone to support one another in their brokenness and in their daily walk.

Women's Ministries National Prayer Wave

Several of our ladies also participated in the National Prayer Wave, held on Saturday afternoon, March 14th, at Mapleview Community Church. Thanks to Brenda Clair and Sue Lunau for promoting this event.

May 21—Young Adults

On Saturday afternoon, the Young Adults, led by Kyle and Angela Galashan, enjoyed a Baseball Game and a BBQ at Greenfield Park in Barrie. The beautiful sunshine added to the fun afternoon.

May 21—Men's Ministries

On Saturday morning, The Carpenter's Crew sent a "crew" to the home of a single mom and, in a very short time, the guys had reshingled/repared a portion of her roof. What a blessing! Following that, the same morning, the men held their regular breakfast meeting at the church.

May 22—Sunday

Rev. June White preached in the morning service. She delivered a message on "Satan, Our Enemy", challenging everyone to exercise the power and authority God has given them. "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world." (1 John 4:4).

May 27-28—BG's (Boys & Girls Club)

On Friday and Saturday the BG's wrapped up their year with a sleep-over at the church, along with a swimming event and other fun activities that were planned. Under the leadership of Pam Running, along with her team of volunteers, they have had a very successful year and have seen many new kids enrolled in this great outreach program.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, PK!

On Sunday, May 8, Pastor Kris (PK), our new Youth Pastor, celebrated his 25th birthday. Of course the ICC family couldn't let him celebrate alone; so, at the conclusion of the service, all those who attended slipped into the Fireside Lounge for a little surprise party! Everyone enjoyed the lovely spread of food provided by our ladies, as well as the delicious Black Forest birthday cake. Being the "new kid on the block", (and just for fun!), he was asked to sit on the "hot seat" in the center of the room while he bravely answered all questions directed to him. You did really well, Pastor Kris (*and Pastor Crystal, who was asked to do the same*). Thanks for being such fun and willing participants.

ENGAGEMENT & WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

It is with great delight that we announce the engagement of Glenda Quinn and Syd Lucas, who were engaged on Thursday, May 5. Glenda has been faithfully attending ICC for many years, serving as a soloist and a flute player in the orchestra, as well as volunteering as a leader in our GATE (junior high) program. Glenda and Syd will be married on Saturday, October 8, at Innisfil Community Church. Congratulations to you both! May God bless your lives together.

25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Gary & Heather Wells, who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on May 17. After enjoying a Caribbean cruise, they were genuinely surprised when, on May 14, their family and friends hosted a surprise BBQ party at their home, and, as an added bonus, Gary & Heather were blessed with another weekend away. We rejoice with you, Gary & Heather, in having attained this milestone in your lives. May God continue to bless you and your family with health and happiness in the days ahead.