

APRIL HIGHLIGHTS (cont'd)

April 12—Tuesday—Primetimers

Primetimers welcome back from Florida Rev. June & John White, our seniors pastors! The April event was a multi-cultural luncheon, with tasty dishes from different countries and origins. There were 48 in attendance, including some visiting for the first time. Before wrapping up, the seniors shared a great time of prayer and praise together.

April 15-17—Women's Ministries

A number of our ladies from ICC attended the PAOC (Western Ontario District) Spring Retreat in Niagara Falls. This year's theme was "The Called, The Chosen, The Faithful". Good feedback was received on the events of the weekend.

April 15-17—"God's Girls" Retreat

Bonnie Pereira, Renée Boone, Becky Boone, Leanne Yeadon, and Beth Koning attended the "God's Girls" Retreat in Muskoka Woods. "God's Girls Forever" (GIRLS OF DESTINY SERVING GOD IN REAL LIFE SITUATIONS) is hosted all across Canada by Women Alive, with a mandate of building self confidence and self worth, as well as building inner strength and developing leadership potential. The theme for the Barrie Retreat was "Beautifully Me", with speakers Carrie Simpson and Cheryl Rayfield. The girls reported they had an awesome weekend of ministry to those attending.

April 16—Saturday—Men's Ministries

Men's Ministries held their regular breakfast meeting, with guest speaker, Bob Galashan. Bob spoke on "Being a Servant" and shared part of his personal life story, including his childhood days growing up in a non-Christian home environment.

April 17—Sunday—Child Dedication

During the morning service Pastor Courtney had the privilege of dedicating Shamar Lloyd Henry and his brother, Ryan Rashoi Henry to the Lord. Along side their parents, we were also delighted to have some of their family members and friends present for this special occasion.



April 19—Tuesday

Women's Ministries held their regular monthly meeting, with 43 ladies in attendance. Angela Galashan and her team led in worship. Christine Ross shared her personal journey of salvation and the faithfulness of God in her Christian walk. Jolanda Galashan facilitated the theme of the evening: "Forgiveness & Conflict Resolution", and invited Donna Seaton and Ann DeJong to share from their own personal experiences on how God's mercy and grace prevailed in their lives, as He took them through a period of forgiveness and love. The evening concluded with a time of ministry.

CHURCH EXPANSION UPDATE

The Pastors and Board have met with the architect to view the first conceptual drawings for ICC's future church expansion. They are very pleased with the preliminary drawings and are working hard to finalize details to proceed. We will keep you posted.

YOUTH PASTOR APPOINTED

We are pleased to announce that "Pastor Kris Reid" has joined the staff of Innisfil Community Church as Youth Pastor. Pastor Kris was raised in a Pentecostal minister's home by his parents, Rev. Stan & Bonnie Reid. He has been the Youth & Assistant Pastor at Grace Pentecostal Church in Seldom, Newfoundland, since 2003. Pastor Kris will be responsible for the Junior High (Gate) and Senior High (Ground Zero) ministries.

WELCOME NEWCOMERS!!

We are delighted to see more and more new faces joining us on a regular basis. We trust that as you worship with us you will find a warm welcome here. If you need information regarding our church programs and/or activities, please speak to an usher or contact our

ENGAGED!!



Congratulations to Caleb Courtney and Stephanie Hazzard, who were engaged on Saturday, April 2. Caleb popped the big question in the presence of a group of friends who had gathered at Stephanie's home in Wallaceburg to celebrate Caleb's birthday...and she said "Yes"! Their parents, Pastor Howard & Beulah Courtney, and Merle & Shelly Hazzard are delighted! A wedding date

WE HONOR YOU!



of August
2005 is



planned.
Anthony

"Render therefore to all their dues; tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear;
HONOR TO WHOM HONOR."
Romans 13:7

Anthony and Rod, we honor you for driving our Sunday School bus EVERY Sunday in all kinds of weather: rain, snow or sunshine!
Without your faithfulness, the bus ministry would not exist.
We appreciate you!

May God bless you abundantly!

THANK YOU!!

VBS

Langeveld
Rod
Emberley

Our bus will be rolling out again soon for two weeks of Vacation Bible School—August 1-5 and August 8-12. Pastor Crystal and Karen French (along with their teams) have plans well underway for this year's "SERENGETI TREK": *where kids are wild about God!* This ministry is free of charge. Registration forms are available at the church—we encourage you to enroll your kids early. At Innisfil Community Church,

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Innisfil Community Church continues to support local area programs and events, including Canadian Blood Services (Blood Donor Clinics); AI-Anon (which provides support for family members affected by alcohol abuse); a weekly co-dependency self-help group; Alcona Brownies (who make good use of the gym on a weekly basis); and others, as the need arises. All of these programs use the church facilities without charge (some donate from time to time). We count it a privilege to do our part in serving our community.

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

Canadian Blood Services held another Blood Donor Clinic at ICC on Thursday, April 21. They always appreciate the volunteers from our church who give of their time to serve refreshments to the donors and lend a hand wherever needed. WE THANK YOU, as well!

WELCOME HOME!

We welcome home "some" of our snow birds from the sunny south—Gil & Delores Weston and Rev. June & John White. Others will be returning soon. Good to have you back!

PAOC WESTERN ONTARIO DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Pastor Howard & Beulah Courtney and Pastor Crystal White attended the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada (Western Ontario District) Conference in Huntsville, which convened on Monday, April 25. Approximately 500 churches are represented at this conference throughout the district.

*...but as for me and my house,
we will serve the Lord.
Joshua 24:15*

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

We regret to announce the passing of Graeme McFarlane on Thursday, April 7, at Royal Victoria Hospital. Pastor Courtney conducted the funeral service at Innisfil Funeral Home on Monday, April 11. Graeme and his wife, Milly, attended Innisfil Community Church a number of years ago and resided in Sandy Cove. They would have celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary a couple of days after his death. Please pray for Milly and her family during this difficult time.

PRAYER NEEDS

Please continue to pray for the following needs:

- Comfort for Millie McFarlane
- Health Needs: Marlene Myers, Gloria Fox, Chester & Yvonne Avery
- For wisdom and guidance in the church expansion decision-making process

HELP FROM GOD'S WORD EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

When in sorrow, call John 14
When people fail you, call Psalm 27
When you have sinned, call Psalm 51
When you worry, call Matthew 6:19-34
When your faith needs stirring, call Hebrews 11
When you are lonely and fearful, call Psalm 23
When you feel down & out, call Romans 8:1-30
When you want courage, call Joshua 1
When you are in danger, call Psalm 91
When God seems far away, call Psalm 139
When you grow bitter, call 1 Corinthians 13
When your prayers grow selfish, call Psalm 67
If you are depressed, call Psalm 27
If your pocket book is empty, call Psalm 37
If you want to be fruitful, call John 15
For a great invention/opportunity, call Isaiah 55
How to get along with others, call Romans 12



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April 2—Saturday

The Young Marrieds and Singles enjoyed a "Games Night", as well as food & fun, at the home of Dale & Brenda Clair. The evening was organized by the Young Adult coordinators, Kyle & Angela Galashan.

April 10—Sunday am

A very unique water baptism service was held at ICC on Sunday morning. Pastor Courtney invited all the children to join him at the front of the church and had them assist him in explaining the biblical truths concerning "water baptism". The kids did very well in the "question and answer" discussions and were also given opportunity to view the baptismal tank. At the same time, Pastor Courtney was delighted with the privilege of being able to baptize Chad Stuckless and Gordon Sparkes. There were some in the service who were not really familiar with the meaning of Water Baptism and, at the end of the service, indicated they had a much better understanding following the illustrated sermon.

April 10—Sunday pm

The evening service featured Ground Zero Youth and the Youth Band, with several sharing their personal testimony. Ryan Stickle presented a challenging message on "getting out of the comfortable and getting into the radical". It is very exciting to hear what God is doing in Ground Zero, as well as in the individual lives of our young people.