

Monthly Events/Activities (cont'd)

Conquering Co-dependency Classes Started

A Christ-Centered 12-Step Process, "Conquering Co-Dependency", classes began on September 19 with Facilitator, Susan Moore. This program helps recognize the painful problems of codependency and the compulsion to fix everyone and everything.

Precept Classes

Precept Bible Study has begun, facilitated by Jessica Pereira. The class is studying 1st Corinthians and runs for a 7-week period.

A Note of Thanks!

With the increasing demand for food within our community, our food cupboards have been very low. We are extremely grateful to **Curves For Women in Stroud** who provided all the food supplied from their Thanksgiving Food Drive. We are also thankful to **Winners in Barrie** for continuing to donate clearance clothing and various items to our clothing operation. As well, the **Fire Department in Innisfil** recently donated three bags of stuffed toys to ICC. We are always amazed at the generosity of the surrounding communities who assist us in helping those less fortunate.

Welcome Visitors, Old & New!

It is wonderful to see so many visitors Sunday after Sunday. Many families have moved into Alcona, as new housing continues to develop in that area. As you worship with us at Innisfil Community Church, we trust you will find it a warm and friendly place. Please introduce yourself and allow us to get to know you better.

During September, Pastor Howard & Beulah had an opportunity to meet up with Judy Dewling from St. John's, Nfld. Judy was here for a Blue Jays Game in Toronto. She attended ICC a number of years ago and expressed how she always looks forward to receiving our Newsletter each month.

**YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT
INNISFIL COMMUNITY CHURCH!**

Other News!

Birth Announcement

Congratulations to Steve & Jenny Bradley on the safe arrival of their new baby daughter, Leah Danielle, born September 1, weighing 7 pounds.

Engagement Announcement

Congratulations to Melissa Wells and Tim Simmons on their engagement! Tim popped the question in Central Park, New York City, on Sunday, September 4th (and Melissa said "Yes!"). No wedding date has been set as yet.

Baby Shower

Donato & Liliana Lupo hosted a baby shower for their daughter, Adria, on Saturday, September 10. After enjoying a wonderful BBQ meal, Italian style, Adria was presented with many beautiful gifts from the family and friends that attended.

Wedding Shower

A wedding shower for Stephanie Galashan and Justin Reid was hosted by Stephanie's parents, Bob & Jolanda Galashan on Saturday, September 24. Many of their friends and family attended and blessed them with so many beautiful gifts. Stephanie and Justin's wedding will take place at

Prayer Requests



Hi-way Pentecostal Church on October 15.

A couple of our seniors are in hospital and need our prayers:

Dorothy Hopkins recently suffered a heart attack and is scheduled for open heart surgery; **Yvonne Avery** was admitted to hospital a couple of weeks ago and is being treated for an infection. As well, **Carolyn Fraser's grandson, Aiden**, has been in Sick Kids Hospital recovering from a diaphragm hernia. He is currently home and doing better, but still needs prayer.

Please pray for God's protection upon our kids as they begin another school year.

Please continue to pray for our Steering Commit-



NEWSLETTER

October, 2005

Celebrating 26 Years!



Sunday, September 11, was a very special day at Innisfil Community Church. It was an anniversary celebration of 26 years of ministry, since first beginning

with Home Bible Studies in Goodfellow Public School in 1979. From a congregation of 33, ICC has grown consistently, as was evidenced by a full house on Sunday morning. After a time of worship and praise, Pastor Courtney conducted a "studio interview" in which several guests shared their personal experiences since first attending Innisfil Community Church. The following is a small glimpse into the lives of these individuals:

Wendy Ladd—Wendy had received a *FOCUS* Newspaper and curiously asked her friend about ICC. Wendy decided to give it a try and consequently attended an ALPHA class (why not, she thought....for a free meal!). But God already had a plan for Wendy! She gave her heart to the Lord, ended her common-law relationship, and turned her life around. She has been ministering to women in her local church and shares her faith whenever an opportunity arises.

Sue Lunau (accompanied by her husband, Mike). After receiving a copy of the *FOCUS* newspaper in the mail, and also seeing the Innisfil Community Church billboard on Yonge Street, Sue felt a drawing to attend. Since doing so, God has done amazing things in the lives of her family. *(continued next page)*

Sue Lunau's Story (cont'd)

They were heart-broken when their 17-year old daughter had moved out. She has since moved back home and has given her heart to the Lord. As well, their 14-year old daughter has received salvation. Their oldest daughter has re-committed her life to the Lord and their teenage son has joined with them in attending church. Sue's husband, Mike, filled out a card to receive Jesus as his Saviour while attending last Christmas's musical at ICC. What an exciting "family" experience!"

Pam Running—Pam has been part of Innisfil Community Church for many years and has served as a leader in a variety of programs (particularly in children's ministries), such as: Nursery, Junior Youth (The Gate), Sunday School, BG's and Super Church—as well as working with children every day at Rejoice Christian Academy. She believes kids are special and recognizes that children will be lost without someone to lead them and give them a hope. Pam has a heart and a passion for the work of God and has been instrumental in pointing kids to Christ and helping them in their spiritual development.

Sheri McLaughlin—Sheri came to ICC 3 years ago. On the first morning that she attended, the topic of the sermon was "Unforgiveness". She knew she had a lot of unforgiveness in her heart went forward for prayer, and accepted Jesus. God has become very real to her since that time. Sheri started listening to gospel music and was inspired to write Christian songs. She had always dreamed of doing a recording and her dream came true last year when she produced her first CD. A greater desire of Sheri's is to see her husband come to know Jesus and she continues to believe for his salvation.

These testimonies are just a "few" of those in our church family who have experienced God's faithfulness in their hearts and lives. There are many, many more in our surrounding communities that need the gospel. **We are challenged to reach further into the harvest around us and win them to Christ.**

Anniversary Sunday (cont'd)

At the conclusion of the morning service, the whole congregation was invited to the gym for a celebration, round-table style, luncheon. Everyone enjoyed a delicious boxed lunch and refreshments, as well as having the opportunity to fellowship and share together.

"SAILING INTO THE SON"

Another important part of our Anniversary service was a congregational vote to authorize the board to proceed with the plans to build in the spring of 2006. Prior to the vote, Pastor Courtney presented the plans for the proposed new sanctuary and church addition. The church membership responded with an **"overwhelming 98% in favour of the planned expansion!"** The Steering Committee was introduced to the congregation on our VBS Reunion Sunday and they are already pumped about what God is doing. We will keep you informed as we move forward. It is our desire to make a difference in the lives of this community!

MONTHLY EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

Ground Zero Youth & The Gate—Pastor Kris

The junior (The Gate) and senior high (Ground Zero) programs are up and running for another year, with fresh and new activities planned. One of Ground Zero's weekly events for September was a Sectional Rally, hosted at ICC. Groups from other local area churches attended, as well as those who accompanied Cory Kostyra, the guest speaker, from North Bay.

Children's Ministries/Music—Pastor Crystal

Following the summer break, the BG program has begun again for another year. As well, Pastor Crystal is responsible for the Super Church activities, where children from ages 5-10 are dismissed from the Sunday morning service at 11:30 to enjoy their own praise and fun time. Also, Sunday School for all ages continues to be an important part of our Sunday mornings. Additionally, under Pastor Crystal, choir practices have already started for the upcoming Christmas musical (Dessert Theatre) entitled "Christmas Shoes".

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Primetimers (Seniors)

The Primetimers really enjoy getting together! For the month of September, they took their annual trip to Bracebridge. Every year the Weston's graciously open up their cottage to the seniors for a time of great fellowship, games, and, of course, food! Gil & Delores just returned from their 15th trip to Ladore Lodge in Pennsylvania, accompanied by 98 seniors! Another trip is planned for August 14-21, 2006. The cost is \$610 (*minus \$50 for ICC regular attenders*), which includes bus transportation, all meals and accommodations for 7 days. Anyone 50+ is invited to attend. The bus fills up quickly, so you are asked to reserve YOUR seat now! For more information, contact the church at 436-1611 or the Weston's at 728-7022.

Men's Ministries

The regular Men's Ministries Breakfast was held on September 17. Guest speaker for the morning was Norm Bishop. Norm's topic to the men was: "Five Things That Hold Back "Tentmakers" - (Not Believing God Has A Plan For Your Life; Feeling Inadequate From Lack of Knowledge; Forgetting Why We Were Saved; Feeling We Are Not Spiritual Enough; and, Being Outside of Our Comfort Zone).

Women's Ministries

Women's Ministries held their kick-off meeting on Tuesday, September 20. Brenda Clair welcomed the ladies and announced some of the future events planned for this season. After praise and worship, "Dr. Phyllis" (Lisa Rankin) introduced her Season Premiere Show "What Does Getting Involved Mean?" Four of the ladies who were interviewed shared their particular areas of involvement in ministry: Tanya Fehr (Secret Sister Program); Pat Marshall (Prayer Team); Jane Warnar (Penny Fund); and Christine Ross (Lovin' From The Oven). Part of the activities of the evening was "Secret Sister Revealing", where the ladies found out who had blessed them during the past year. The program was re-introduced and opportunity was given to choose a new Secret Sister. A great start to another season of ministry amongst the women.