

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

It's hard to believe that the summer is over and the fall programs are about to begin! One of those programs is our Women's Ministries. Our WM President, Brenda Clair, and her team are ready and set to go—with the first kick-off meeting planned for September 20th. All ladies are encouraged to be a part of this exciting group. Women's Ministries meet on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For information regarding events and activities, you may contact the church office at 705-436-1611.

GROUND ZERO YOUTH

On the weekend of August 18-20th, Pastor Kris and a number of the senior youth (as well as adult sponsors), camped out at Bass Lake in Orillia. At Innisfil Community Church, Ground Zero Youth continue to meet every Friday night, where they experience worship, fun activities, and hanging out together.

PRIMETIMERS

ANNUAL TRIP

In the early morning on Monday, August 15th, two bus loads of seniors left Innisfil Community Church enroute to Pennsylvania. This is their 14th annual trip, organized and hosted by Gil & Delores Weston, and supported by Pastor June and John White. The seniors spend a week at a Salvation Army Lodge in the Poccinos Mountains. This event is very much enjoyed and always a highlight of their activities.

MISSIONS TRIP TO GUATEMALA PLANNED

Pastor June White is planning a missions trip to Guatemala—May 20th to June 3rd, 2006. If you have an interest in participating and/or would like more information, please contact Pastor June at 705-436-1611 as early as possible—as space is limited.

*"For I was hungry and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger and ye took me in; naked and ye clothed me; I was in prison and ye came unto me."
Matthew 25:35-36 (NIV)*

INNISFIL COMMUNITY CHURCH VISION

*"Where there is no vision,
the people perish"
Proverbs 29:18*



BUILDING PROJECT/ STEERING COMMITTEE

In our continued effort to present the future "vision" of Innisfil Community Church, we are currently proceeding with our special stewardship emphasis. The Steering Committee was introduced to the congregation on Sunday, August 14th, at our VBS Reunion. The members of this Committee are already excited about what God is doing and we will try to keep you informed as we move forward.

CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING

On Anniversary Sunday, September 11, 2005, there will be a special presentation of the proposed new sanctuary and church addition developed by the church board. These plans have been in the works for several years now, since even prior to the 1998 gym addition. We will celebrate our 26th year of existence with an amazing story of God's grace and His hand of blessing. After celebrating some of our past victories, and showing the plans for the new addition, the congregation will be asked to respond in a vote to authorize the board to proceed with the plans to build in the spring of 2006.



OUR PURPOSE AND MISSION

The purpose of Innisfil Community Church is: "to communicate the Gospel of Christ to the lost while providing a qualitative Pentecostal worship experience, spiritual growth, and opportunities of service for believers".



NEWSLETTER

September, 2005

VBS

SERENGETI TREK

(Where Kids Are Wild About God!)
AND WILD THEY WERE!!



Under the leadership of Pastor Crystal White, and Director, Karen French, this year's VBS was awesome! During the two weeks, 369 kids

were registered, along with approximately 50 leaders and helpers. The adventure began on the holiday Monday, August 1st, as excited kids lined up to receive their identification bands and name tags and proceeded to the sanctuary for the opening session. On the platform Pastor Crystal and her crew were ready! Every day, the children and their leaders followed a rotation schedule, beginning at 9 am and concluding at 12 noon. Packed into those 3 hours was a variety of activities such as crafts, music, story time, games and of course snacks at "The Watering Hole". The kids learned about God (WOW!) through their daily Bible memory verses. The music was superb and was a highlight of the program. On the first day of attendance, each child received their very own Serengeti Trek CD which allowed them to learn the "catchy" songs and carry out the actions to those songs throughout the week.

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There was also a DVD of the songs on the screen which helped the kids quickly learn the actions and have fun during the music class, taught by Pastor Crystal and her team.

This year we were privileged to have a special “young” couple on our volunteer team—Pastor Gerry & Margaret French, (both in their 80’s)! They had a wonderful time as they joined in the fun and took part in the action songs and other activities. As in other years, the most exciting part of this year’s VBS was children giving their hearts to the Lord and committing their lives to Him! That’s what it’s all about.

VBS Round-Up & BBQ

On Sunday, August 14, the two-week VBS program concluded with a BBQ following the morning round-up service. All parents were invited to attend and observe their children on stage acting out the songs they practiced and had learned to love. As well, prizes were given out to the VBS-ers of the week(s). After the service, everyone was invited to the gym where they enjoyed a BBQ and sharing together.

THANK YOU LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS!

VBS would not happen without the commitment of our leaders and volunteers. Many take their vacation during the two weeks of VBS, not just to help out, but because they enjoy it so much and they are solely dedicated to investing into the lives of our children. THANK YOU SO MUCH! WE TRULY APPRECIATE YOU AND YOUR MANY HOURS OF HARD WORK! Remember.. “GOD KEEPS THE RECORDS” and He will honor you as you have honored Him.”

SPECIAL GUEST

On Sunday, July 31st, Gospel Singer/ Evangelist, Glenn Tetford, ministered in both the morning and evening services. Glenn is a recording artist (from Newfoundland) and sang several of the songs recorded on his latest CDs; including one of the most requested favorites, “The Anchor Holds”.

AUGUST

SCHOOL OF LEADERSHIP

During the month of August, as part of the regular Wednesday night Bible Study, Pastor Courtney conducted training and orientation workshops that will help build character and enhance the overall ministries of Innisfil Community Church. The five workshops provided training in the areas of: “Creating Community”, “Ministry Team”, “Usher Development”, “Greeters Orientation”, and “Annual Volunteer Leadership Training & Orientation”



ANOTHER SHIPMENT TO ERDO

(Emergency Relief & Development Organization)

Another tractor trailer load of clothing (and miscellaneous items) was shipped to the warehouse in Guelph this month. We appreciate so much all the volunteers who faithfully sort and prepare the bags for shipment. We also appreciate the many donations that continue to come in from the community, and, to those who give of their time to help load the goods onto the truck.

IN HIS FOOTSTEPS

“When someone does a kindness;
It always seems to me
That’s the way God up in heaven
Would like us all to be..
For when we bring some pleasure
To another human heart,
We have followed in His footsteps
And we’ve had a little part
In serving Him who loves us
For I am very sure it’s true
That in serving those around us
We serve and please Him, too.”

Helen Steiner Rice

CURRENT EVENTS



WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Caleb and Stephanie Courtney (Hazzard), who were married on Saturday, August 13th, in Wallaceburg, Ontario, (Stephanie’s hometown).

Pastor Sam Sibley officiated. Caleb & Stephanie spent one week of their honeymoon at a cottage up north and a second week in Cuba. May God bless you both as you begin your lives together!

ENGAGEMENT CONGRATULATIONS!

We congratulate Suzanne Wilson and Bob Burgsma, who were engaged on Friday, July 8th! No wedding date has been set as yet.



BIRTH CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Shane & Justine Vankesteren on the safe arrival of their new baby daughter, Thea Faith. Thea was born on Wednesday, August 10th, weighing 5 pounds, 7 ounces (born two weeks early)!

TWO OF OUR STUDENTS PURSUING OUT OF TOWN EDUCATION

August 21st was the last Sunday for two of our church family students who will be furthering their education out of town. Beginning in September, Leanne Yeadon (daughter of Graham & Sharon Yeadon) will be attending Mount St. Vincent University in Halifax. Kelly Ann Myers (daughter of Dan & Marlene Myers) will be attending WIBI (World Impact Bible Institute) in St. Catharines—also beginning in September. We will miss you, Leanne & Kelly Ann, and pray God will provide for all your needs.