

Other News!



Baby Dedications

Ava Rose Paris

Ava Rose, daughter of Tony & Natasha Parisi, was dedicated on Sunday, March 26. Pastor Courtney performed the marriage of Tony & Natasha three years ago and was privileged to dedicate their first child to the Lord. We were pleased to see so many friends and family members attend this occasion and especially Ava's two sets of grandparents!

Isaac David Young

On Sunday, April 2, Pastor Courtney had the pleasure of dedicating Isaac and praying a blessing over him. Brad & Charleen Young and their children, Julia & Isaac, have been attending ICC for just over a year and we are delighted to have them as part of our church family. We were pleased to welcome both Brad & Charleen's parents, as well as other family members and friends, to this special day in Isaac's life.

Engagement Congratulations!

We are pleased to announce the following engagements:

Pastor Kris Reid & Sarah Gilpin

Pastor Kris and Sarah were engaged on Saturday,

April 1st. Sarah said "Yes", and that's "No April Fools Joke!"



Jim Clancy & Susan Felix
Susan waited a "long" time for Jim to propose—and he did! Jim surprised Susan with a beautiful diamond on Tuesday, March 21. Pictured here are Susan, Jim, and their son, Mark.

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Bridal Shower

During the past month the family and friends of Melissa Wells held two bridal showers in her honor. Melissa & Tim Simmons are being married on Saturday, May 20th. Both moms, Heather Wells & Sheila Simmons, hosted the first bridal shower at Sheila's home. The second shower was hosted by Melissa's maid of honor, Renée Boone, at the home of Tony & Marion Boone. The couple-to-be received a lovely variety of gifts and best wishes as they begin their journey of marriage together.

Deepest Sympathy

Sadly we announce the passing of:

Dorothy Hopkins—Dorothy passed away peacefully in her sleep on Thursday, March 30. Pastor Courtney conducted the funeral service on Saturday, April 1, at the Innisfil Funeral Home. Dorothy was a lifetime member of Innisfil Community Church and was very active in our seniors "Primetimers" group. She leaves to mourn: her son, Doug; daughter, Susan (Kevin); sister, Ruth Terrell; grandchildren, and many friends. Dorothy will be greatly missed.

Larry Emmons—brother of Ron Emmons. Larry, age 60, passed away on Monday, April 3. Ron conducted the service on Saturday, April 8, at the Dermody Funeral Home in Hamilton. Pastor Courtney & Beulah and Gerry & Margaret French represented ICC.

Building Plans Progressing

The Board continues to meet with a variety of consultants, engineers, and professionals. Recently a meeting was held with the builder secured to oversee the project, as well as the architect who is finalizing the plans, to submit a site plan to the Town of Innisfil for consideration. The storm water management plan has caused some difficulties and we are continuing to pray for an alternate plan that will be acceptable to the municipality and conservation authorities. Please pray for us.



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Happy Easter

Good Friday—April 14

"Thank You For The Cross!"



The Good Friday morning communion service reflected on the cross of Jesus Christ and the price He paid for our sins. Solos sung by Renee Boone, Tapiwa Musewe, Rebecca Boone, Marion Boone, Kyle Galashan, and Pastor Crystal were also reminders of the amazing love of God. A Good Friday service was also held in the evening by our Ground Zero Youth.

Easter Sunday—April 16

Easter Sunday at ICC was another day of triumphant celebration as the resurrection hymns were sung—"Up From The Grave He Arose" and "Christ The Lord Is Risen Today, Alleluia", as well as other special solos by Gabby Boone, Andrew McGhee, Stephanie McGhee, and Sheri McLaughlin. Pastor Crystal gathered all the children around the front and told the illustrated story of "Benjamin's Box".



Because He Lives

Because He lives, 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 pray for the following:
The family of the late Dorothy Hopkins—for comfort and strength as they mourn Dorothy's passing.

The family of Ron & Sharon Emmons—on the passing of Ron's brother, Larry, this month.

Beulah's mother, Emily Collins, in Gander hospital, recovering from a heart attack. Beulah has just returned home after spending a week visiting her mom in the hospital.

Joan Tensch—Joan has begun her chemo treatments and covets our prayers.

Jim Gray—cancer; currently in hospital following surgery.



Be of good courage and He shall strengthen your heart!

Volunteer of the Week!

During the month of April, the following individuals were nominated as "Volunteer of the Week": **Liliana Lupo, Joe Pereira, Ann & Sid Dejong, Annette Langeveld, and Dorothy Hicks**. These individuals are nominated by the congregation and they are recognized for their volunteer work in a variety of areas and ministries within the church. Pastor Courtney expressed his thanks and presented each of them with a token gift and a certificate of appreciation for their many hours of volunteering.

Huronian Sectional Ministerial

On Tuesday, April 18, Innisfil Community Church hosted the PAOC Huronia ministerial meeting. A "coaching" session was led by the Western Ontario District Superintendent, Rev. David Shepherd. Following the meeting, the ministers shared in a luncheon and a time of fellowship together.

Monthly Events/Activities



Primetimers

Welcome Home (from Florida) Pastor June & John White! On Tuesday, April 11, the Primetimers enjoyed a lovely "Roast Beef Dinner", prepared by Colin's Catering. Following the meal, there was a sharing of testimonies and a great hymn sing with pianist, Ruth Boone. As usual, Pastor June and her committee did a beautiful job of decorating the dinner setting with lovely flowers, in celebration of Easter.

Men's Ministries

The Carpenter's Crew met on Saturday, April 22. After enjoying a great breakfast, the project for the day was "Church Clean-up".

Women's Ministries

Several of our ladies attended, and thoroughly enjoyed, the Western Ontario District WM Retreat in Niagara Falls from April 7-9. On Tuesday, April 18, a "Women of the Bible" Fashion Show was held in the sanctuary, with over 50 in attendance. The special guest, Doris Rome, is well known for this presentation and always captivates her audiences with her message of comparing "earthly garments" to "spiritual garments".

The Gate and Ground Zero

For the month of April, The Gate & Ground Zero have had a variety of things happening on Wednesday & Friday nights: Games & Fun Nights, Life Stories, Praise & Worship, Armor of God, and others. Ground Zero is planning a fundraiser auction the end of the month to raise funds for the Youth Convention coming up in Waterloo in May. The Sunday night service on April 9 featured the Ground Zero youth, as they presented two dramas, testimonies, praise and worship, and concluded with a message by Pastor Kris. It was a great evening!

Blood Donor Clinic

On Thursday, April 20, another Blood Donor Clinic was held in the gymnasium. We would like to express our thanks to those from ICC who continually volunteer their time for this worthy cause.

Guest Speakers at ICC

On Sunday, April 2, Innisfil Community Church welcomed Dennis Willer, Executive Director of the Barrie Food Bank. Dennis shared the mission of the Barrie Food Bank, an emergency food relief, non-profit charitable organization. He gave a glimpse of its operation and how they endeavor to demonstrate practical and tangible Christian love and spiritual guidance through food provision, allowing the recipients to maintain a sense of dignity and hope. As well they provide consultation and referral services to encourage self-sufficiency and well being.

The guest speaker for the evening service on Sunday, April 23, was Rev. David Gifford from Howley, Newfoundland. Rev. Gifford shared a message on renewing the "wonder" of the Christian life.

Farewell to Pastor Crystal

As this letter is being written, Pastor Crystal is preparing to preach her final sermon at ICC on Sunday morning, April 30. Towards the end of the day she is planning to begin her journey back to her hometown in Newfoundland. Please pray that God will direct her path as she seeks to find His will for her future.

"The DaVinci Code"

The DaVinci Code, by bestselling author Dan Brown, is a fiction that proposes that Jesus Christ is not the Son of God described in the Bible. The book is fictional, and not fact. Pastor Courtney has begun a series of sermons on The DaVinci Code—addressing the fact that "for centuries the Bible has been recognized by Christians as the Word of God, and that the Bible clearly states that Jesus Christ is the son of God who gave His life for us. The Bible is the best selling book of all times and it continues to change lives every day for those who are searching for God and a life that is full and meaningful. You can find what you are looking for in the Jesus Christ of the Bible."