

Announcements



Weddings

Hopkins/Lee

We are pleased to announce the upcoming marriage of Doug Hopkins & Carol Lee on Saturday, October 21, at ICC. Congratulations!

Ladd/John

Congratulations to Wendy Ladd and John who were married on Saturday, August 26, in San Torini, Greece. A reception is planned in Canada at a later date.

Bridal Shower

Lunau/Fleury

The parents of Kirby Lunau and Sean Fleury hosted a lovely bridal shower in the Fireside Lounge on Saturday, August 19. Kirby and Sean were the recipients of many lovely gifts and best wishes. They will be married at ICC on Saturday, September 9.

Birth Announcements



We are pleased to announce the following new baby deliveries:

Lind

Congratulations to Ron & Sharon Emmons on the birth of their new granddaughter: "Ava Breanne Lind", born to their proud daughter and son-in-law (Sheri & Tony Lind) on August 7 in Milton. Ava Breanne weighed in at 7 lbs. 6-1/2 oz.

Bryant

Congratulations to Frank & Lesley Bryant on the safe arrival of their new baby boy, "Allister Joel". Baby Allister was born on Friday, August 18, at Royal Victoria Hospital, weighing 7 lbs. 11 oz—a brother for Robyn!

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

We regret to announce the passing of Ronald James, on August 2, in his 76th year. The late Mr. James is the father of Tom James and Kelly Marcotte of our congregation. Please pray for the family during this time.

Announcements (cont'd)

ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY

On Sunday, September 10, Innisfil Community Church will be celebrating 25 years in the building! Check out the enclosed flyer with the September line-up. We are anticipating a great day of celebration as we reflect on God's faithfulness over the years.



Prayer For Children Going To School

A new adventure awaits them as they prepare for school; Excitement for new possibilities and fear of the unknown mingle in their hearts.

Thoughts of achievement and failure slow their footsteps.

Bless all children this day, O God. Give them inquiring and discerning hearts, courage to persevere in all they undertake, the gift of joy and wonder in all things, laughter and love to share with all, and sure and certain knowledge of your unfailing love.

Amen.

Prayer for Children Leaving Home

It is time to let go, to stand back and watch as the young leave home and go out into the world on their own.

Bless them, O God, in all their endeavors, In their successes and failures.

Guard them from all harm and evil And make them strong to resist temptation.

Lead them in your paths; Teach them your ways

Guide them in their search for truth, that They may praise you in all they do.

Let them trust the love of family to support them in their time of need, to care for their hopes and dreams, and to love them, no matter what comes.

Amen.

Vienna Cobb Anderson—Prayers of our Hearts



NEWSLETTER AUGUST, 2006



VBS-2006

OLÉ! What a wonderful two weeks of Vacation Bible School (VBS)! Innisfil Community Church was buzzing with kids during the weeks of August 7th and August 14th. There were over 300 children registered, as well as 60 or more volunteer leaders and helpers throughout the two week program. Each morning our bus rolled out early, stopping at five different pick-up routes along the way and arriving at the church before 9 am for opening session, to the sound of music and excitement. Leading the five rotational Fiesta stops were: Bonnie Pereira (**Music**); Liliana Lupo (**Crafts**); Carol Justice (**Story**); Bonnie Tsiourlis, Sveta Justice & DJ Lupo (**Games**); and Myra Felix (**Refreshments**). At 12 noon all the kids gathered in the sanctuary for "round-up and pick-up". Each child was given a CD of the songs they would learn during the week. On August 20, during the morning service, we held our annual VBS Reunion. This was a great opportunity to invite the parents and friends of these children and allow them to observe the kids singing the action songs on stage. At the conclusion of the service, everyone was invited to the gym for a complimentary BBQ. VBS would not happen without our volunteers! We are so grateful to the "red shirt" leaders and "yellow shirt" helpers who willingly gave of their time and energy each day.

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VBS-2006 (cont'd)

There are too many to thank individually, but we especially would like to recognize Karen French for her leadership and hard work in directing this year's VBS. Working alongside Karen were the registration ladies, the bus drivers, each grade leader and ALL the other helpers who assisted in the various stations throughout the two weeks. Our thanks, as well, to the parents who continue to entrust us with your kids and for your support of this outreach. Together we strive to make a difference in the lives of children, because we believe **"KIDS ARE WORTH IT!"**

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

For the month of August, the Wednesday night Bible Study centered around developing an understanding of ministry. Pastor Courtney led the five sessions, which were: Developing Community, Learning to Minister, Learning to Serve Others, Learning the Art of Friendship, and Learning to Protect Ourselves and our Guests. Those who attended received a greater insight into the operation of various ministries within the church.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Registrations are already coming in for this year's BG program, which kicks off on Wednesday, September 13. This is a life-changing club for boys and girls from ages 5-10.

BETA—Freedom In Christ Ministries

Beginning Wednesday, September 6, Sheri McLaughlin will be facilitating another 12 session BETA teaching. These classes engage in discussion and ideas for applying faith to every part of life—finding a new identity in Christ, renewing the mind, taking the right path in life and so much more. The cost is \$10 for the material and pre-registration is required. For more information, contact the church office at 436-1611.

Events/Activities

The Gate

Because of the great summer weather, the Gate kids enjoyed their Wednesday night fun activities outside, then gathered in the youth room to learn about God's Word.

Ground Zero

The highlights for August were as follows: Special speakers: Jolanda Galashan shared on August 4th, and DJ Thompson from Exodus Global Alliance shared on August 11th. DJ spoke on how to be better prepared to witness to homosexual teens. Ground Zero wrapped up the month with an exciting summer outreach XBOX tournament in the gym.

Men's Ministries



Tee-off for the Men's Ministries golf tournament was 9 am on Saturday, August 19, at the Harbourview Golf & Country Club in Gilford. The men enjoyed a great day on the green, wrapping up with a delicious steak BBQ at the home of Ron & Sharon Emmons.

Primetimers

Two full bus loads left the ICC parking lot on Monday, August 14, for the annual week's trip to the Salvation Army Camp, Ladore, Pennsylvania. This is an exciting venture where the seniors enjoy the environment and hospitality of the camp, which is always motivated by love. Surrounding all the fun, fitness and scenery, they experience the true essence of this ministry—the opportunity to explore their relationship with God. Each Sunday, guest Chaplains come to the Chapel and lead in group prayer and singing of inspirational gospel hymns. We understand our groups raised over \$1000 as a love donation to the camp. Once again we say **"THANK YOU"** to Gil & Delores Weston for all their hard work in organizing this yearly trip and to John & June White for their dedication to the Seniors Ministry.

Blood Donor Clinic

ICC was pleased to have had the opportunity to host another Blood Donor Clinic—held on Thursday, August 17, in the gym.

Other News (cont'd)

Volunteers of the Month!

For the month of August, the nominees from the congregation were: Gerry & Margaret French and Tony Boone. Gerry & Margaret continue to lead the weekly service at the LeisureWorld Nursing Home in Barrie, as well as volunteering many hours in the used clothing portables and various areas of the church. Tony Boone was recognized for serving as ICC's Head Usher. In addition, he has headed up the Men's Ministries for many years and is always available to help wherever, and whenever, a need arises. Pastor Courtney honored Gerry & Margaret and Tony for their volunteerism and presented them with a token gift and a Certificate of Appreciation.

Prayer of Blessing

It was the privilege of the Ministry Team to pray a prayer of blessing and protection over the following individuals as they leave us: Leanne Yeadon (returning to University in Nova Scotia); Reg & Betty Chaulk (retiring and moving to Newfoundland); and Angela, Rowan & Lucy Galashan (joining Kyle, who is already in Edmonton, and relocating there). We will miss all of you.

New Building Update

The pastor has been very pleased with the response to the Stewardship program. People are not only keeping their commitments, but some are going beyond. New people are joining with the dream.

We are awaiting response from the town of Innisfil regarding our site plan application. Currently, a traffic study is underway to satisfy the County of Simcoe. The draftsman for Parker Architects is presently completing the working drawings. As soon as the site plan application is approved, we will be endeavoring to make submissions for our building permit.

To get a perspective on the size and location of the new facility, simply view the blue lines painted on the parking lot.

Although the timeline seems to be getting tight, we are still targeting to begin building in October.