

Other News!



Baby Dedication

On Sunday, February 5, Pastor Courtney had the privilege of dedicating "Talia" Brown to the Lord. Talia is the daughter of Adria Lupo and Shawn Brown. Also present for this special occasion were Talia's grandparents: Don & Liliana

Lupo, and John & Mona Brown, as well as many other friends and relatives.

Birth Announcement

Congratulations to Rod & Sue Emberly on the birth of their new granddaughter, "Mackenzie Susan Deline", born on January 25, weighing 8 pounds 12 ounces—a sister for Owen! We rejoice with proud parents, Kari & Brennan Rocks, Uncle Ricky and Auntie Lori.

Birth Announcement

Congratulations to Joe & Jessica Pereira on the birth of their new grandson, "Michael" born (7 weeks early) on Tuesday, February 21, weighing 4 pounds 13 ounces—a brother for David! Proud parents, Simon & Sherri Pereira reside in Detroit, Michigan.

Deepest Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Brad and Sandy Cook on the passing of Brad's mother—on Thursday, February 23. Please pray for comfort for the Cook family during this time.



Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

On Tuesday, February 21, the annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast was held at the Stroud Arena, with approximately 90 in attendance. The soloist for the morning was Sheri McLaughlin. The purpose of this meeting is to bring together those who are playing an active leadership role in the Innisfil community and to ask God's guidance in carrying out their duties and responsibilities. The Innisfil Prayer Breakfast began in February 6, 2002, following the U.S. Twin Towers terrorist attack.

Blood Donor Clinic

Faithful donors showed up at the Blood Donor Clinic held at ICC on Thursday, February 16, despite the icy road conditions and inclement weather. So many are dependent on the "gift of life" and we are thankful to those who freely give for the cause.

Building Program Progress Report

The Board is continuing to work diligently regarding the goal towards our building project. Several meetings have been held. We have met with the contractor to determine the feasibility of project management. Parallel to this, the architect is continuing to work on our building plans; more specifically, the working drawings. Calculations regarding the revision of our septic system have been made. It appears that this could cost in the area of \$50,000, but we are still praying that we will be able to connect to the municipal waste water line being routed to the new Innisfil Recreation Center. The soil testing has been completed and a multiple page report has been presented to us. Another major area of concern is our sound. We are in the process of securing quotes from acoustic consultants in order to make sure the auditorium sound will meet our needs.

Helping Others

Hardly a week goes by without someone dropping at the church with a need for food or clothing. With the help of our volunteers in the clothing portables and the dedication of our benevolence food coordinators, invariably we are able to assist in those areas. This is made possible through the outpouring of clothing donations within the community and the donation of food items from various organizations. Thank you so much. "And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matt. 25:40



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February 14th, Valentine's Day, is a day for exchanging love messages and gifts such as flowers, candy, cards, etc. But the greatest gift of all is "God's Love."

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

During the last few Sundays, Pastor Courtney has been sharing stirring messages from God's Word, with emphasis on the following topics: **"The Signs of the Times, Meet The Healing Saviour, The Holy Spirit In You, and, Jesus Is Coming Soon."**

A vital part of each service is the prayer segment, where Ministry Team Leaders take time to pray for individual needs at the altar. Many have testified of how God has answered prayer. We also rejoice in the salvations that have taken place in the hearts of those who have desired to commit their lives to Him. The hymn writer, Thoro Harris, penned it well with the words of the hymn:

"He's Coming Soon".

In these, the closing days of time
What joy the glorious hope affords
That soon oh, wondrous truth sublime
He shall reign, King of kings and Lord of lords.

He's coming soon, He's coming soon
With joy we welcome His returning
It may be morn, it may be night or noon
We know He's coming soon.

Prayer Needs



Joan Trench

As we reported last month, Joan has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She had a second surgical procedure this month and is now recovering at home. Please continue to uplift her in prayer.

Joan and her husband, Mark, sincerely appreciate the love and support of the church family. They extend their thanks for all the cards, meals, phone calls and encouragement shown to them during this difficult time.

Gerry & Margaret French

Still going through a series of medical tests.

Myra Felix's Brother—Diagnosed with cancer

Yvonne Avery—Still struggling with asthma and breathing problems.

Sherri Pereira—(daughter-in-law of Joe & Jessica Pereira). Sherri encountered a serious complication (preeclampsia) during her pregnancy and her baby had to be delivered prematurely (7 weeks early). Please keep them in your prayers.

Emma Boone (Tony's mom) - Recovering from knee replacement surgery.

John Diamond (Nfld)—(brother of Betty Chaulk). John had a serious accident—cut his left arm with a chainsaw—and is now at home after undergoing surgery to repair nerve damage to his arm. Please pray for complete recovery.

Milly McFarlane—Milly is one of our shut-ins. She is not well and is also very lonely following the death of her husband, Graeme. Please remember Milly in your prayers.

UPDATE—THANKS FOR PRAYING!

Joe Pereira

Following a heart attack in December, Joe has returned to work and is doing much better.

Ann Stuckless

Ann is on the mend and has returned to work.

Delores Weston

Feeling much better.

Update (cont'd)

Noreen Running

Doing well following surgery.

Justine Vankesteran's grandmother, Beulah

Recovering well following surgery for bowel obstruction. Justine extends her thanks for praying.

Cole Bishop, Nfld. (Pastor Crystal's 3-yr old nephew), Recovering very well from heart surgery. The family extends sincere thanks for your prayers.

Monthly Events/Activities

Primetimers

On Valentine's Day, our Primetimers joined with other seniors for a Gospel Sing at Emmanuel Baptist Church. Apparently there were around a hundred in attendance. Following the sing they were all treated to refreshments and enjoyed a time of sharing with each other.

Women's Ministries

Women's Ministries held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 21. Annette Langeveld was the guest speaker for the evening, sharing many biblical truths on the topic of "Money \$en\$e".

Men's Ministries

Men's Ministries focus for this month was a "Carpenter's Crew Project". A new Habitat for Humanity home is currently being built for one of the single mothers in our church family. On Saturday, February 25, a group of men volunteered their time and spent the day dry-walling at the home, helping to speed up the building process. Of course no project is complete without "pizza!"

The Gate and Ground Zero Youth

On Wednesday nights the junior highs (**The Gate**) have been sharing how God has helped them and how He answers prayer in different ways. As well, they have enjoyed "new fun, games & activities". Pastor Kris reported that in February The Gate has had an attendance of 45 *energized* kids! As well as regular Friday night activities, other happenings at **Ground Zero Youth** included Worship Service with Ryan Stickle speaking; Winter BBQ & Fire; and planning a fundraiser for upcoming youth convention and Outreach event.

Monthly Events/Activities (cont'd)

BG's (Boys & Girls Club)

February has been a fun and lively month for our BG Club! Mrs. Running returned for a couple of weeks and the kids were excited to see her. They were also a little surprised to meet their new crafts teacher, Cory LeDrew. The boys have taken the lead in the offering war, but the girls are following closely. Come on out and join the fun!

Special Classes



A one-hour "Life Changing Discipleship Program" **BETA** Class is currently being held on Tuesday afternoons with facilitator, Sheri McLaughlin. BETA supplies simple, practical guidance to help weave faith into every aspect of life. Participants

will come to understand the battle for their minds and how they can be emotionally free from their past through faith in God and the power of forgiveness. They are given a safe opportunity to resolve personal and spiritual conflicts so that they can begin the journey of conforming to the image of God.

As well, Jessica Pereira is facilitating a 10-week **Precept** Bible Study class, studying 1st Corinthians.

Seniors/Nursing Home Ministry

Under the leadership of Pastor Gerry French, and of course accompanied by his wife, Margaret, a "Fellowship Hour" service is held every Thursday morning at Leisureworld Nursing Home in Barrie. This special ministry is such a blessing to the residents there as they take time from their rooms to enjoy a sing-along of old hymns and choruses, Bible reading, poems, prayer and a short message. A big thank you as well to others who assist in the weekly services: Jane Warnar, Carol Justice, Pastor June White, John White, Pastor Glen Groves, Gwen Groves, Ruth Terrell, Dorothy Hopkins, David King, and Sharon Yeadon. May God bless you as you continue to bless others.