

Other News!



Birth Announcement/ Baby Dedication—Cooze

Congratulations to Morley & Jennifer Cooze on the birth of their new son, "Caleb Nathaniel Paul", a brother for Hunter and Christian!

The newest addition to their family was born on Saturday, December 17, weighing 8-1/2 pounds. Caleb was dedicated to the Lord on Sunday, January 22, We were also delighted to have had the grandparents and other family members attend this special occasion.

Baby Dedication—LeDrew

On Sunday, January 8, Pastor Courtney had the privilege of dedicating Grace Rebekah Anne and Nathaniel Roy, daughter and son of Corey and Liz LeDrew. It was also great to have Liz's parents and Corey's dad join with us for this special occasion. Liz (Francis) did her internship at ICC in 1999 and we are very pleased to have the LeDrew's as part of our church family.

Deepest Sympathy:

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Isaac Nunez and his sister Sara in the passing of their dad, José Nunez, the week before Christmas. Mr. Nunez Senior attended Innisfil Community Church until his health failed and he could no longer get out. Mrs. Nunez passed away just eleven months prior. Please continue to pray for God's comfort for Isaac and Sara.

We also regret to announce the passing of Meryl Lavis. Meryl passed away on Sunday evening, January 8, at Royal Victoria Hospital after a brief illness. The funeral service was held at Central United Church in Barrie. Meryl will be well remembered for reciting the conclusion of The Last Post during Remembrance Day services at ICC, the last time being November 6, 2005. Please

He is Jehovah Shalom

"The God of Peace"

Other News (cont'd)

Engagement Announcement

Congratulations to Chad Stuckless and Angela Milligan who were engaged on January 18. Chad & Angela both have horses and....what better place to propose....than in the barn!! Of course Angela said **"YES!"**



Snow Birds

Once again our snow birds have gone south for a few months of warm, sunny weather. Via this letter, we say hello to Pastor June & John White, Gwen & Glen Groves, and Carol & Wolf Richter. Gil & Delores are back home for a while but are possibly returning to Florida again soon. As well, David & Joan King are vacationing in Florida for several weeks. We miss you all and look forward to seeing you before too long!

Recipe For A Happy New Year

Author Unknown

Take twelve whole months

Clean them thoroughly of all bitterness, hate, and jealousy. Make them just as fresh and clean as possible.

Now, cut each month into twenty-eight, thirty, or thirty-one different parts, but don't make up the whole batch at once. Prepare it one day at a time out of these ingredients.

Mix well into each day one part of faith, one part of patience, one part of courage, And one part of work.

Add to each day one part of hope, faithfulness, generosity, and kindness. Blend one part prayer, one part meditation, and one good deed.

Season the whole with a dash of good spirits, a sprinkle of fun, a pinch of play, and a cupful of good humor.

Pour all of this into a vessel of love.

Cook thoroughly over radiant joy, garnish with a smile, and serve with quietness, unselfishness and cheerfulness.

You're bound to have a happy new year!



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A large, stylized graphic of the year "2006". The numbers are green with a 3D effect and are set against a background of horizontal lines in purple, yellow, and orange.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We are so thankful to God for His faithfulness in 2005. We can truly say: **"WE ARE BLESSED!"**

Our first service in 2006 was held on Sunday morning, New Year's Day. The evening service was cancelled to allow everyone to enjoy time with their family and friends.

Starting The Year With Prayer!

Beginning Sunday, January 8, the church began a week of prayer. In the morning service, following the sharing of communion, Pastor Courtney presented a "prayer plan" that would turn the talk "about" prayer "into" prayer. Manuals were handed out to the congregation and each one was challenged to choose a prayer pattern that would be personal to their own life. At the end of the week, on Friday night, a congregational "hour of prayer" was held at the church, where everyone united together and corporately prayed a prayer of blessing over themselves, their families, and Innisfil Community Church for the coming year. It was very encouraging to see approximately 20 of our youth join us for the second half of our prayer time, following their regular Friday night service.

We also pray God's abundant blessing over you and your families. As you read His Word and allow Him to lead and direct you, may this year be one of spiritual growth.

Prayer Needs



Our church family have been praying for many amongst us who have been afflicted with illness. Below are some of the more current requests, and we

ask you to join with us in prayer as we trust God to meet the needs of those individuals.

Joan Trench

Joan has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She is recovering at home following surgery, but will be facing a journey of chemo and radiation treatments in the days ahead.

Joe Pereira

In December, Joe suffered a major heart attack. He was admitted to Newmarket hospital and immediately underwent an angioplasty procedure, having had a stent inserted into an artery that was 100% blocked. After recovering at home for a month, he was re-admitted to hospital for another angioplasty and three more stents inserted due to further blockage. Joe is now recovering at home.

Gerry & Margaret French

Both Gerry & Margaret have currently undergone tests and are awaiting medical results.

Ann Stuckless

Has not been well for several weeks, possibly due to a virus; awaiting test results.

Myra Felix's Brother—Diagnosed with cancer

Delores Weston

Is not well and needs our prayers.

Noreen Running

Recovering well at home following surgery.

Justine Vankesteran's grandmother, Beulah

Bowel Obstruction

"Lovin' From the Oven"



"Lovin' from the Oven" is an extension of Womens Ministries at Innisfil Community Church, headed up by Christine Ross. We are so thankful

to Christine and to all those who faithfully support this ministry by preparing and delivering meals when the need arises; particularly, during funerals, for new mothers, due to sickness, etc. It is such a blessing to be able to call on ladies who have a desire to willingly serve God in this area of ministry. **THANK YOU!!**

Monthly Events/Activities



Men's Hockey

The ICC Men's Hockey team continue to play their weekly games at LeFroy Arena on Saturday nights. Thanks to the fans who come out to cheer them on!

Primetimers

The Primetimers continue to get together for Shuffleboard every Monday and also held a soup, sandwich, and games get-together on Tuesday, January 10, Thanks to the Primetimers committee for organizing this event in the absence of Pastor June & John White, who are currently enjoying the sunny south!

Women's Ministries

On Saturday, January 21, Approximately 40 ladies attended the Women's Ministries breakfast and cooking demonstration at Zehrs Community Room in Barrie, with "Chef Lili" (Lupo) and her assistant, Carol Justice. A wonderful meal was "prepared, shared and enjoyed" by all.

Men's Ministries

Men's Ministries held their regular full breakfast meeting on Saturday, January 21. The special guest speaker for the morning was Pastor Darren Milley from Alliston. Pastor Milley is a former OPP Sergeant and previously worked with Youth Criminal Services.

The Gate/Ground Zero Youth/BG's

The Gate (ages 11-13) is our Junior High group that meets weekly during the school year for games, sports and other fun stuff. The BG Club (ages 5-10) is a nationally recognized club that also meets weekly throughout the course of the school year. Ground Zero (grade 9-grade 12+) meet every Friday year-round; some nights are educational, filled with good teaching, others just networking with great mentors, and some just fun!

The Gate and BG's have started up again after a break for the Christmas season. The leaders and kids are anticipating great things for the year ahead. As well, **Ground Zero Youth** are "preparing themselves for 2006" by focusing on witnessing and "walking through the Word".

Building Expansion Project Report

From Pastor Courtney

We are proceeding with plans to expand. The contract with the architect has been signed and a retainer fee paid. The preliminary site plan has been prepared and the **full parking requirements of municipality appears to have been met** with our existing property. This past week, engineers were on site and dug four test holes to do the appropriate soil testing.

A "Landscape Engineer" has been engaged to meet with the requirements of the municipality. One of the major concerns—waste water disposal (sewage)—is being addressed. We are still hoping that we will find favour with the Town of Innisfil to have our engineers present a proposal to connect to the new pressurized line that will pass our property. We have been assured, however, that the modern alternative aerated septic system can handle our needs within the existing property limitations!

Please continue to pray for God's favour as we move forward. Thank you for your continued stewardship commitments that are enabling us to proceed in a timely fashion.

Sunday School Superintendent Appointed

Effective Sunday, January 15, Carol Justice has been appointed ICC's Sunday School Superintendent. Karen French will assist Carol and work alongside her to carry out the various S.S. duties. We are anticipating great things in our Sunday School Department as we continue to do our part in **"making a difference."**

Fun/Fellowship Night



On Sunday evening, January 22, a Family Fun & Fellowship Night was held in the gymnasium. This was an opportunity for everyone to enjoy laughs together as well as "getting to know one another", especially for those who are new in our church family. It was a wonderful evening of sharing together. **Laughter truly is "good medicine"**. (Prov. 17:22)