

Other News!

Deepest Sympathy

Matthew Miller

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Matthew (Matt) Miller on Friday, June 9, in his 68th year. Matt and his wife, Cathy, formerly attended ICC and, particularly, the Wednesday night Bible Study. Matt was diagnosed with cancer just after Easter; he will be deeply missed by Cathy, their children and grandchildren. Pastor & Beulah Courtney and Gerry & Margaret French attended the funeral service, which was held at the Roadhouse Funeral Home in Newmarket. Please pray for God's comfort and strength during this very difficult time.

Jim Gray

We also regret to announce the passing of Jim Gray, after a short battle with cancer. Jim is predeceased by his late wife, Leila, who passed away last March. Both Jim & Leila formerly attended Innisfil Community Church. Pastor Courtney conducted the funeral service, which was held at the Steckley Gooderham Funeral Home in Barrie on Thursday, June 22. Please pray for the family at this time.

"The Lord will give strength unto his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace."
Psalms 29:11

Prayer Requests

Alfred Bowley



Please pray for Alfred Bowley who fell and hit his head while on a school trip to Ottawa. Alfred was admitted to hospital and is still receiving treatment.

His dad, Bill Bowley, went to Ottawa to be with Alfred during his stay in hospital.

School Is Out

At the end of this month school is finished for the summer. Please remember to pray for all the kids as they go to and fro to various events & activities and spend vacation with their families.

"Kindness Is Contagious"

A Christian should always remember that the value of his good works is not based on their number and excellence, but on the love of God which prompts him to do these things.

Random Acts of Kindness

Spirit of Kindness

As told by Susan—June 16/06).

On my way home from work yesterday, the last half of the route is a beautiful drive through the country. It was a beautiful day and the spirit of kindness overtook me when I saw an old lady in a wheelchair sitting beside the road just absorbing the day. I stopped at the nearest store and bought a bouquet of flowers for her. After I drove back and gave the flowers to her, she looked so touched that it made the little tiny act I did seem like the biggest.

Ice Cream For A Child

(As told by Ramdeo—June 20/06)

I saw a kid standing at the ice cream truck saying, "Can I have an ice cream? - I came first in my class." The vendor said, "You can have an ice cream but do you have any money to buy it?" He then drove off leaving the kid standing there. I chased down the truck and bought a big ice cream, gave it to the kid, and said "Keep being top of your class and you will surely reach your goal in life." I'll never forget the look on his face.

Seeds of Kindness go A Long Ways

(As told by Bernice—June 12/06).

"A farmer went out to plant some seeds. As he scattered them across his field, some seeds fell on a footpath, and the birds came and ate them. Other seeds fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. The plants sprang up quickly, but they soon wilted beneath the hot sun and died because the roots had no nourishment in the shallow soil. Other seeds fell among thorns that shot up and choked out the tender blades. But some seeds fell on fertile soil and produced a crop that was thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as had been planted." May all the seeds you plant land in fertile soil, and for the seeds that don't, give them another try.



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Pentecost Sunday—June 4

Around the world, churches celebrated Pentecost Sunday. "Pentecost" (fiftieth in Greek) is a day when Christians commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, fifty days after the resurrection of Jesus at Easter, and ten days after the Ascension. At ICC, Pastor Courtney preached a sermon on the importance of The Holy Spirit in our lives—reminding us that The Holy Spirit is the one who reveals the mind of God to us, who interprets the meaning of Scripture, who helps us when we do not know how to pray, and who gives us confidence to speak and witness. We must all strive to pattern our lives after The Holy Spirit who gives meaning to the message.

ICC Welcomes New Staff

The Pastors and Board of Innisfil Community Church are pleased to announce the addition of a new staff member, Rev. Darryl Hawbolt. Pastor Darryl has accepted the position of Assistant Pastor. He and his wife, Jennifer, and their two and a half year old son, Tyler, will be moving to Innisfil very shortly, as soon as housing arrangements have been finalized. For the past 5 years Pastor Darryl was the Youth Pastor at Calvary Pentecostal Church in Cambridge and, prior to that, pastored in Saskatchewan and PEI. We look forward to having Pastor Darryl, Jennifer, and Tyler being part of ICC's church family.

Events/Activities



Father's Day

On Sunday, June 18, guest dads were treated to a full sit-down breakfast, prepared by Tony Boone, Donato & DJ Lupo, and served by the ladies of the church. This was a special invitation hosted by the Sunday School Department, inviting the kids to bring their dads in celebration of Father's Day. Following the Sunday School hour, as Marion Boone led worship in the morning service she honored all fathers and prayed a prayer of blessing over them.



Rejoice Christian Academy Awards Night

Rejoice Christian Academy held their last school day on Friday, June 16, with fun activities outside throughout the day. The school year concluded with a Graduation Awards Night on Thursday, June 22. The graduates for this year are: *Rebecca Boone, Andrew McGhee, Stephanie McGhee, Ryan Sticklee, Jeff Curphy, and Katelyn Purnell*. Thank you, Bob & Jolanda, for another great school year...and...congratulations to all the graduates! We are proud of you.

Blood Donor Clinic

Another Blood Donor Clinic was held at ICC on Thursday, June 15. This is a great opportunity for many from the community to come and give "the gift of life". Thanks to Gayle Peck for her assistance once again!

Wednesday Night Bible Study

On Wednesday nights, Pastor Courtney is currently leading a study on the book of St. John's Gospel. This account clearly sets out the life of Jesus and identifies Him with the Word..."the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us." John 1:14. It is a great interactive study revealing the deity of Christ.

Events/Activities (cont'd)



Primetimers

Yes....it's strawberry season again....mmm!! The Seniors held a "Strawberry Fest and Weiner Roast" on Tuesday, June 20. As it was a nice day, tables were set up outside and everyone enjoyed the food, fresh air, and fellowship.

Women's Ministries

The 2nd Annual Daisy Dejeuner was held at ICC on Saturday, June 10, with over 90 in attendance. The ladies found it very inviting to walk into a beautifully decorated round-table setting and to be greeted in a pampered fashion. As an added bonus, the delicious meal, catered by Casal Catering, was served by the finely-dressed gentlemen of our church (our thanks to Ron Emmons, and Men's Ministries). The speaker, Merrie Eizenga, inspired everyone with her talk on "Things My Girlfriends Taught Me." At the conclusion of the event, each lady took home a lovely "Debbie Travis" daisy mug as a memento. We especially thank Brenda Clair, Women's Ministries President, and her Executive Team for another successful Daisy Dejeuner!

The Gate and Ground Zero

During June, The Gate held a Movie Night, studies on: "Living In The Light" and "Love One Another", and a "School Is Out" party. Ground Zero continued with "Worship & The Word", a night of Baseball, and a "School Is Out, Summer Is Here" (SOSH) party. Another eventful evening was the "African Night". This was a fundraiser for Tapiwa Musewe, who is going on a missions trip to Africa. The youth enjoyed African food, African worship, and a slide presentation. Both senior & junior highs will continue throughout the summer months.

BG's (Boys & Girls Club)

The Boys & Girls Club (BG's) have concluded for the summer and will resume in September.

Kids Musical/Drama

At the time of writing, Bonnie Pereira is planning a kids musical/drama and is looking for participants in the age group of 7 to 14.

Tidbits

Volunteer of the Week!

Each Sunday a "Volunteer of the Week" is nominated by the church congregation. For the month of June the nominated volunteers were: Anthony Langeveld, for his dedication to the Bus Ministry, financial guidance through Crown Financial, and many more areas of service in and around the church; Sue Knapp, for her leadership and commitment in the Nursery; Tom James for changing the outdoor sign each week, for allowing us to benefit from his creative projects, and for his willingness to help out whenever the need arises. Pastor Courtney presented each of them with a certificate of recognition and a small gift as a token of appreciation for their many hours of volunteering.

ICC Baseball

One of our church family members, Brad Young, has developed a baseball team in competition with other churches. As well as getting to know one another, they are having fun! A group of fans are turning out to cheer on "the team with the black & white "Innisfil" jerseys!" A future report will announce the winners!

Guest Worship Leader

ICC was happy to have Caleb & Stephanie Courtney pay a visit to the church on Sunday morning, May 28. Of course we couldn't let an opportunity go by without inviting Caleb to lead worship...and he did! Thanks, Caleb!

Church Family Picnic

As this letter is written, the church family picnic, under the direction of Jessica Pereira, is about to happen! We will report next month on the activities of that event.

VBS (Vacation Bible School)



"FIESTA"...where kids are fired up about Jesus. Registrations are already coming in for this year's VBS, scheduled for the weeks of August 7 & August 14. This is always an exciting adventure at ICC.