

Other News!

Baby Dedications

March 5—Liam Jason Luscombe

Pastor Courtney (& Beulah) were very pleased to have had the privilege of dedicating their grandson "Liam" to the Lord on Sunday, March 5. Rev. Jason Luscombe (Beulah's son) was in the midst of a mortgage-burning ceremony at Southside Worship Center in Ajax where he pastors, when his wife, Colleen, started experiencing labor pains (October 23). Liam waited until the service was over to make his appearance (two hours later)! We were delighted to have had Liam's grandparents, Bram & Nina Whitt, and other family members attend this special occasion.

March 12—Thea Faith VanKesteren

"Thea Faith", daughter of Shane & Justine VanKesteren, was dedicated to the Lord on Sunday morning, March 12. The VanKesterens have two other children, Noah & Bronte, and have been attending ICC a year. We are delighted to have them as part of our church family. Both Shane & Justine's parents, as well as other family members, were in attendance for Thea's dedication.

The weekly bulletin provides a spot to nomi-

Volunteer of the Week!

nate an individual or couple as "**Volunteer of the Week**". During the month of March Pastor Courtney had the privilege of presenting the following individuals with a Certificate of Appreciation and a token gift for their faithful service to God and to ICC. They are: Bob & Gayle Peck (Benevolence); Bryan & Karen French (Sunday School & VBS); and Karen Boylan (Friday Night Youth Sponsor). These individuals also volunteer in many other areas of the church.

Congratulations.. and..



Pastor Courtney's Corner



"When one of the laborers must leave the work on account of health or other reasons, I am in far greater need than when I require money for the institution. Such a need can only be supplied by waiting on God.

One of the greatest difficulties connected with this work is to find suitable godly persons for it. Many things are to be considered—suitable age, health, ability, experience, love for children, true godliness, preparation to bear with the many trials and difficulties connected with it, and a strong desire to labor, not for the sake of the money but to serve God.

To find godly persons with these qualifications is not an easy matter. I am not looking for perfect fellow-laborers, nor do I suppose that my fellow-laborers are without weaknesses, deficiencies, and failings. I myself am far from perfect. But I try to find suitable individuals in whom, as much as possible, the above qualifications are united.

The laborers should work happily among themselves, and then I can work easily with them. I must be their servant; and yet, I must maintain the place of authority God has given me over this work. This need is far greater than any that is connected with money. These matters lead a person to call upon God! Truly, I am in continual need."

The above words clearly reflect my sentiments as the pastor of Innisfil Community Church. The interesting thing is, that these words were written by Rev. George Muller, the noted evangelist and philanthropist, almost 150 years ago!

Pastor Courtney



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"BEYOND THE VEIL"



Gospel Music trio, "Beyond The Veil" were special guests at Innisfil Community Church on Sunday evening, March 12. The Waterloo-based group: Rodney Hamilton, Kevin Pauls, and Joey Goodwin, are the voices of Beyond The Veil.

They were named Canadian Recording of the Year (People's Choice) at the 2005 Hamilton Music Scene Awards last November. A good number attended and sang along with some of the familiar hymns recorded in their new CD.

St. Patrick's Day—March 17

The Shamrock & The Trinity



St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. Legend has it that St. Patrick was responsible for ridding the Emerald Isle of snakes; but more importantly, it is said that Patrick used the shamrock as a symbol to explain the Trinity to unbelievers, ie., How God is One God in Three Persons. When St. Patrick told the King of Ireland about the Trinity, the king could not believe three Persons in the Godhead could exist as one. Lifting up a sprig of shamrock, Saint Patrick said, "Here is a perfect leaf with three perfect parts." The shamrock became a well-known symbol of the Holy Trinity.

Holy, Holy, Holy
Lord God Almighty!

Prayer Needs



Joan Trensck

Following surgery for breast cancer, Joan will be beginning chemotherapy treatments within the next few weeks. Please keep her in your prayers.

Monique Jarvis

Monique fell in her driveway and broke her hip. She is now recovering at home following surgery and will be requiring a few weeks of rehab therapy.

Helen Irons

Helen is a senior who resides in Sandy Cove and is currently battling cancer.

Elizabeth Koning

Elizabeth leaves this month for a short term missions trip to Kodaikanal, India. She will be working in an orphanage there till June. Please pray for God's protection and provision.

In our last newsletter, we asked for prayer

Praise Report

for Sherri Pereira and for baby Michael Pereira (born prematurely). We are thankful to God to report that both Sherri and baby Michael are at home and doing well. Michael now weighs 7 pounds and will soon catch up to his brother, David! Joe & Jessica extend their thanks for your prayers.

God's Tender Care



When trouble comes, as it does to all, God is so great and we are so small. But there is nothing that we need know if we have faith that wherever we go

God will be waiting to help us bear

Our pain and sorrow, our suffering and care
For no pain or suffering is ever too much
To yield itself to God's merciful touch!

Helen Steiner Rice

Monthly Events/Activities

Primetimers

The event for this month was a Pot Luck Luncheon, held on Tuesday, March 14. After a game of shuffleboard and enjoying a meal together, their special speaker, Pastor Kris, shared some thoughts on Youth Ministries—comparing the way things were “back then” and the way they are “now”.

Men's Ministries

Men's Ministries held their regular breakfast meeting on Saturday, March 18. The speaker for the morning was Anthony Langeveld, sharing on Biblical financial principles.

Women's Ministries



On Tuesday, March 21, the ladies enjoyed an evening of fun and fashion sharing. The theme for the evening was: “Diva on a Dime”. Christine Ross was the “fashion hostess” and introduced her guests as they showed off fashions from

their own personal closets. They were: Jolanda Galashan, Marion Boone, Becky Boone, Gayle Peck, and Lesley Bryant. The ladies were also given shopping tips and clothing coordination ideas.

Ground Zero & The Gate

As one of the events during March, the Youth (**Ground Zero**) held a Spaghetti Fund Raiser to raise money for the upcoming Youth Convention. Several of their other Friday nights were geared to focusing on “Prayer and Worship” and having an open heart to hear from God. The junior high kids, (**The Gate**), held a Movie Night, sharing of a “Life Story”, “Getting rid of worries and fears by talking to God”, and “Made In God's Image”.

ICC's Men's Hockey



The Men's Hockey team played their last game for the season on Saturday night, March 18. Fortunately there were no serious mishaps to report! Thanks

to all the fans who came out and cheered them on. ICC's hockey team will start up again in October.

Water Baptismal Service

A water baptismal service was held on Sunday evening, March 5. The candidates who were obedient in taking this step were: James Batten, Svetlana Justice, Bonnie Tsiourlis, Denise Pearson, Lindsey Chalmers, DJ Lupo, and José Luna. It was wonderful to see so many offer support to these candidates through their attendance and sharing verses of scripture selected personally for them.

All Day Worship

On Sunday, March 19, ICC welcomed back The Parsons family—Pastor Dwane, Chantal, Hannah, Zeckeriah, Isaiah & Micah. Pastor Dwane led worship in both the morning and evening services. Pastor Dwane served as Youth Pastor at Innisfil Community Church from 2000-2003. Since then he has held the position of Youth Pastor for the junior and senior highs at Walkerton Pentecostal Church.

Pastor Crystal Moving On..

Pastor Crystal has been serving as Children's and Music Pastor at Innisfil Community Church for just over a year. Recently she resigned from her position and has made the decision to return to her hometown of Newfoundland. She has no immediate plans but most likely will pursue a ministry opportunity with the PAON (Pentecostal Assemblies of Newfoundland). Pastor Crystal will conclude her ministry at ICC the end of April.

Good Friday Service



Innisfil Community Church will be holding a Good Friday celebration service on April 14, beginning at 10:30 am.

“He is not here, for he is risen, as he said.
Come, see the place where the Lord lay.”
Matthew 28: 6