

## Other News!



### Wedding Anniversary Celebration

On Friday, May 19, Pastor Ray & Noreen Running celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The Fireside Lounge at ICC was a busy place on the Saturday following, as family and friends gathered (many traveling a long distance) to offer them best wishes and enjoy great refreshments. Following the "drop-in" celebration, a family dinner was held in the Fellowship Room, where many tributes were presented in their honor. All the special events of the day were hosted by the proud "Running" siblings. Congratulations Pastor Ray & Noreen! May God continue to bless you abundantly!



### Wedded Bliss!

#### Wilson-Burgsma

Congratulations to Suzanne Wilson and Bob Burgsma who were married at ICC on Saturday, May 6. In Pastor Courtney's absence, the ceremony was performed by Pastor Craig Head. The reception was held at "The Hub" in Sandy Cove, and it is reported that everyone had a wonderful time! The newlyweds enjoyed a two week honeymoon in the Dominican Republic.

#### Wells-Simmons

We also congratulate Melissa Wells and Tim Simmons who were married on Saturday, May 20. The beautiful outdoor wedding ceremony took place at Drysdale's Tree Farm in Egbert, followed by a reception in the Greenhouse. (Melissa & Tim were so thankful for a rain-free day!). The newly married couple are currently honeymooning in the Mayan Riviera, Mexico.

#### Church Family Picnic

Innisfil Community Church is hosting a family picnic on Saturday, June 24. Plans are already underway and it promises to be a fun time for all ages.

## Other News—cont'd!



### Bridal Shower

A bridal shower was held for Susan Felix on Tuesday, May 16. Many thanks to Lili Lupo for hosting the shower in her home. Susan received lovely gifts and best wishes. She and her husband-to-be, Jim Clancey, will be married on July 15 in Pickering.

### Deepest Sympathy

Sadly we announce the passing of:

**Johanna deGraaf**—Jolanda Galashan's mother. Johanna, passed away peacefully at Leisureworld Nursing Home on Monday, May 1, in her 83th year. A memorial service was held at ICC on Thursday, May 11. The Fireside Lounge was filled with family and friends as Pastor Gerry French led in the service. Pastor French conducts a service every Thursday morning at Leisureworld and Johanna attended many of those services. On behalf of her two sisters and brother, Jolanda gave a beautiful tribute honoring their mom.

**Emily Collins**—Beulah's mom, Emily, passed away peacefully at Gander Hospital on Thursday morning, May 4, in her 84th year. The funeral service was held at the Salvation Army church in her hometown of Hare Bay, Newfoundland, on Sunday, May 7. Beulah presented a loving tribute to her mom on behalf of her other six siblings. Pastor Courtney accompanied Beulah to Newfoundland and also took part in the service.

Both the deGraaf/Galashan and Collins/Courtney families express their sincere thanks to all who attended, sent flowers, cards, messages of condolence, etc., and for your loving prayerful support.

*"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him." 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14*



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### Mothers Day

"A mother is the truest friend we have, when trials heavy and sudden, fall upon us; she will cling to us, and endeavor by her kind precepts and counsels to dissipate the clouds of darkness and cause peace to return to our hearts." (Anonymous). Happy belated Mother's Day to all moms!

### SHARING THE MINISTRY

Thank you to those who kindly covered the following ministries during Pastor Courtney's absence the week of May 6-13, while the Courtney's were in Newfoundland attending the funeral of Beulah's mom.

#### PAOC General Conference

Pastor June & John White attended the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada General Conference held in Winnipeg. They came back with a good report of uniting together, as well as networking and sharing amongst old friends.

#### Sunday Services

Pastor Craig Head returned to the pulpit at ICC for both services on May 7. His ministry was well received and a blessing to all! As well, Pastor Craig performed the wedding ceremony of Suzanne Wilson and Bob Burgsma on Saturday, May 6.

#### Wednesday Night Bible Study

On May 10, the Wednesday Night Bible Study was covered by Anthony Langeveld. (We heard you did a great job, Anthony!).

Again, Thank You, and God Bless You, for being so accommodating on a last minute basis.

## Updates

### Missions

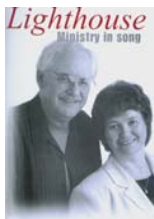
On Sunday, May 21, Pastor Courtney outlined ICC's Missions Projects, amounting to over \$60,000 over the past year. Flags were presented to individuals representing their country of birth. Amazingly, our congregation is made up of people who were born outside of Canada, with over a dozen countries represented. Pastor Courtney led in a corporate prayer, "that God would reign in each of these countries" as the flags were held over the altar.

### Building Program Update

Though it seems repetitive, meetings with the Board and various authorities continue to be held concerning the details of the building project. It appears that all the data required for the submission of a site plan will be completed by the time you receive this newsletter. Significant changes have been made to reduce the cost of storm water management. Please pray that our site plan submission will be accepted by the various agencies involved.

### Innisfil Water Main

The landscaping at the front of the church is near completion following the water main construction. The illuminated sign is yet to be relocated.



### Gospel Music with "LIGHTHOUSE"

On Sunday, May 28, "The Paveys" were with us, sharing gospel music and a testimony of praise. Roger and Shirley Pavey were previously at ICC as special guests for the Primetimers Christmas Banquet and were a blessing to all.

*"Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me; and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I show the salvation of God." Psalms 50:23*

## Monthly Events/Activities

### Primetimers

You never know what those seniors are up to!! The event for May was "Over 50's Idol!" There were skits, poems, singing, pot blessing luncheon, and lots of laughter and fun. Thanks to all who participated and to Ruth Boone for providing the music. As Pastor June & John were attending General Conference in Winnipeg, thanks also to Glen & Gwen Groves for "stepping up to the plate" last minute.

### Men's Ministries

Men's Ministries held a Fishing Derby on Saturday, May 27, at Lake Manitouobing, Parry Sound. At the time of writing, we have not heard whether or not the "big one got away".

### Women's Ministries

There was no Women's Ministries event in May. However, everyone is anticipating the upcoming "Daisy Déjeuner" catered luncheon to be held on June 10. This will be the final function for Women's Ministries until September.

### The Gate and Ground Zero

During the month of May, the Jr. Highs, (The Gate), have been studying the book of James, focusing on "Listening & Doing, Judging Others, Controlling the Tongue, and Faith Without Good Deeds is Dead." Of course, they continue to have fun and games as part of their evenings as well. Ground Zero Youth are continuing "Worship & The Word". Twelve youth and four leaders attended the MEGA convention in Waterloo the weekend of May 12.

### BG's (Boys & Girls Club)

Under the leadership and direction of Pam Running, the BG program has been running very successfully and it is evident from the enthusiasm and energy observed from the kids on Wednesday nights. The program will soon be concluding for the summer months, but is anticipating a fresh start-up again in the fall.

### VBS (Vacation Bible School)

Can you believe it will soon be that time again? The groups are getting ready for this year's VBS, weeks of August 7 & 11. The theme is: FIESTA, where kids are fired up about Jesus!

## Tidbits

### Death Notification Course

Pastor Courtney attended a "Death Notification Course" held at the OPP Headquarters in Orillia. This course was sponsored by MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving).

### Volunteer of the Week!



Ryan Sticklee was nominated as "Volunteer of the Week" and was presented with a gift and certificate of appreciation. Pastor Courtney

acknowledged Ryan's service in both Youth Executive and Bus Ministry, as well as his willingness to serve in other areas of the church as needed. Congratulations, Ryan!

### Returning Home From India

Bonnie Pereira is expected home on May 30, after spending a year teaching at the Kodakal International School in India. As well, Elizabeth Koning, who spent a 3-month, short term missions trip in an orphanage in India, will be returning the same time. I'm sure both Bonnie and Elizabeth will have numerous stories to share about their experiences.

### Interim Worship Leaders

In the absence of a Music Pastor, Marion Boone and Pastor Kris Reid are doing a great job in leading worship in both Sunday services. We are also very thankful to the worship and music teams who faithfully serve in these areas.

### Mission Field

With over 300 houses currently being built in the town of Innisfil, we have a huge mission field to reach. The task is big. May God help us to do our part in witnessing and spreading the good news of the gospel to those around us.

### Moms Honored

On Mother's Day, the mothers of Sunday School kids (and other early morning moms) were honored with a sit-down breakfast prior to morning service. Thanks to Carol Justice for organizing the event, and to Carol Richter for beautifully decorating the tables and preparing the delicious breakfast.