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WEDDING

Hopkins/Lee

Congratulations to Doug Hopkins and Carol Lee, who were married at Innisfil Community Church on Saturday, October 21.

The ceremony took place in the Fireside Lounge. Following a lovely catered reception, held in the Fellowship Room, Doug & Carol headed off to Hockley Valley Resort.

BABY DEDICATIONS

Pastor Courtney had the privilege of dedicating the following four children to the Lord during the past month.

“Teagen Rose MacDonald”, daughter of Jason & Theresa MacDonald, was dedicated on Sunday, September 24.

“Suzanne Dawn Love Fehr”, daughter of Dennis & Tanya Fehr, was dedicated on Thanksgiving Sunday, October 8.

“Alistair Joel Bryant”, son of Frank & Lesley Bryant, was dedicated on Sunday, October 15.

“Adela Christina Biggar”, daughter of Tom & Ana Biggar, was dedicated on Sunday, October 29.

We were delighted to have had grandparents, godparents, and other family members attend these special occasions.

YOUTH EMPHASIS

Sunday evening, October 22, was youth emphasis night. Praise and worship was led by Andrew McGhee and Becky Boone, accompanied by the worship & music team: Gabby Boone, Pastor Kris, Scott Keefe & Gideon Courtney. A drama/skit portraying “witnessing opportunities” was presented by Brittany Lunau, Colin Sticklee, & DJ Lupo. Pastor Kris spoke on “The Importance of Journalizing”, and how we should especially make note of the things God does for us.

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FAREWELL TO COOZE FAMILY

Morley & Jennifer Cooze have made the decision to relocate to St. John’s, Newfoundland, where Morley has secured employment.. Morley’s last Sunday with us was October 15. Jennifer will be joining him as soon as their housing details are finalized here. We are privileged to have had the Cooze family as part of our ICC family, and we pray God’s blessings upon Morley, Jennifer, and their three sons—Hunter, Christian and Caleb—as they make this transition.

Prayer Needs

We would appreciate your prayers for the following individuals who are experiencing health problems.

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| Jeff Jackson Age 44 | Cancer | Brother of Brenda Clair |
| Brian Oliver Age 53 | Cancer | Resident of Innisfil |
| Linda Age 40 | Cancer | Daughter of Bob & Madeline Bain |
| Erin Hawbolt Age 25 | Cancer | Granddaughter of Martin & Agnes Hawbolt |
| Nick Vujic | Terminally ill (Cancer and other complications) | Father of Karen Boylan |
| Gloria Fox | Weakness in her body | Church Family Member |
| Bill Brown | Diabetes & other complications | Church Family Member |
| Yvonne Avery | Failing Kidneys | Church Family Member |
| Harold Hogeboom | Recovering from Pneumonia | Father-in-law of Pastor Courtney |
| Rob Burgsma | Multiple Medical Complications | Son of Bob (& Suzanne) Burgsma |

THANK YOU FOR PRAYING!



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A SEASON OF THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is a special time of the year. It’s a time of reflection upon the blessings enjoyed throughout the year. It is a season when you can spend time with family and friends, sharing hugs, smiles, and delicious food. It’s an opportunity for you to share kindness and regard for others. For the Christian, Thanksgiving should be a daily, moment to moment way of life. For it is God who supplies the earth with all that it needs to produce life. The fruitfulness of the earth is from the Lord. True thanksgiving must be from the heart, and is a sign of our faith and trust in God.

At Innisfil Community Church, there was indeed a celebration of thanksgiving; particularly, from Joan Trench and her family. Joan shared a testimony of her battle with breast cancer and the journey God took her through over this past year. On September 11, Joan finished her last chemo treatment. Her oncologist gave her the report, “Joan, we consider you to be cancer-free!” Praise God! We rejoice together with the Trench family—her husband Mark; her children, Marina & Caeden; and her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Perry, who have stood by her side during the most difficult and challenging time of her life. (cont’d)

Thanksgiving (cont'd)

As Joan shared her story, she praised and thanked God for His goodness to her and His healing touch upon her body. She was also so thankful for the prayerful support of her church family (and those who receive this newsletter), as well as the many cards, food, phone calls, and words of encouragement offered to her and her family at a time when they needed it most. **THANK YOU!**

On Thanksgiving Sunday, Pastor Courtney invited the congregation to share the things they were thankful for, and there were many testimonials of provision, healing, salvation, and the overall faithfulness of God.

Events/Activities

"TRUTH WORKS"

The musical, "Truth Works", was presented on Sunday evening, October 1, with approximately 150 in attendance. Under the leadership of Bonnie Pereira, kids from ages 7-14 staged real-life stories about making right choices (of course with their own humor added!). Thank you, Bonnie, for your investment in our kids!



THE GATE

On September 29, the GATE (junior highs) held an "all-nighter" - hosted by the senior highs (Ground Zero), and adult sponsors. Congratulations to Lyla Daniels for winning the \$100 prize for the all night game challenge. The GATE also joined with Ground Zero on Friday, October 13, for a night of fun and worship.

GROUND ZERO

"QUEST" has begun. This is a "discussion-starting" DVD outreach program where the youth have an opportunity to share in an open forum with Pastor Kris and adult volunteers. Quest is held once a month, along with the ongoing regular weekly activities.

Events/Activities (cont'd)

BG'S (Boys & Girls Club)

There's lots of activity on Wednesday nights as the BG's continue to learn about God, earn badges, make new friends, and have fun under the supervision of very capable leaders and helpers.

PRIMETIMERS

Although rain was forecasted, the sun was shining beautifully as the Primetimers left the church parking lot at 9 am on Tuesday, October 3. After having their morning coffee & muffins at Tim Horton's in Orillia, they rode on to Parry Sound, stopping at the Waterfront and Gift Shop. There they savored a lovely luncheon at the Log Cabin, boarded the bus for the Cranberry Marsh in Bala, viewed the wagon rides, harvesting of the cranberries, vendors selling their wares, and shopped in the Gift Shop. There were many "oohs" and "aahs" along the way at the magnificent scenery of trees changing color. The Primetimers arrived back at the church at 6:15 pm—having spent a wonderful outing together.

MEN'S MINISTRIES

There was no meeting for October; however, Pastor Courtney attended the Friday night session of the Men's Get-Away at Chesley Lake the end of September. His brother, John Courtney, (from Winnipeg) was the speaker there for the weekend. Approximately 120 men, representing surrounding churches, attended the event.

WOMEN'S CONNECTION

Because of the Huronia Section ladies retreat in Orillia on October 13-14, no regular activity was planned for the month of October. The next event is an "International Night" scheduled for November 21 at ICC.



ICC MEN'S HOCKEY

Approximately 25 men have signed up to join the hockey team for this season. The first game was held on Saturday, October 7, at Lefroy Arena, with their fans cheering them on!

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MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT CLASSES

"Couples' Night Out!"



The Marriage Enrichment classes concluded on Thursday, October 19. The 6-week video sessions featured Dr. Gary Smalley's classic relationship series. Dr. Smalley is one of the country's best known authors and speakers on family relationships. At the conclusion of each video, there was a time of discussion and interaction. We have received positive feedback from those who attended.

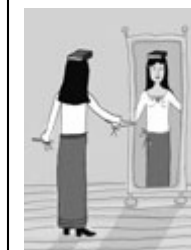
WELCOME GREETER HOSTS!

We are pleased to advise that Jim & Lillian Walker have been appointed to head up the Greeter Ministry at ICC. They are ready to greet our church family and guests with a hand of welcome and a friendly smile!

SENIORS SERVICE

Innisfil Community Church is hosting a fellowship hour at Innisfil Beach Gardens on Thursday afternoons. Pastor (& Beulah) Courtney led the first service, which was held on October 12. There were 20 seniors present and they enjoyed the poems, stories, singing and mingling. In keeping with the theme of Thanksgiving, each one shared something that they were thankful for.

"BUILDING YOUR SELF-IMAGE"



Pastor Courtney is just finishing a series of sermons entitled "Building Your Self-Image". Some doctors say poor self-image is the most prevalent illness they see in their practice. Since a positive self-image is so important, and a negative self-image so frequent, it is essential to discover principles for developing a healthy self-image. God's Word declares that we are "people of value" (Matthew 6:26) and that we are "fearfully and wonderfully made." (Psalm 139:14).