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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Walker

Lillian and Jim Walker announce the safe arrival of their new granddaughter, "Madeline Jane Walker", born on Wednesday, March 21, in Vancouver. Baby Madeline weighed 5 lbs. 13 oz. This is grandchild #6 for the Walkers!

Burgsma

Bob & Suzanne Burgsma announce the arrival of their great-granddaughter, born to Amber Burgsma and Ed Campanella on Tuesday, March 27, at the Huronia District Hospital in Midland, weighing 6 lbs. 13 oz.

Brown

The "Brown" and "Lupo" families wish to announce the birth of "Silas William Brown", born to Adria Lupo & Shawn Brown on Wednesday, March 28, at 7 pm. Baby Silas weighed 9 lbs. 1 oz.

Babies, parents, and grandparents are all doing fine! Congratulations!

PRAYER & PRAISE UPDATES

Thank you for praying for **Wilf Sharpe** and **Gloria Fox**, who both have recovered from C-Diff, and other complications, and are currently at home. Please continue to pray for strength and complete healing.

Harold Hogeboom, who was in the Royal Victoria Hospital for over a month, has now been relocated to the Creedan Valley Nursing Home (Leisureworld) in Creemore. This is a temporary arrangement until a nursing home becomes available in the Barrie area. For those who would like to send Harold a card of encouragement, the address is: Creedan Valley Nursing Home, 143 Mary Street, Creemore, Ontario, L0M 1G0. Pastor & Beulah Courtney extend thanks to all who visited Harold in the hospital and to so many who faithfully prayed for him.

Thanks also for praying for **Leonard Leon**, brother of Bryan Leon of our church family. Leonard is now out of the critical care unit, but remains in hospital and still needs prayer.

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BG CLUB

The Boys & Girls Club will soon be winding down for another season. Bonnie Pereira has been doing a great job coordinating this program and working with so many other wonderful volunteers. What a joy it is to see so many kids having fun as they are learning about Jesus.

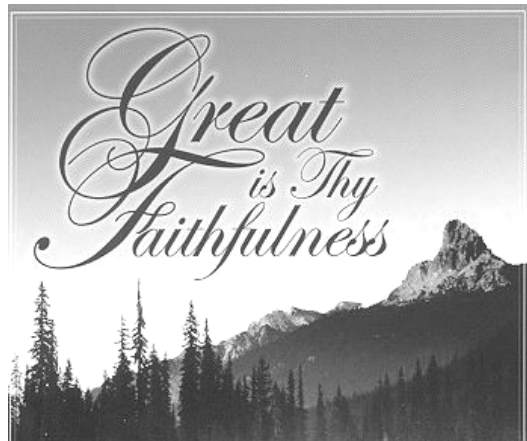
FURTHER EXPANSION UPDATE

The process of getting approval of our site plan continues to take us in circles. The good news is that we likely will be able to use the fire hydrant at the front of our property as opposed to installing our own reservoir. This has not yet been confirmed, but is looking hopeful.

The County continues to press us to install a turning lane adjacent to our property. This road widening, though scheduled by the County for a future time, will be required for site plan approval and will add significant cost for us. Our traffic study that was commissioned did not indicate that road widening would be necessary given the traffic flow of the church.

We continue to negotiate a mutual drainage agreement with our neighbor.

We have asked our architect to submit plans for a building permit simultaneously. Please pray for these areas of concern.



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EASTER

Palm Sunday—April 1



Mark 11:8-9—"Great crowds of people thronged the streets, waving palm branches to welcome Him. Those that followed

him shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David, Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest."

On Palm Sunday Pastor June White preached a sermon entitled "The Triumphant Entry". At the conclusion of the service 13 people came forward in response to her call for salvation.

Good Friday—April 6

A communion service was held on Good Friday, in remembrance of the cross of Jesus Christ, His broken body and the blood that He shed for the sins of the world. Special Easter songs sung by Suzanne Burgsma, Sheri McLaughlin, Pastor Rob & Caroline Sharpe, and Christine Ross reflected on the crucifixion of Christ and His redemptive love.

Easter Sunday—April 8—AM

There was a capacity attendance at ICC on Easter Sunday morning in celebration of the empty tomb and the good news that "Jesus is Alive!" The victory songs "Up From The Grave He Arose" and "He Lives" resounded through the church in triumphant praise. As well, special music numbers were presented by Caroline Sharpe, Greg Reaney, Suzanne Burgsma, Sheri McLaughlin, and Christine Ross. Following worship, Pastor Courtney spoke on "Communion—A Step of Obedience", which led into the sharing of communion together.

Events/Activities

EASTER SUNDAY—(cont'd)

Evening Service—April 8

The evening service was led by Pastor Kris and several of the Ground Zero youth band. After a time of worship and praise, Pastor Kris shared some thoughts on living a Christian life in today's society. He used examples from the Old Testament; how Noah lived his life, being ridiculed, but yet true to God and obedient to His Word.

THE GATE

For the month of April, "The GATE" kids have been learning about Jesus in the new testament books of Matthew, Mark, Luke & John. The GATE junior highs meet every Wednesday evening at ICC at 7 pm.

GROUND ZERO

Pastor Kris has been the primary speaker for the youth group during the month of April. On Friday, March 31, Ground Zero held a spaghetti dinner and raised approximately \$1000. They also held a car wash in the church parking lot on Saturday, April 21. All funds raised will be used to subsidize some of the cost of sending a number of our youth to the Kitchener-Waterloo Youth Convention in May. To all those who showed your support by attending the dinner, by your donations, and by your prayerful support, Ground Zero says "THANK YOU!"

PRIMETIMERS

On Tuesday, April 10, the Primetimers held a Pot Blessing Luncheon in the gymnasium, with approximately 50 in attendance. Their special guest for the afternoon was Mr. Richard Hayward, who shared about his recent missions trip to the Philippines. Of course the event would not have been complete without a time of wonderful food and fellowship afterwards. Next month will be the "Seniors Idol" event. Pastor June & John White and their executive do a great job in planning the Primetimers' activities.

Events/Activities (cont'd)

MEN'S MINISTRIES

Now that the ice hockey is finished for another year, Men's Ministries Coordinator, Brad Young, is endeavoring to form an ICC co-ed baseball league, as well as Saturday night volleyball. This is in addition to the current men's baseball team that has already been established. There is even an opportunity to win a free jersey in the "Name Your Team" contest! More Men's Ministries events are underway.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

This is a newly-formed Bible Study and Fellowship Hour, facilitated by Jessica Pereira. Its primary purpose is to bring ladies of all ages together for a time of fellowship, support, encouragement, and biblical teaching that can be applied for daily living. They meet in the Fireside Lounge of ICC and begin with coffee and sharing at 9 am, followed by Bible Study at 9:30 am. All ladies are welcome. Babysitting is provided.

WOMEN'S CONNECTION

A number of ladies from ICC attended the Women's Ministries Spring Retreat in Niagara Falls the weekend of April 13-15, with guest speakers Gaetane Marshall and Marie Miller. There was very positive feedback from the group as they shared about the ministry that took place there.

Several of the executive have been busy planning the next event, the theme being: "Here Comes The Bride" - not your normal fashion show! The event will take place on Tuesday, May 15, at Innisfil Community Church, beginning at 6:50 pm.

SERMON THEME FOR APRIL

During the month of April, Pastor Courtney has been teaching on the theme "A Step of Obedience" - in Communion, in Tithing, in Witnessing, and in Water Baptism (concluding with a Water Baptism service the end of the month.

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"REUNION" DESSERT CONCERT

We were, once again, delighted at the response to another one of our Dessert Concerts, this time with the Gospel Quartet "Reunion". The concert was held at Innisfil Community Church on Sunday evening, April 15, with over 265 in attendance. This has proven to be a great outreach tool that allows us to present the gospel in a non-threatening environment, particularly to those within our community who do not regularly attend church. Following Reunion's venue of old and new songs, Pastor Courtney gave an invitation for salvation. At the conclusion of the evening, it was noted that 30 people had signed a card indicating their desire to accept Christ. We are so thankful to our volunteers who faithfully serve in so many areas to make these dessert concerts possible. Already people have signed up for the upcoming June 24 concert with Harpist Eduard Klassen.

VBS PLANNING

VBS (Vacation Bible School) is already in the planning stages for another year. Can you believe it? My, how times flies! This year's program will take on a western twist, with the theme "Avalanche Ranch", and will be under the leadership of Carol Justice and her crew of volunteers.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT COUPLES NIGHT OUT!



Due to interest, another Marriage Enrichment class has begun. This is a free six week course featuring Dr. Gary Smalley's classic relationship video series. Pastor Courtney is facilitating the class which takes place on Thursday nights in the Fireside Lounge.

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

Innisfil Community Church hosted another Blood Donor Clinic on Thursday, April 19, with 69 donors giving the gift of life.