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BABY DEDICATION

On Saturday, July 28, Pastor Courtney had the privilege of dedicating to the Lord "Christian Roger McKenzie", son of Keith and Elaine McKenzie from the Alcona community. Approximately 25 family members and friends, including those visiting from England, met in the sanctuary at 11 am to witness and celebrate Christian's dedication. Congratulations!

HOMEGOING!

Harold Hogeboom

On Friday, July 27, at Leisureworld Nursing Home in Creemore, Harold Hogeboom, in his 87th year, went home to be with the Lord. Harold's health had been failing for some time and just three weeks prior to his passing he was diagnosed with lung cancer. Pastor Courtney conducted the funeral service, which was held at Innisfil Community Church on Monday, July 30. Harold's grandson, Caleb (and wife, Stephanie), sang one of grandpa's favorite songs, "I Come To The Garden". His other grandson, Gideon, presented a moving tribute of his memories with grandpa. Marion Boone sang a solo entitled "Made Me Glad", a song that speaks about God being a very present help in time of need. Harold, father-in-law of Pastor Courtney (Beulah) and grandfather of Caleb (Stephanie) and Gideon, was predeceased by his wife Evelyn in 2002 and his daughter Carol in 1998. The committal service took place in Brantford on Tuesday, July 31, where Harold was buried alongside his wife, Evelyn.

*On behalf of OUR family and the Hogeboom families, we wish to express our sincere thanks for all the love and support shown to us during this time. We especially say thank you to the ladies of Innisfil Community Church for providing a lovely luncheon and refreshments following the service.
Pastor, Beulah, Caleb, Stephanie, & Gideon Courtney*

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ANOTHER HOMEGOING!

Ron Rolls

We regret to announce the passing of Ron Rolls, on August 8. Ron and his wife, Mandy, were former members of ICC and served God faithfully.

Please pray for the Courtney/Hogeboom and Rolls families during this time.

*Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.
II Corinthians 1:3-4*

SENIORS ANNUAL TRIP

Two full bus loads left the ICC parking lot on Monday, August 13, for the annual week's trip to the Salvation Army Camp, Ladore, Pennsylvania, and returned on August 20. Gil & Delores Weston have been organizing this event for 15 years, and it is always such an exciting adventure for those who attend. The seniors make no hesitation in immediately signing up for next year's trip!



A BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER

Yes, it's that time again when the kids will soon be heading off to school for another year. My, how time flies! Here's one mother's prayer for her children:

Lord, please help me to know Your will for this school year. Please guide me as subjects are planned and goals are set. Lord, please use me to instill Your Word in my children's hearts. You love my children even more than I do, Lord; please direct me in their education. I need your wisdom and wish to walk in your counsel. Lord, help my words to be a blessing to those who hear them. Please let no polluting language, evil word, nor unwholesome or worthless talk ever come out of my mouth or the mouths of my children. Help me to direct my children's lives for another school year." Amen.



NEWSLETTER AUGUST, 2007



VBS "A Wild Ride Through God's Word!"

August 6-10 and August 13-17

August is Vacation Bible School month, at least at Innisfil Community Church, and this year was no exception! Avalanche Ranch (ICC) was overflowing with fun! Approximately 275 kids were registered for the program, along with about 50 amazing leaders and volunteers. Coordinated by Carol Justice, and supported by Karen French and their teams, VBS was an exciting celebration of Jesus' love. It was filled with Bible adventures (Caroline Sharpe/Pam Running); unforgettable songs (Bonnie Pereira); memory-making crafts (Donato & Liliana Lupo/Wendy Woolhead); games (DJ Lupo); and refreshments (Heather Middlebrook/Sheri McLaughlin). On the first day of each week, the children were given a CD of all the songs. At the end of the week they were treated with freezies, compliments of Life 100.3 Christian Radio Station. At ICC, VBS is always an adventure!

VBS Reunion/BBQ—August 19

As in previous years, the morning service featured the VBS-ers on stage, as they acted out their songs in front of their parents and a full audience. As well, recognition gifts were presented to "VBS-ers of the Week", as selected by their leaders. Following the service, everyone was invited to stay for a BBQ and a time of mingling and enjoying fellowship together.

Events/Activities

THE GATE

Due to the busyness of VBS, GATE was cancelled for a couple of weeks; but, the JH's anticipate an all-nighter event—coming up in September—an entire night of competitions, with \$100 and “GATE BUCKS” up for grabs.

GROUND ZERO

This month the senior highs held another Outreach at Innisfil Beach Park. As well, on August 10, they enjoyed a skating event at the National Training Rinks in Barrie. Ground Zero wrapped up the summer with a Q&A time and the best music and worship!

THE TRUTH PROJECT

Only a few more sessions left in the 12 week Truth Project course with facilitator, John Heeringa. The feedback has been very positive. Following the course the regular Wednesday Night Bible Study will resume.

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

Innisfil Community Church had the privilege of being the host facility for another Blood Donor Clinic, which was held in the gym on Thursday, August 16.

MINISTRY TO SENIORS

The “gospel hour” at Innisfil Beach Gardens has continued over the summer and takes place every Thursday at 2:30 pm. Pastor & Beulah Courtney, Sheri McLaughlin, Craig & Sandy Barnes, and Pastor Kris Reid are the regular participants but from time to time others take part. The seniors look forward to this time of singing, Bible reading, a brief message, and interactive discussion.

Next month the service at LeisureWorld Nursing Home in Barrie will resume, under the leadership of Pastor Gerry French. We are so thankful to all the faithful volunteers who help bring cheer to those who are shut in and unable to attend regular church services.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

We ask you to join us in prayer for the following specific prayer needs.

Owen Dixon	Owen suffered a stroke and has paralysis to the whole left side of his body. He is currently in Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie.
Dennis Fehr	Dennis has frequent symptoms of chest pain, liver pain, dizziness etc. and is undergoing more tests.
Sandy Barnes	Health setbacks following vehicle accident. Undergoing tests.
Jimmy Brown	(Brother of Bill Brown). Jimmy is recovering from a heart attack and angioplasty surgery.
Chrisantie Karanfilis	Pneumonia and other health complications.
Jeff (Brenda Clair's brother)	Jeff has had many ups and downs in his battle with cancer. Surgery is scheduled to attempt to remove the obstruction.
Carol Kitcher	Diagnosed with cancer.
Vivian Burt	Mother of Terry (Denise) Burt. Vivian is in critical condition. She has been taken off life support, but is very weak.

HONORING ANOTHER SERVANT!

In keeping with the theme of “The Towel and Basin” message, another “servant” was honored at Innisfil Community Church on Sunday, August 12. Doug Hopkins has been a very faithful, dedicated member of ICC and its ministry for about 28 years. He has a servant's heart and, wherever he is needed—in music, bus ministry, etc., he willingly gives of his time and talents. Pastor Courtney publicly honored Doug and presented him with a “Towel & Basin”, representing the servanthood of Christ and Doug's many years of service to “Him” and to ICC. Thank you, Doug!

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OFF TO THE MISSION FIELD!

Pastor June and John White will be leaving on September 12, 2007, for Kitwe, Zambia (Africa) to assist other missionaries (John & Ruth Kerr) for a minimum of 3 months, and possibly extending longer. Their expenses will be approximately \$10,000. A commissioning for the Whites will take place on Anniversary Sunday, September 9th. At that time a special offering will be received to assist them with their costs.

HEAVEN'S REHEARSAL—SEPT. 15

As mentioned in last month's Newsletter, ICC has reserved a coach for this event and it will be leaving the church parking lot at 4:30 pm. The cost is \$39, which includes the admission ticket at the Air Canada Center and the return coach ride. There are a limited number of seats available and these can be reserved by calling the church office at 436-1611.

COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER

We have a full schedule of programs and events beginning in September. In addition to our regular programs: Men's Ministries, Women's Connection, Primetimers, BG's, The GATE, Ground Zero, Bible Study, and Friday Morning Prayer, there are other ministry sessions taking place.

Ladies Bible Study & Fellowship—Beginning Thursday, September 6, at 9 am at the church.

Boundaries Course—Begins September 20 for 8 weeks in homes.

BETA—Tuesdays at 1 pm, beginning on September 11 at the church.

Marriage Enrichment—A 6-week course beginning on Tuesday, September 11, at 7 pm at the church.

Real Dads—Local support for fathers, beginning September 20 for 5 weeks.

The above sessions are offered free of charge. For more information, please contact the church office at 436-1611.