

## Other News

### **DEEPEST SYMPATHY**

We regret to announce the passing of Gerrit VanAmerongen on Saturday, February 10, in his 86th year. Pastor Courtney conducted the funeral service at Innisfil Community Church on Thursday, February 15. Gerrit and his wife, Diny, attended ICC for many years. As a surprise tribute, a recording of Diny singing "I Am Going To A City" was played during the service. The song was recorded in the church almost 20 years ago while Diny participated in our annual music review. Another of Diny's favorite hymns, "Does Jesus Care" was sung by Marion Boone. Following the service and burial, the ladies of the church provided a reception for the family and friends in the Fireside Lounge. Please pray for God's comfort for Diny and all the family members during this time of loss.

### **OTHER PRAYER NEEDS**

<b>Ted McDonald,</b> Angela Belbin's father	Diagnosed with cancer
<b>Sam,</b> Beth Skabernicky's father	In hospital, specialized care
<b>Ken,</b> Sharon Swenor's dad	Recovering from gall bladder surgery
<b>Dorian Elgas,</b> Sherry Elgas's son	Diagnosed with Stage 1 diabetes
<b>Wilf Sharpe</b>	In RVH, still experiencing weakness in body.
<b>Diny VanAmerongen</b>	Comfort in the loss of her husband, Gerrit

### **LOVE ONE ANOTHER!**

A new commandment I give unto you; that ye love one another, as I have loved you. John 13:34. Because of this provision of love, we are expected to reflect the same kind of love and care for others by the way we treat them. God's love is perfect and constant. We are responsible to treat one another with love. Matthew 5:44-45

## Other News

### **ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

The Annual Business Meeting was held on Thursday, February 22 at 7 pm and was chaired by Pastor Courtney. Following the preliminary business, Jolanda Galashan took the Chair to allow Pastor Courtney to present the various departmental reports. As he walked through each of the reports, he praised the leaders and volunteers involved in these departments and thanked them for their faithful commitment to the programs and activities of the church. He then proceeded to the election of Board Members. While the voting was in process, Pastor Courtney presented the financial reports and opened the floor for questions and discussion. Two Board Members were elected to serve for a full three year term. They are: John Koning (newly elected), and John White (previously served). Congratulations! John K. and John W. are joining with the current Board Members: Jolanda Galashan, John Heeringa, Ron Emmons, and Gerry French. Dale Clair has served 6 consecutive years on the board and was not eligible for re-election. Pastor Courtney publicly thanked Dale for his tremendous dedication and contribution to the Board over the past 6 years. He also thanked the following nominees who allowed their names to stand as candidates: David Powers, Gerry Knapp, Gayle Peck, Brad Young, Carol Justice, Aaron Tardiff, and Donna Seaton. May God continue to guide us as we serve Him with all diligence and press on to see His Kingdom move forward in the days ahead.

### **BUILDING EXPANSION UPDATE**

In recent weeks we have met with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and municipal departments to endeavor to overcome our last few hurdles prior to beginning our construction. We are looking forward, with optimism, to moving beyond the current roadblocks. Thank you for your continued financial and prayerful support.



## **NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY, 2007**

### **BE MY VALENTINE!**

We all want to hear that phrase; it's an expression of affection. It simply means "you are loved." Well, guess what? God loves you! The love that God gives us is not like the world's love. The world's love is as sturdy as the paper that most Valentine cards are made of.



God's love is the real thing. It is an all-giving love. He gave everything, including His Son, to show how much He loves us, and, remember: "GOD IS LOVE!" (1 John 4:16)

### **MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**

On Tuesday, February 13, at 7:30 am, Innisfil held its sixth annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast. The breakfast was attended by various clergy members from the town, as well as Mayor Brian Jackson and members of council, members of the South Simcoe Police, Innisfil Fire and Rescue, and various residents from the community. Approximately 115 were served a delicious breakfast, prepared by Colin's Catering. Rev. Rob Mitchell, St. Peter's Anglican Church in Churchill, was the Emcee for the event, and one of his parishioners, Mandy Korevaar, was the featured soloist. Following the breakfast, facilitators at each table led in discussion and prayer. It was great to bring together those who play an active leadership role in the Innisfil community and ask God's guidance in carrying out their duties and responsibilities. The Innisfil Mayor's Prayer Breakfast began on February 6, 2002, following the U.S. Twin Towers attack.

## Events/Activities

### THE GATE

The topics for the month of February included "Compromise, Love Your Neighbor, and Forgiveness". As well, the junior highs enjoyed the regular gym time and Valentines Night.

### GROUND ZERO

The highlight for February was the Youth Rally, held at ICC on February 9 with approximately 118 in attendance. Youth from Alliston, Tottenham, Bradford, and Wasaga joined our senior highs for a great evening of worship and fellowship. Rev. Shane Fitch of Bradford Community Church was the speaker for the event and spoke a challenging message on "Gideon's Army". Prior to each event the Ground Zero youth meet in the Fireside Lounge for prayer.

### PRIMETIMERS

On Thursday, February 15, thirteen of our Primetimers joined with a full crowd at Emmanuel Baptist Church. There they enjoyed a delicious buffet luncheon, sang songs, and watched a video of a missions trip to China, with spokesman, Keith Johnston. Thanks to Bob & Gayle Peck and Sid & Ann DeJong for organizing this event.

### WOMEN'S CONNECTION

On Tuesday, February 22, the ladies met together in the Fireside Lounge at ICC for an evening of sharing and laughter. The special guest speaker was Sherry Sparkman from Orangeville. Sherry spoke on the importance of having a merry heart and living in the joy of the Lord, sometimes even in the midst of adverse circumstances. Several of the scriptures she shared were: "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine" (Prov. 17:22) and "then was our mouth filled with laughter" (Psalm 26:2). It was wonderful to see so many new faces, as approximately 10 ladies were first time visitors to Women's Connection. Each of these ladies received an ICC cookbook as a welcome gift.

## Events/Activities (cont'd)

### MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT COURSE

The second marriage enrichment course, featuring Dr. Gary Smalley's Classic Relationship Series #2 has just been completed. The classes ran for 6 weeks and were facilitated by John Koning. These video teachings were well received and many look forward to the next series, which will be scheduled in the near future.

### FRIDAY MORNING PRAYER



Under the leadership of Pastor Gerry French, the Friday morning prayer group meet from 9:30 am to 11:00 am every week in the Fireside Lounge. This is a very vital time when needs within and outside of the church are presented to the Lord. Many wonderful miracles have taken place as a result of prayer and we are so thankful to those who faithfully and diligently pray and intervene for others. This prayer time is open to anyone who is available and would like to join those who already come. If you have a prayer request, you can call the church (436-1611) and the prayer group will count it a privilege to pray on your behalf.

### OTHER WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

- Adult Bible Study (with Pastor Courtney) is continuing in the book of St. John's Gospel.
- Precept Bible Study (with Jessica Pereira) is doing a study on the book of Romans.
- The BETA class (with Sheri McLaughlin) is approximately half-way through their course.
- BG's (with Bonnie Pereira) meet every Wednesday night with a group of energetic kids.
- Primetimers meet for Shuffleboard and Carpet Bowling on Mondays at 1 pm.
- The Co-dependency group meet in the Fireside Lounge on Monday evenings.
- Al-anon classes are held in the Blue Room on Mondays as well.
- The Brownies from Alcona meet in the Gym every Thursday night.
- ICC Men's Hockey, Lefroy Arena, Saturdays.
- Leisureworld Nursing Home service (Pastor Gerry French).
- Innisfil Beach Gardens service (Pastor Courtney).

## Other News

### BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

Innisfil Community Church hosted another Blood Donor Clinic on Thursday, February 15. We are pleased to be able to offer our gym for such a worthy cause.

### GOSPEL ELVIS DESSERT CONCERT

As this letter is written, we are preparing for our community outreach event for Sunday evening, February 25. As soon as the first media release was out the phones started ringing, and by the end January we were fully booked with a capacity crowd and a waiting list. We are anticipating a great evening of sharing the gospel in a non-threatening environment. We will provide an update in our next newsletter.

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



This year ICC will be the host church for the World Day of Prayer, which is being held on Friday, March 2, at 1 pm.

### USED CLOTHING

The used clothing donations have slowed down a bit and we now have space to accommodate more. Because of the generosity of those who donate, we are able to meet community needs as they arise and also use this operation as a means to help support our children's and youth programs....so, keep those items of clothing coming! Thank You!

### CHARITABLE RECEIPTS

The charitable receipts for the 2006 year end have been issued and mailed out. Thanks so much to Annette Langeveld, our Envelope Secretary, who capably cares for this very important function. If you have an inquiry about your giving, or have not received your receipt, please contact the office.

*Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure you give, it shall be measured to you again. Luke 6:38*