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WEDDING CONGRATS!

Congratulations to Richard James & Amy Collins on their marriage. Pastor Courtney performed the ceremony on Saturday, January 6, at Willowcreek Baptist Church in Midhurst. After the ceremony everyone was invited back to the "Collins" home for a luncheon, which was then followed by a lovely dessert reception in the Willowcreek Church Fellowship Hall. Richard & Amy began their honeymoon by spending a week at a resort in Cuba.

ENGAGEMENT

Congratulations to Adria Lupo and Sean Brown, who were engaged over the Christmas holidays. Adria and Sean are planning to be married in the fall.

NEW BABY

We are pleased to announce the safe arrival of Isabelle Jayde Bradley, new daughter of Steve & Jenny Bradley, and a new sister for Leah. Isabelle was born on December 28, weighing 8 lbs. 9 oz.

BUILDING EXPANSION UPDATE

On behalf of the church, Parker Architects have re-submitted our second updated site plan proposal. This is the church's response to the municipality's list of concerns with the proposed expansion plans. There are several outstanding items that must yet be negotiated. Among them remains (a) drainage issues, (b) waste water (septic issues), (c) road widening, and (d) fire protection (fire hydrant).

With the closing of Rejoice Christian Academy, demands for additional septic capacities may be reduced. Yet, we do not want to compromise the possibility of future activities by doing so. Please pray for God's favor as we deal with these concerns. It still appears that a spring start is within reach.

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BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

If you are able to give blood, we encourage you to come to the next Blood Donor Clinic to be held on Thursday, February 15, from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm. This is an opportunity to help save lives!

PRAYER NEEDS

Gerrit Vanamerongen—terminal cancer
Duclos Family—son, Jacob, involved in a serious car accident

Doris McCullen—friend of Joan Trench; breast cancer has re-occurred.

Wilf Sharpe—weak spells, out of hospital and recovering at home

Yvonne Avery—one of our shut-ins who has been struggling with respiratory and other health needs.

Milly McFarlane—another shut-in who lives alone and needs our prayers.



A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

God of yesterday, today and tomorrow. We praise You for Your greatness. Thank You for the year behind us and for the year ahead. Help us in this new year to fret less and laugh more; to teach our children to laugh by laughing with them; to teach others to love by loving them. Help us, Father, to hear Your love song in every sunrise, in the chirping of sparrows in our backyards, in the stories of our old folks, and the fantasies of our children. Help us to stop and listen to Your love songs, so that we may know You better and better. Thank you for another new year and for new chances every day. We pray for peace, for light, and for hope, that we might spread them to others. Forgive us for falling short this past year. We accept your gift of a new year and we rejoice in what's ahead, depending on You to help us to do exactly what You want.Anonymous



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NEW YEAR'S BLESSINGS!

As we begin a new year, we pray that hope, love and warmth will be in your heart and may the new year bring you and yours many blessings.

STARTING THE YEAR WITH PRAYER

The theme at Innisfil Community Church for this month was "Let's Call on Heaven in 2007!" Pastor Courtney presented the challenge to the church on the very first Sunday, January 7, beginning with "The Lord's Prayer". As we reflect on the promises of God, the benefits of God, and the everlasting faithfulness of God, it is with thankful hearts that we can come before Him. Through prayer we can commune with God and draw closer to Him. Continuing on with the theme, the other three sermons in the month of January focused on "The Names of God", "Giving God The Fingers", and "What's A Prayer Wheel?" The main emphasis was learning how to KNOW God, how to CALL on Him, how to THANK and HONOR Him, and to realize His POWER. When we are united in prayer, we see life-changing results. How good to know that God is available to us at all times and that He never changes!

As you "delight yourself in Him" in 2007, may He give you the desires of your heart.

Events/Activities

THE GATE

The GATE (Junior Highs) kicked off their first night in 2007 with games and fun. The January focus included such topics as "Peer Pressure, Temptation, and Thankfulness."

GROUND ZERO

Pastor Kris and the Senior Highs began their year with a "Fire-Up" prayer time each Friday night in the Fireside Lounge, prior to their regular service and activities. QUEST is also continuing for this year.

PRIMETIMERS

The Primetimers continue to meet every Monday for Shuffleboard and fellowship. On Tuesday, January 9, the seniors held a Soup & Sandwich luncheon. As a special focus, Don Newman shared his personal testimony. Following the delightful lunch, they all joined in playing games and sharing together.

MEN'S MINISTRIES & WOMEN'S CONNECTION

The event for January was a combined breakfast meeting with Men's Ministries and Women's Connection. A full hot breakfast, prepared and served by the men, was enjoyed by approximately 60 attendees. Music was provided by "The Fishermen". Brad & Charleen Young, a couple from our church family, were the guest speakers. They shared a very inspiring, personal story of how God took them from two completely different lifestyles and brought them together. Their testimony was honoring to God and His ongoing faithfulness.

BG'S

Bonnie Pereira has taken the leadership of the Boys & Girl's Club (BG's). Working alongside Bonnie are the other faithful teachers and helpers who continue to diligently volunteer their time and investment into the lives of children.

Events/Activities (cont'd)

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT COURSE



This is a free six week encounter, featuring Dr. Gary Smalley's classic relationship series (#2). Dr. Smalley is one of the country's best known authors and speakers on family relationships. Series #2 began on Thursday, January 11, in the Fireside Lounge, facilitated by John Koning.

BETA CLASSES

Beta began on Tuesday, January 9, with facilitator Sheri McLaughlin. The twelve week course teaches how to live free from fear, stress, anxiety, and the pain of past hurts and traumas. It allows individuals to find inner peace and discover the person God created them to be.

PRECEPT BIBLE STUDY

On Wednesday, January 17, Jessica Pereira began a Precept Bible Study on the book of Romans. This study will also run for twelve weeks.

ROUND TABLE LUNCHEON

On Sunday, January 21, all those who attended the morning service were invited to stay for a complimentary luncheon. The gym was set up round-table style and over 250 boxed lunches were prepared and ready for the taking. It was a good opportunity to meet those who are new in our congregation and enjoy fellowship together.

MINISTERIAL MEETING

ICC hosted the Huronia Sectional Ministerial Meeting held on Tuesday, January 16, with approximately 20 ministers in attendance. Rev. Craig Pitts, from Mapleview Community Church, led in old time gospel songs and shared a devotional. Following the meeting the guests were invited to stay and enjoy a luncheon that had been prepared for them.

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REJOICE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY ANNOUNCEMENT

Under the leadership of Bob & Jolanda Galashan, Rejoice Christian Academy has been operating out of Innisfil Community Church since September, 1992. They feel that their time in this ministry has come to a close. After much joy and great pleasure in ministering to over 300 students, the Galashans will close the school in June of this year (2007).

OTHER FACILITY USE

While our regular programs continue to run every week, there are other events and activities that make use of our church facility. Those include Al-anon, Conquering Co-dependency, Tim Horton's, Brownies, and Ball Hockey. It is a privilege to serve the community in this way.

MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST



If you haven't already heard....the Innisfil Mayor's Prayer Breakfast will be held on Tuesday, February 13, at the Stroud Banquet Hall. The event begins at 7:30 am and will wrap up at 8:45 am to allow attendees to get to work on time.

Tickets are \$10 each. Please call the church office at 436-1611.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Innisfil Community Church has a heart to strengthen and nurture the saints, but also to reach the community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. A number of special events have been planned throughout the year, including four dessert concerts and several complimentary luncheons. This is a means of bringing our church family and community together. Our monthly calendars will show the events and dates. Please stay tuned.