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DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Isabel (Owen) Musewe on the recent deaths of three family members. Isabel's uncle recently passed away, as well as her brother Simba, suddenly in Botswana at the age of 37. Two weeks later Isabel received the news of the passing of her dad, Lovemore Mangdre, in Zimbabwe. Please pray for strength and God's comfort for the families during this very difficult time.

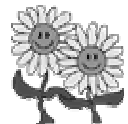
GRADUATION CONGRATS!



Congratulations to Kelly Myers on receiving her ministerial diploma on Sunday, April 29. Kelly graduated from World Impact Bible Institute, a non-denominational accredited Bible School based in St. Catharines, Ontario, founded by Peter Youngren Ministries. Kelly is the daughter of Dan & Marlene Myers. Good job, Kelly!

ENGAGED!

We are pleased to announce the recent engagement of Grant Andrade (former Mayor of Innisfil) and Verna Trigg. We welcome Grant and Verna as part of our church family. Their wedding will take place at Innisfil Community Church this coming September.



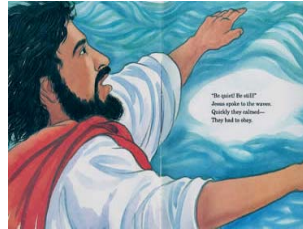
COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM!

Congratulations to Pastor Courtney on winning the "Golden Trowel Award" at Innisfil's Communities in Bloom Gala, held on Thursday, April 26, at the Stroud Arena. The coordinators of the Gala selected Pastor Courtney as one of the "Celebrity Gardeners", competing alongside Mayor Jackson, Patsy Jackson, two Councilors and a Hydro Representative. At the conclusion of the 5 minute challenge, he was deemed the winner. This was a great opportunity to be a representative of, and join with, the community. All proceeds raised at the Gala were in support of the new Innisfil Recreation Center.

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CLOSET CLEAN-UP TIME

The clothing drop-off at our portables has slowed down. This is the time for spring closet clean-up. We thank you for your donations in the past and invite you to kindly drop off any used clothing you may have in support of both the needs of the community and our children's programs.



THE MASTER OF THE STORM

When the storm clouds roll
And the waves are high
There is one who can calm the sea
He's the Master of the Storm
He will bring the sweetest calm
The Master of the Storm is He

He's the Master of the Storm
He's the Master of the Storm
He speaks and the winds obey
He's the Master of the Storm
He's the Master of the Storm
Let Him calm your heart today

Cast your worries and your fears
Cast your burdens and your cares
Only then you will surely know
He will bring you inner peace
Command the winds and waves to cease
Let the Master of the Storm take control

When your ship is tossed about
And the way seems dark
Have no fear, just call Him Lord
The sun will shine once more
He'll take you safely to the shore
For the Master of the Storm's on board

written by Beulah Courtney—1991



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"SPRING INTO OBEDIENCE" In Water Baptism

Sunday, April 29

The final sermon in the series "Spring Into Obedience" focused on Water Baptism (Acts 2:38) and following the example of Jesus. Water baptism for the Christian symbolizes and appropriates our death, burial and resurrection with Christ. It means identification with Christ. "Therefore we were buried with him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." (Romans 6:4).

In the evening celebration service, nine candidates took the step of obedience and were baptized in water.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

 Mother's Day is a day set aside to honor moms for their many sacrifices, unending support and love. On Sunday, May 13, Pastor Courtney presented an interactive Mother's Day sermon. This allowed the congregation opportunity to reflect on moms that have left a positive influence in their lives. Others shared some of the joyful (and painful) experiences of being a mother. My son, (daughter), do not forsake your mother's teaching." (Prov 1:8). Having a godly mom is one of the best gifts a child could have.

Events/Activities

THE GATE

Thanks to Nadine Bilawski, Jessica Richmond and the rest of The GATE leaders for "leading" the junior highs on May 2 while Pastor Kris attended the PAOC Conference. The rest of the month The GATE kids enjoyed games, worship and Bible Study as well as learning to play their favorite worship songs.

GROUND ZERO

QUEST was held on May 6 in the sanctuary. The highlight of the month was the "Overflow" Youth Convention held in Waterloo May 18-20. Pastor Kris, along with 17 of our youth and 3 adult sponsors, attended the convention.

MEN'S MINISTRIES

ICC Men's Ministries welcomed the men of New Life Baptist Church to a joint breakfast meeting held in the Fellowship Hall of Innisfil Community Church on Saturday, May 26. The guest speaker for the morning was David Powers.

WOMEN'S CONNECTION

"Here Comes The Bride". This special event, held at ICC on Tuesday, May 15, was an evening that went back in time to a place of Victorian Elegance and forward to Modern Day Charm. The sanctuary was beautifully decorated and there were many vintage wedding pictures and various items, such as boots, eyeglasses, parasol, Bible etc., on display in the foyer. Fourteen brides walked down the aisle, presenting bridal gowns ranging from the year 2000 back to the year 1898. Music was provided by Bonnie Pereira & Caroline Sharpe. Four of the original brides wore their own dresses and ten were worn by selected wedding models. Following the recessional, a lovely "Victorian Tea" reception was enjoyed by all the guests.



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WOMEN'S CONNECTION (cont'd)

This was not just a fashion show, but was presented in parallel to the Bride of Christ. *"Let us be glad and rejoice and honor Him. For the time has come for the wedding feast of the Lamb, and His bride has prepared herself."* (Rev. 19:7).

Thank you so much to Sharon Emmons and Lissa Richter who spent many hours organizing the event and did so with excellence in honor to the King!

PRIMETIMERS

The Seniors Idol planned for May was postponed. However, the Primetimers are looking forward to a "Strawberry Fest" which will be planned as soon as strawberries are in season.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Jessica Pereira continues to lead the Thursday morning Fellowship and Bible Study hour. This class has more than doubled since it began. They are doing a study on the book "Lies Women Believe, and the Truth That Sets Them Free" by author Nancy Leigh deMoss. As the ladies share together, they are enjoying each other's support through laughter and tears.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

The 6-week course with Dr. Smalley's relationship video series has just concluded. Again, the feedback was very positive. The next series will be offered in the near future.

PENTECOST SUNDAY—MAY 27

"On the day of Pentecost a violent wind filled the upper room, tongues of fire came to rest on each of them and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:1-4).



As in many Christian churches, ICC celebrated Pentecost Sunday, recognizing the gift of the Holy Spirit. This gift of the Holy Spirit that was promised and given to all on the first

Pentecost is also promised for you and your children. (Acts 2:39). Following the morning service, everyone was invited to stay for a complimentary luncheon and fellowship time in the gym.

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CONFERENCE NEWS

At the PAOC (Western Ontario District) Conference held in Niagara Falls in May, we are pleased to announce that Pastor Kris was approved for credential ordination. The ordination service will take place on September 29th. As well, Pastor Courtney was re-elected to the District Executive for another two year term. Congratulations!

SHARING THE PULPIT

From May 6 to May 12 Pastor & Beulah spent a week away for some R&R. On Sunday, May 6, Pastor Ron Emmons kindly filled in and preached in both the morning and evening services. In the morning he spoke on "Living in the Divine Moment" and his evening message was on "The Covenant". Thanks, Pastor Ron!

RCA HONORS GALASHANS



As reported in a previous newsletter, Rejoice Christian Academy will be closing the end of this school year (June). On May 19, the staff, students, families and friends hosted an Appreciation Night for Bob &

Jolanda Galashan, honoring them for 19 years of "missions heart" service to RCA. The evening was emceed by Pam Running, and was very well attended by former and current students and their families. It was a night of reflection as students sang the "THANK YOU" song and shared tributes relating to Mr. & Mrs. G's immense contribution to them and to the school. The Galashans' four children: Kyle (flown in from Edmonton as a surprise), Ryan, Stephanie and Ben were also present and presented personal reflections and thanks to their parents. "THANK YOU" Bob & Jolanda!

SNOWBIRDS HOME!

We are pleased to have our Snowbirds back from the sunny south. About a dozen of our seniors head to Florida for 4 or 5 months each year, avoiding the cold, blustery winters. We welcome them back to worship with us.