

Other News

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reed

Sincere sympathy is extended to Beth Skabernicky on the passing of her dad, Samuel Reed, on Wednesday, October 3, in his 97th year. Pastor & Beulah Courtney and Gerry & Margaret French attended the funeral service, which was held at Calvary Pentecostal Church in Peterborough the following Friday.

Emberley

We regret to announce the passing of Randolph Milligan Emberley, father of Rod (Sue) Emberley. The late Mr. Emberley passed away suddenly on Sunday, October 7, in his 91st year. The funeral was held at the United Church of Canada, Grand Bank, Newfoundland, on October 10.

We rejoice that both Mr. Reed and Mr. Emberley served God faithfully and they are now in His presence. "Absent from the body, present with the Lord." (2 Corinthians 5:8).

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Ledrew

Corey & Liz Ledrew are pleased to announce the arrival of their daughter, Evelyn Pearl Joelle, born on Wednesday, October 3, weighing 7 lbs. 6 oz., a new sister for Grace and Nathaniel.

Next month Corey & Liz and their family will be moving out West where Corey will be pursuing employment. We have appreciated the ministry of the Ledrews as they have served ICC well, particularly in the areas of Super-church and The BG Club, and we pray God's blessings upon them in this new transition.

ICC HOCKEY



Yes, it's that time again! Hockey season has begun and the Innisfil Community Church hockey players are on the ice! The first game was played on Saturday, October 20, at the LeFroy Arena. The new Innisfil Recreation Center will become home ice for the players once the arena is ready.

REMEMBERING TO PRAY!

PRAYER NEEDS

As you receive this newsletter, we ask you to join with us in prayer for the following needs:

Mike, brother-in-law of Karen Boylan. Diagnosed with a brain tumor.

Pastor Ray Running—recovering from triple by-pass heart surgery.

Dennis Fehr—diagnosed with liver cancer and scheduled for surgery November 7.

Owen Dixon—in rehab in Toronto, recovering from stroke and paralysis.

Mary Brown—recovering from carpal tunnel surgery

Jeff—ongoing battle with cancer

Rhoda Wood—broken hip

Manuel Felix—ongoing medical problems

Pastor John & June White—provision & protection while in Africa

Elizabeth Koning—protection and provision during her missions travels



LIFE ON THE MISSION FIELD

Update from Pastor June & John White

It's hard to believe that it's been over a month already since Pastor June & John left for Kitwe, Zambia. They have been keeping us posted via e-mail. Shortly after arrival, their video camera and brand new digital camera were stolen from their vehicle. Also, to quote Pastor June, *"we have been overrun by snakes. Two have been killed outside our door. We are kept busy and loving it."* John supervises four construction projects that are on the go and June teaches, counsels, teaches sewing, fills in at a clinic and much more. They are very thankful for our prayers and request that we continue to pray for them while they are on the mission field in Africa.



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HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving Day is a time to gather with family and friends to give thanks for the many blessings we enjoy. However, to many people, its meaning is lost. It has become simply another day for huge meals, dinner parties, get-togethers or reunions. What does Thanksgiving really mean to us? The originators of this day focused upon giving thanks for an abundant harvest, sorely needed for survival. Its purpose was centered on giving thanks to the Creator We can, and should, give thanks to God EVERY day! Our thanksgiving must be spontaneous and from the heart, rather than an expression of routine formality. Be sure to take time to truly thank God in prayer and thought for the many wonderful blessings we enjoy in this nation. Psalms 116:17 says, "I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord."

Thanksgiving & Communion Service

On Thanksgiving Sunday morning Pastor Courtney invited the congregation to publicly share some of the things they were thankful for. This was in line with his sermon in which he outlined the many scriptures pertaining to "giving thanks" with grateful hearts. The service concluded with Communion, remembering the ultimate sacrifice—Jesus Christ. The theme continued into the evening service, again focusing on how and why we give thanks to the "God of the Harvest." King David wrote in the Psalms, "O give thanks unto the Lord, for His is good and His mercy endures forever."

Events/Activities

WILD WEDNESDAYS AT ICC!

If you drop in at Innisfil Community Church on Wednesday nights you will see a lot of kids and a lot of action!

The **BG Club** meet in the sanctuary with approximately 75 active kids, ranging in age from 5-10 years! Bonnie Pereira (and her team) are doing a tremendous job of teaching these children "it's fun to serve God!"

The **GATE**, under the leadership of Pastor Kris Reid, meet in the Gym. These junior highs are from ages 11-13 and are learning how to use their energy for God!

Adult Bible Study, with Pastor Courtney, is held in the Fireside Lounge, with an age range from 25 to 90! This month the group enjoyed a powerful video series with Dr. Tony Evans, called "The Battle is the Lords".

Youth Bible Study. Pastor Kris leads this study, which is held every Wednesday, beginning at 8:45 pm in the Fireside Lounge.

As this letter is being written, all these groups plan to come together for a "**Hallelujah Party**" on Wednesday, October 31. This Carnival-style evening promises to be a wonderful outreach as families from both church and community are invited to join in the fun.

GROUND ZERO (Youth)

The Youth have changed the style of their Friday nights and have moved from the upstairs youth room to a "cool" set-up in the gym, with their own band and music. They enjoy a variety of activities each week, especially, hanging out together.

MEN'S MINISTRIES

The Men's Night Out was held on October 1. In group settings, the men shared on "Trusting God" in their everyday life. These times of fellowship amongst the men have proven to be very supportive and productive. Also, Men's Ministries (Brad Young) hosted a Family Movie Night on Friday, October 19, at the church. The inspirational movie "Facing the Giants" is an incredible story of hope.

Events/Activities (cont'd)

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

No regular meeting was held in October but, instead, the ladies were encouraged to attend the Huronia Sectional Fall Retreat which was held in Orillia the weekend of October 12-13.

PRIMETIMERS

The seniors held a pot blessing luncheon on Tuesday, October 9. Though they were disappointed that the scheduled speaker from Barrie's "Out of the Cold" had to cancel due to illness, they still had a good time of fellowship and good food!

As well, Gil & Delores Weston are encouraging the 50+ gang to sign up as soon as possible for the annual trip to Ladore, Pennsylvania. This will be the 15th time the Westons have organized the event and you may reserve YOUR seat by contacting them at 728-7022.

FREE COURSES OFFERED AT ICC

Marriage Enrichment—The first and second series of Dr. Gary Smalley's relationship videos have been completed. Video series #3 started on Thursday, October 25, and runs for 6 weeks.

Boundaries

This class, facilitated by Tanya Fehr, is halfway complete and continuing for 4 more weeks. Those who are attending find the subject material to be very helpful and beneficial in handling real life situations.

Real Dads

Designed for new fathers and/or fathers-to-be, this 5 week course is being held at ICC on Thursday evenings, facilitated by Brad Young.

Beta

The BETA class, facilitated by Sheri McLaughlin, is a practical guidance course that helps to build faith into daily living.

Ladies Bible Study & Fellowship Hour

Facilitated by Jessica Pereira on Thursday mornings, this class has shown to be a great support to young moms and other ladies who have become like a small family as they laugh, weep and share together.

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"HIS SEASON" DESSERT CONCERT

On Sunday evening, October 28, we were privileged to have had

the gospel trio "His Season" return for a second time as our guests. His Season is based out of Guelph, Ontario and are currently one of the most actively booked gospel-recording artists in Canada. As usual, these free dessert concerts are well received and well attended.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

As reported in last month's newsletter, we have witnessed a tremendous outpouring of love to the Dixon family in helping prepare their basement for rentable space, and the project is now near completion. Owen & Marcian are so grateful for all the help they have received; materials, monetary gifts, food, and many, many hours of labour. But, most of all, they are thankful for the prayerful love and support of God's people in time of need. Owen, in his 30's and married with a young family, suffered a stroke in June which resulted in paralysis to one side of his body. He is currently in a rehab center in Toronto and, although there have been some signs of improvement (we thank God for that!), the journey of recovery has been a long process. Please continue to pray for the Dixon family. God keeps the records and may He bless you abundantly for blessing this family. **THANK YOU SO MUCH!**

REMOVAL OF PORTABLES

Thank you to the volunteer crew who helped empty the clothing portables and loaded the bags and boxes onto the trailer. This is a big job and the assistance was greatly appreciated. One of the two portables has now been moved from the back and the second one will be moved shortly. This was one of the requirements of the Building Site Plan in preparation for our new expansion.