

News/Tidbits



BIRTH CONGRATS

Bob & Madelaine Bain are pleased to announce the safe arrival of their new grandson, Matthew, born to their daughter & son-in-law, April & Shane Sanchez, on Tuesday, April 1, weighing 3 lbs. 11 oz. The Sanchez family reside in Texas. Congratulations to all!

PLATFORM FACELIFT!

Prior to Easter, renovations were done to the sanctuary platform to give it a fresh, new look. Thanks to a group of volunteers, teamwork and commitment, the job was completed in a week. The new platform is now one level (rather than 3), with the accented black wall, black ceiling, black carpet and black chairs providing a brand new outlet for current and future use. Special thanks to Pastor Rob for initiating, and coordinating, the project. It looks great!

BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION

On Monday, April 7, Pastor Courtney delivered the Building Permit Application to the Town of Innisfil, with a cheque covering the permit fee (\$10,847.12). The Town has 20 business days to respond to the application and we are awaiting their (hopefully favorable) decision.

Our Project Manager, Walter Nerling, a member of Cedarview Community Church in Newmarket, is currently securing fixed prices for the various stages of the construction. He, too, is anxious for us to get started.

STAY TUNED!

WORKING AROUND THE CHURCH

We also appreciate the work of Tom James and Roberto Sales in repairing and repainting parts of the building that have shown signs of wear due to much use.

"Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one; every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. For we are labourers together with God".

1 Corinthians 3:9

Thanks for Praying!

CORPORATE PRAYER MEETINGS

The Friday morning Prayer Meeting has been ongoing at Innisfil Community Church for many years, meeting at 9:30 am in the Fireside Lounge. At a recent Board meeting there was a strong sense for the need for more corporate prayer. As a result, in addition to the Friday morning meeting, a "Call To Prayer" is being held every Friday night beginning at 7:30 pm at the church. Prayer is essential as we move forward with our building program and, also, we need to be diligently praying for the many needs that are presented to us each week. Take time to pray!

SPECIAL PRAYER & FASTING

At the request of Dennis & Tanya Fehr, the church launched a period of special prayer and fasting for Dennis, who desperately needs a healing touch upon his body. Without God's intervention, there is little hope in his battle with liver cancer. Dennis and Tanya are believing God for a miracle and they covet your prayers during this time.

We also ask that you continue to pray for Owen Dixon, his wife, Marcian, and their sons Jevon & Denzel. Owen suffered a stroke (and paralysis) last June and has been in a rehab treatment center in Toronto. He will be transitioning out to a long term care facility once one becomes available.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS



When in sorrow, call John 14
When men fail you—Psalm 27
When you worry—Matthew 6:19-34
When you are lonely and fearful, call Psalm 23
When you feel down and out, call Romans 8: 1-30
When you want courage for a task,

call Joshua 1

If you are depressed, call Psalm 27
If your pocketbook is empty, call Psalm 37
When God seems far away, call Psalm 139
And....remember,

GOD'S PHONE LINE IS NEVER BUSY!



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THE SOUNDS OF SUMMER!

Well, we have had a taste of sunny days and the warm breezes on our faces! Kids have been playing outside, people are walking more, the yards are being raked, gardens being planted, and the sounds of summer fills the air.



But, what about all the other "noises?" Almost everywhere we go, we find sounds competing with our minds, keeping us from letting our thoughts being tuned in to hear God's voice. In one of his sermons this month, Pastor Rob shared a message on "Noise". It was an incredible lesson and awareness of how we live in a world of noise. There are many sounds that compete with our minds, (Cell Phones, Blackberrys, I-Pods, TV's, etc). Sometimes the noise of the world squeezes the life out of our spiritual lives. If God sometimes feels distant to us, maybe it's because we aren't listening to Him. It is difficult to hear God speaking to us unless we make a deliberate choice to shut out the chaos around us, quiet ourselves before Him, and listen for His "gentle whisper". We are so busy doing so many things, and yet God waits for us to make time for Him. Hearing God's voice means not being held captive to the noise of the world around us. It's not easy, but it can be done. There is no better place than silencing the noise and re-connecting with God. Consider identifying a place and time to meet with God everyday. God honors the heart that is fully surrendered to Him.

Events/Activities

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Due to the PAOC District Women's Retreat, held at Niagara Falls the weekend of April 4-6, there was no regular monthly meeting scheduled for April. A number of our ladies attended the Retreat and returned with a report of an awesome time in God's presence. The next scheduled meeting is on Tuesday, May 20, centered around the theme "All In The Family".

MEN'S MINISTRIES

The men got together in the Fireside Lounge on Monday evening, April 7, and are continuing discussions on the book topic "Point Man".

PRIMETIMERS

The Primetimers welcome back Pastor June & John White. The Whites have been in Florida for the past few months. On Monday, April 14, the seniors held a Pot Luck luncheon, followed by Shuffleboard and a variety of games. There is nothing like sharing food, fun & fellowship together!

GROUND ZERO AND THE GATE

Under the leadership of a core of volunteers, the junior and senior highs continue to meet each week. Several interviews have taken place in the search for a Student Ministries (Youth) Pastor but as yet the position has not been filled. Continue to pray for God's wisdom and guidance.

BALL HOCKEY



Under the direction of Pastor Sharpe, Ball Hockey for junior boys has begun. Two teams for age groups 7-9 and 10-13 were established and got off to a good start on Saturday, April 5, in the gym of

ICC. We anticipate this will be a great tool for the kids to connect and build friendships. Thanks to some of the dads who come out to help and for those who attend and show your support.

Events/Activities (cont'd)

ICC MEN'S HOCKEY

On April 5, (the same date as the Ball Hockey began), the ICC Men's Ice Hockey Team played their last game for the season. The season started out at the LeFroy Arena and finished up at the new Innisfil Recreational Center. The guys enjoyed the fun and exercise on the ice and we are happy to report that no serious injuries occurred. Thanks to the faithful fans who came out to cheer them on!



VBS PLANNING

It's hard to believe that in a few months our Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be running again! Planning meetings have already been held in preparation for this year's "Power Lab", a science-themed VBS that will be bubbling over with fun and excitement. The "Power Lab" will give kids a new enthusiasm for God's Word and help them discover Jesus' miraculous power!

COURSES & CLASSES

Marriage Enrichment

The Marriage Enrichment classes continue to be a popular teaching. The Gary Smalley video series #3 began on Thursday, April 24. So far, the sign-up for this current session are all attendees from the community. We are thrilled to be able to offer this course as a guide to helping improve or enhance marriages. John & Janet Koning and Larry & Krista Batten have been facilitating these classes.

Boundaries Course

Marion Boone is facilitating the Boundaries Course which began on April 24 and runs for 8 weeks. This is the third time 'round for this course.

BETA

The BETA class has begun again and is held on Wednesdays in the Fireside Lounge, facilitated by Sheri McLaughlin.

Events/Activities (cont'd)

DESSERT CLUB

The Dessert Club is a means of getting connected and building friendships in a casual evening at someone's home. A group of 8 get together once a month on an evening that is mutually convenient, and on a rotational basis. On the night that is chosen, the guests bring a dessert and the host home provides the beverages. Over 60 signed up to participate. This has been a good tool in getting to know new people, while also having a fun evening out. Our thanks to John & Janet Koning for coordinating the Dessert Club.

BENEVOLENCE

We feel very privileged to have been able to provide groceries for so many requests that have come in this past month. Bob Peck has been kept busy packing food boxes and delivering them to the families in need. We sincerely appreciate you, Bob!

The provision of food would not have been possible without the generous donations of our local community and those within our own church family.

In our last newsletter, we extended our thanks to Curves for Women in Stroud. A couple of weeks ago we received a donation of food from the Innisfil Chamber of Commerce. Thank you so much!

Assistance was also provided to a mother who called in for help for appropriate clothing to attend her son's wedding. Her need was graciously taken care of.

We constantly stand in awe at the faithfulness of God!

THANK YOU FOR CARING!



BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

Canadian Blood Services used our gym for their Blood Donor Clinic on Thursday, April 17. We are privileged to be able to provide our facility, free of charge, for such a worthy cause.