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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to Jim and Susan Clancy (Felix) on the safe arrival of their new daughter, Grace Myra Mary, and sister to their son, Mark. Baby Grace was born on Friday, August 8, weighing 7 and a half pounds. Proud grandparents, Manuel & Myra Felix, welcome the new addition to their family.

BABY DEDICATIONS



Justice-Boorman

Pastor Courtney had the privilege of dedicating Sasha-Ann Justice-Boorman on Sunday, August 3. Sasha-Ann is the daughter of Chantel Boorman & Serguei Justice (and niece of Auntie Sveta Justice). It was the desire of her parents and grandparents (Bill & Carol Justice) to present their child back to the Lord and to have a prayer of blessing prayed over her. Following the morning service, a number of family and friends gathered at Bill & Carol's home where they enjoyed a lovely reception held in Sasha-Ann's honor.

Gore

Also dedicated to the Lord, on Sunday, August 24, was baby Christian Lee Gore. Christian is the son of Jessica & Chris Gore and grandchild of Terry & Wendy Woolhead. Both sets of grandparents and other family members were present for the special day.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Farmer

We regret to announce the passing of Corine Farmer, a resident of Alcona (Innisfil), on Wednesday, August 13, in her 53rd year. Corine attended a variety of functions at Innisfil Community Church over the past years, but was unable to attend on a regular basis due to health issues. A memorial service for Corine was held at Innisfil Funeral Home on Wednesday, August 20. Please pray for her husband, Keith, and their family.

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DEEPEST SYMPATHY (cont'd)

Bascoe

Deepest sympathy is also extended to Jennifer Hardware (Bascoe) on the passing of her dad, Clinton Bascoe, on Monday, August 18. The late Mr. Bascoe was 73 years of age. Jennifer attended the funeral, which was held in Jamaica. Please pray for God's comfort and peace for Jennifer, (Dave) and their families during this time.

CONSTRUCTION MOVING AHEAD

After a considerable amount of rain, the footings are completed and the foundation walls are currently being poured. Once this is done, forming for the tiered sanctuary floor will begin. Our project manager has indicated that we are proceeding well and should be on schedule.

SEPTEMBER ROUND-UP

Beginning mid-September the church will be quite busy with a variety of courses, classes, and programs for all ages, such as:

BETA Course, Marriage Enrichment Class, Boundaries Course, The Truth Project, BG's, Ladies Bible Study, Women's Ministries, Men's Ministries, Men's Hockey, Primetimers Shuffleboard, Leisureworld Nursing Home Ministry.

Also, the following activities have been running all summer and continue to do so:

Wednesday Night Bible Study, the GATE (Junior High) Program, Ground Zero Youth, Friday Morning & Friday Evening Prayer, Innisfil Beach Gardens Fellowship Hour.

To find out start times and/or more information regarding any of these activities, please call the church office at 436-1611.

As you read this Newsletter, may the following scripture be an encouragement to you TODAY:

"I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress; my God; in Him will I trust."

Psalm 91:2



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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

August....it's all about VBS!! We had a fantastic "Power-Lab" experience. That was the theme of this year's VBS. For the first two weeks of August, ICC was a beehive of activity as the kids learned about God and the power of His Word. There were close to 300 kids registered, along with over 80 volunteer leaders and helpers. That's amazing!

As we have noted in previous years, Vacation Bible School would not be possible without our dedicated volunteers. Carol Justice was this year's Coordinator and, with the help of her Assistant, John White, did an super job of organizing and ensuring everything ran smoothly. The prime Team Leaders were: Caroline Sharpe (Story); Wendy Woolhead (Crafts); Pastor Rob Sharpe (Games); Chris Sledz (Registration Prep); Tom James (Set/Props); Bonnie Pereira (Music); Pastor Courtney (Admin). Working alongside them were Crew Leaders & Helpers, Bus Drivers, Bus Stop Team, Promotion & Door Hanger Distribution, Nursery for Workers' Children, Snack Servers, BBQ Crew, and Office Support.

VBS Reunion & BBQ:

Sunday, August 17, was our VBS Reunion and BBQ, and what a great morning it was! The kids (and leaders) were on stage, singing and acting out the songs they'd learned—to a full audience! It was wonderful to see so many of the kids' parents attend and show their support. Pastor Courtney shared an illustrated sermon, reminding us all that.....(cont'd next page)

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VBS REUNION & BBQ (cont'd)

“children are a gift from God” and we should always endeavor to love, protect, and invest in our kids.

All who attended the morning service were invited to stay for the celebration BBQ, organized by Bryan & Karen French, with the help of another fine crew of volunteers.

To EVERYONE who made this year's VBS a huge success, we say “THANK YOU!” May God Bless You for sacrificially giving of your time for His Kingdom work! It was a great two weeks!

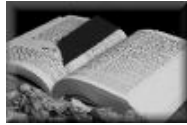
GROUND ZERO

Pastor Mark has been sharing heart-to-heart messages with the Youth this past month. It has been encouraging to see new young people coming out. A day of fun, games and BBQ was planned at Innisfil Beach Park, but the event got rained out. However, they still managed to hold a BBQ at the church, do some games and hang out! They are looking forward to a camping trip, coming up next month. Sunday evening, August 24, was a Youth Emphasis service. Music was provided by the Youth Band. Brad Young (who played Jesus) and Ground Zero Youth also presented an inspiring drama portraying God's love, even through hard times. A number of the youth shared testimonies of God's work in their lives. Pastor Mark's sermon focused on “A God Who Loves Us”. He gave many examples of how the enemy will try to entice young people and draw them into the dark things in life. He encouraged everyone to diligently pray for our kids, to let them know that God really loves them, and to be there as a support system for them. Awesome!

THE GATE

As summer winds down and family vacations come to an end, more of the junior highs are returning to the GATE program. No doubt the gym will be buzzing again next month as all the programs join together.

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WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

For the last month and a half the Wednesday Night Bible Class has been learning about “The History of Pentecost in Canada”. The video series is led by Dr. Van Johnson, who shares an inspirational walk-through of Pentecost with such topics as: “The Holy Spirit is a Person; A Tale of Four Cities; The Matrix of Pentecostalism; The Pentecostal Wheel; Experience with God; and, A Pentecostal Future.” An inspiring history, indeed!

INNISFIL BEACH GARDENS

The Fellowship Hour at Innisfil Beach Gardens continues to take place every Thursday afternoon. Pastor & Beulah Courtney lead this group, with the much appreciated help of Pastor Gerry & Margaret French. Between 15-20 seniors attend and take part in the singing and interactive segments of the service.

FRIDAY PRAYER MEETINGS

Due to the bustling activity of VBS in the building, the Friday morning and evening prayer meetings were cancelled for the first two weeks of August. However, both prayer times have resumed and the teams meet at 9:30 am in the Fireside Lounge and 7:30 pm in the sanctuary every Friday. These prayer meetings are open to everybody and are a great source of hope, comfort, and uniting of hearts as needs are prayed for on an ongoing basis. Pastor French, who is quite passionate about prayer, leads the meetings and has been faithfully doing so for many years.

ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY

It's hard to believe that 27 years have passed since the first service in the current building. We continue to stand amazed at how God has led us thus far. His hand of blessing has indeed been upon Innisfil Community Church! A day of celebration will be held on Sunday, September 7, with special guest, Hugh Watkins.

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YOUTH FOR CHRIST

On Sunday, August 10, Pastor Courtney's brother, John Courtney, was a Guest Speaker at ICC. John is the Executive Director of Youth for Christ in Winnipeg, where he has served for over 30 years. John shared his passion and vision for Youth Ministry. He presented a video of Camp Cedarwood, a specialized camping ministry for teenagers. Through a diversity of ministry models, kids have an opportunity to understand the incredible love of God and how He wants to be part of their lives. Following John's inspirational talk, Pastor Courtney conducted a brief interview with him, allowing our Youth Pastor and also the audience to ask questions pertaining to Youth and Youth Ministry. The mission of YFC is to participate in the body of Christ in the responsible evangelism of Youth, presenting them with the person, work, and teachings of Christ and discipling them into a local church.

LAUNCHING INTO MINISTRY

Aaron and Eva Tardif and their family have been attending Innisfil Community Church since Aaron's employment transfer from Nova Scotia two years ago. They have served in several areas of ministry during their time here, including BG's, Worship Team, Super-church, Bible Study, Dessert Concerts and more. For many years Aaron has been pursuing his Bible College studies with the desire to one day go into pastoral ministry. That door of opportunity has opened; Aaron was offered, and accepted, a part-time position as Assistant Pastor/Youth Pastor at Haileybury Pentecostal Assembly. He has also secured further employment there to meet the needs of his family. On Sunday, August 10, the Tardifs' were released from ICC under a prayer of blessing. As well, a special love offering was received for them to help with the transition. Please pray for Aaron and Eva and their children: Emily, Victoria, and Joseph, for God's guidance and provision as they obey His call to ministry.