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ENGAGEMENT

Our congratulations to Renée Boone and Scott Keefe who were engaged on June 28. Scott popped the question, on bended knee, when he and Renée were vacationing in Newfoundland—and, of course

Renée said “Yes!” Their parents, Tony & Marion Boone and Lindy & Elaine Keefe, are delighted! No definite wedding date has been set as yet, but plans are in the making.

BABY SHOWER



A Blessing and Celebration shower was held at ICC for Olivia Carol Ann Courtney (granddaughter of Pastor & Beulah Courtney) on Saturday, July 19, hosted by Grandma Beulah Courtney and friends. As Caleb was

scheduled to lead worship on July 20, it was a perfect opportunity to show off Baby Olivia and allow old time (and newer) family and friends to visit with Caleb, Stephanie & Olivia. About 45 attended the shower, including some that knew Caleb since he was Olivia's age. It was a great time of reminiscing and sharing together. Olivia was the star of the afternoon and was blessed with many, many beautiful gifts. On behalf of Caleb & Stephanie, thank you very much for your “presence” and your “presents!” It was greatly appreciated.

BABY DEDICATION

Pastor Courtney had the privilege of dedicating Samara Parisi to the Lord on Sunday, June 29. Baby Samara was born to Tony & Natasha Parisi on February 1st in Barrie. Their first child, Ava, was also dedicated at ICC in March of 2006. We were pleased to have had both sets of grandparents, other family members and friends join us for this special occasion.

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FORMER STAFF UPDATES

Crystal White

We extend our congratulations to Pastor Crystal White, who was married to Pastor Gregory Dean Patey on Saturday, July 12. The wedding took place in Newfoundland.

Kris Reid

Pastor Kris Reid has been posting regular online updates. He is currently teaching English in Korea, meeting lots of great people and enjoying his time there.

Both Pastor Crystal and Pastor Kris pass on their greetings to everyone at Innisfil Community Church.



SUMMER IS HERE!

It's that time of year when many families are enjoying vacation time! We have had a long, cold winter and it is refreshing to see the beautiful sunshine and enjoy the warm weather. We are always delighted to see visitors over the summer months, some who are cottagers and come every summer, and others who just drop by. Also, there are many new families moving into the Innisfil area and we are pleased to see a number of them already worshipping with us. Here are some things we could, and should, pray for over the summer months:

- Pray for a restful break
- Pray for opportunities to build friendships
- Pray for opportunities to share the good news of Jesus
- Pray for the health and safety of all
- Pray for our VBS, coming up next month
- Pray for our pastors and leaders

Students Prayer:

Dear God—School's out and I'm so ready for a break. If I had to take one more test, if I had to eat one more whatever-that-is from the school cafeteria, I know I'd scream! Thank you for getting me through another year. Thank you for times to stay up late, and for times to sleep in! Thank you for a chance to just take it easy for a while, and to get some much-needed rest. Thank you for summer vacation!



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ICC WELCOMES NEW YOUTH PASTOR

We are very pleased to announce the arrival of our new Youth Pastor. Effective July 7, Pastor Mark Quinlan has joined the Innisfil Community Church

pastoral team. Pastor Mark comes to us from a solid Christian background. In his early years as a youth himself, and recently as a Youth Leader, his discipleship and leadership training experience has groomed him for this position. He is passionate about Youth Ministry. Pastor Mark shares the vision of the team and is very excited to see what God has in store for the youth of Innisfil Community Church. He preached his first sermon on Sunday evening, July 13, sharing on the topic: “Mentors”; God being the ultimate Mentor! We extend a warm welcome to the Quinlan family: Pastor Mark, Erica, and Jayden.

WORKING TOGETHER

During the vacation periods of summer it has been a blessing to have others share in the pulpit and worship ministries. In the month of July, Pastor Courtney, Pastor Rob, Pastor June, and Pastor Mark have all taken a turn in preaching. As well, we have enjoyed a variety of Worship Leaders: Pastor Rob, Bonnie Pereira, Marion Boone, and Caleb Courtney. Sharing in the Innisfil Beach Gardens and Wednesday night Bible Studies have been Pastor Gerry French and Pastor Ron Emmons. We so appreciate the teamwork! Thank you so much!

Events/Activities

GROUND ZERO

On Friday, July 10, Pastor Mark held his first Ground Zero Youth Night, sharing his life's story and getting to know the kids individually. They had a wonderful time of praise and worship and were excited to hear Pastor Mark's vision for the group. A special thank you to DJ Lupo, Karen Boylan, and the whole team for doing such an great job in keeping Ground Zero running in the absence of a Pastor. We believe God has great things in store for our Youth.

THE GATE

Summer is here and a number of our GATE kids are enjoying vacation with their families. We do, however, continue to run the junior high program and it happens every Wednesday night at 7 pm. Pastor Mark heads up the GATE and has already met with the leaders to formulate and activate fresh plans.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

At the Adult Bible Study we have just wrapped up a study on "God's Devotion to Us and Our Devotion to God. For the next several weeks, we will be studying, through a video series, "The History of Pentecost in Canada", with Dr. Van Johnson. Beginning in September, for a second time, we anticipate offering "The Truth Project".

CONTINUING OVER THE SUMMER

The Friday morning and Friday evening prayer meetings are ongoing over the summer. As well, the Fellowship Hour at Innisfil Beach Gardens is continuing over the summer months, occurring every Thursday afternoon at 2:30 pm.

GETTING READY FOR VBS!

Our VBS Coordinator, Carol Justice, and a team of volunteers joined in a door-to-door canvass in the community, announcing our upcoming Vacation Bible School program. Informative and colorful door hangers were delivered to over 1000 homes in the surrounding area.

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HAPPY CANADA DAY!

Some of the highlights of our Annual Outdoor Canada Day Service, which was held on June 29 at the Alcona Plaza, are as follows:

Pre-service music was provided by the Youth Band (DJ Lupo, Daniel Lupo, Andrew McGhee, and Ben Galashan). Pastor Courtney welcomed everyone as the evening began with the singing of the national anthem. Pastor Rob led the worship, with Bonnie Pereira on keyboard and Taylor Sharpe on drums. Beulah Courtney read from Psalm 104 (Let All That I Am Praise The Lord). Special solos were presented by Sheri McLaughlin, Aaron Tardif, Michelle Quinlan and Caroline Sharpe—as well as a duet by Caroline and Bonnie Pereira. Testimonies of "A Reason To Give Thanks" were shared by John White, Karen Boylan, and David Griese. Pastor Rob prayed a Prayer For Our Nation and Pastor Courtney concluded the evening with his message of identifying and realizing our land of freedom: "O Canada, our home and native land, true patriot love in all thy sons command...". God Keep Our Land, Glorious and Free; O Canada, We Stand On Guard For Thee.

THE BIG MACHINES ARE ROLLING!

The pre-construction work has begun! On Saturday, July 5, under the direction of Dale Clair and John Koning, a dedicated group of guys removed the carport and relocated some of the surrounding shrubbery from the front of the church to the back to be used in the future. They also did disposal and clean-up jobs in preparation for the digging. Already we have seen the big machines in the parking lot and the removal of the ramp mound is in motion. The hill at the back of the gym has been leveled and made ready for extra vehicle parking. We anticipate the footings to be in the ground very soon. It's exciting indeed! Continue to pray for God's guidance in this project.

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HOMEGOINGS

Neufeld

We regret to announce the passing of Mr. David Neufeld, father of Charleen (Brad) Young and grandfather of Julia & Isaac. Mr. Neufeld passed away on Friday, July 11, after a 4-year battle with pancreatic cancer. Pastor Courtney conducted the funeral service, which was held at the Skwarchuk Funeral Home in Bradford on Monday, July 14. Please pray for the families during this sad time.

Fehr



On Thursday, July 17, at 7 pm, Dennis Fehr transitioned from this earth to his heavenly home, after a courageous battle with liver cancer. The funeral service was held at Innisfil Community Church on Wednesday, July 23, conducted by Pastor Courtney.

Dennis loved God with all of his heart and served him faithfully. He will be sadly missed by his wife, Tanya, and their two children, William and Suzanne. Thank you so much to all who diligently prayed for the Fehr family. Please continue to uphold them in love and support in the days ahead.

Making The Journey Home

THINK:

Of stepping on shore
and finding it Heaven!

Of taking hold of a hand
and finding it God's Hand!

Of breathing a new air
and finding it celestial air!

Of feeling invigorated
and finding it immortality!

Of passing from storms and tempest
to an unbroken calm;

Of waking up and finding yourself HOME!

Robert E. Selle

"Absent from the body, present with the Lord"

2 Corinthians 5:8