

## News/Tidbits

### SHOWERS & BIRTHS

#### Gore

A baby shower was held at ICC on Saturday, May 31, for Jessica Gore, hosted by her mom, Wendy Woolhead. Friends and family blessed Jessica with lovely gifts for her new son, "Christian Lee Gore", who was born on Friday, June 6, at 12:45 pm, weighing 9 lbs. 2 oz. Congratulations to Chris & Jessica and happy grandparents, Terry & Wendy Woolhead.

#### Reid

On Saturday, June 7, Stephanie Reid (Galashan) was blessed by a lovely baby shower which was hosted by her friends and family and held at the church. Stephanie & Justin's new daughter will certainly be the best-dressed girl around, thanks to the generosity of all those who attended and/or showered her with beautiful gifts. "Mae Kensington Reid" was born on Tuesday, June 24, at approximately 1:20 am, weighing 6 lb. 2 oz.

### HOMEGOING

Thomas Fox, father of Ralph (Gloria) passed away on Thursday, May 29, at age 103. The late Mr. Fox resided in Napanee with his wife, Irene (age 92) and served God all of his life. Although he will be missed by all who knew him, we rejoice that he is now in the presence of the Lord. Please remember to pray for this family.

### INNISFIL TALENT AUDITIONS

The final judging of Innisfil Talent took place during the Summerfest activities held at Innisfil Beach Park the weekend of June 13-15. Four of ICC's youth/young adults competed as a group and received second place standing. Congratulations to Andrew McGhee, DJ Lupo, Daniel Lupo and Derek Clugston for a job well done!

### BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

On Thursday, June 19, lots of activity was happening as another Blood Donor Clinic was held in the Gym of ICC.

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### SERVANTHOOD RECOGNITIONS

In a recent Sunday morning service, DJ Lupo and Brad Davies were recognized for their many hours of service at Innisfil Community Church. During our search for a Youth Pastor, DJ has taken volunteer leadership of both the junior (GATE) and senior high (Ground Zero) programs. He also organizes games at our Vacation Bible School every year and willingly assists in other activities of the church as the need arises.

Every Sunday morning Brad Davies can be seen setting up downstairs for Sunday School Open Session and making sure the attendance books are handed out to the various classes. He also rides the Sunday School bus and assists the driver in on-loading and off-loading kids to and from the church.

Pastor Courtney presented both DJ and Brad with a token gift and a "Certificate of Appreciation." Thanks DJ and Brad for serving Innisfil Community Church and, more importantly, for serving Jesus!



The Ontario Volunteer Awards Night was held at the Army Navy Air Force Club in Barrie on Thursday, June 12. At that ceremony, approximately 150 volunteers were honored for having served in various areas and organizations within the Simcoe County region. Pastor Courtney was one of the award recipients and received a 40-year lapel pin and Certificates of Recognition for having served 40+ years with the Canadian Red Cross. (Pictured above: Aileen Carroll, MPP & Pastor Courtney)

Congratulations, Pastor Courtney!!

### ONTARIO VOLUNTEER AWARDS NIGHT



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### GROUND- BREAKING



It happened!! What an exciting day at Innisfil Community Church!

On Sunday, June 22, in the beautiful sunshine, our Ground Breaking Service was held outside in the

parking lot. Here are some of the highlights of the morning:

#### Opening Worship

Pastor Rob and the Worship Team began with the song "How Great Is Our God", followed by several other songs of praise.

#### Child Dedication

Pastor Courtney had the privilege of dedicating "Dominic Andrew Tennina" to the Lord. It was such a fitting time for parents Andrew & Valerie Tennina, who are new to the community, to present their child to God on this special occasion. Baby Dominic was born in North York on January 31.

#### Special Music & Song

Caroline Sharpe led the in the beautiful song: "His Eye Is On The Sparrow", accompanied by Bonnie Pereira, who also played keyboard.

#### More Worship

Worship continued with the resounding praise of "Amazing Grace". It was awesome to see (and hear) the full audience lifting up the Name of Jesus and declaring "My Chains Are Gone, I've Been Set Free...." (continued next page)

## Events/Activities

### GROUND BREAKING (CONT'D)

#### **Volunteer Recognition & Farewell**

Pastor Courtney called Graham & Sharon Yeadon to the front and recognized them for their many years of service at Innisfil Community Church. This was the Yeadons last Sunday with us as Graham and his family transfer to Nova Scotia. Graham and Sharon have been at ICC for almost 12 years and have faithfully served in many areas, including the Board, BG's, Dessert Concerts, and much more. Their home has always been one of hospitality and open to all! It was a bitter/sweet moment as Pastor Courtney presented Graham & Sharon with the Servanthood Towel & Basin and, together with the Board, prayed a prayer of blessing and release over their family. Graham, Sharon, Ryan, and Leanne—we will miss you guys so much, but we know that God's plan is evident in your lives. We love you!

#### **Pastor's Message—"Just Plain Dirt"**



Prior to Pastor Courtney's message, everyone was handed a small bag of dirt, containing a card as a reminder to pray for the expansion of Innisfil Community Church. The inspiring message eluded to several scriptures of how God used "just plain dirt" to accomplish his plan and purposes.

Examples: God made man out of dust (dirt) - Genesis 2:7; He anointed the eyes of the blind man with clay (dirt) - John 9:7; Jesus wrote on the ground (in the dirt) - John 8:6-7. The message we received was: "Our Dirt, God's Garden!"

#### **Introduction of Board Members**

Before the sod-turning, the current and former Board Members were introduced and given white hard hats for the official ceremony. (It was great to see Stu & Joan Pyne, who made the journey all the way from Bobcaygeon to be with us).

## Events/Activities (cont'd)

### GROUND BREAKING (CONT'D)

#### **Greetings from Guests**

Joining us for the occasion from The Town of Innisfil were: Mayor Brian & Patsy Jackson, as well as Councillors: Boynton, Pring, Van Berkel, Wardlaw, and Wauchope. Also joining us were: Scott Jackson from Life 100.3 (who shared greetings); Wayne Patterson (Loans Officer) from Peoples Credit Union; and Walter Nerling (Building Project Manager) from Kem-bic Construction.

Mayor Jackson shared words of congratulations on behalf of The Town of Innisfil and presented Pastor Courtney with the long-awaited official Building Permit!

#### **Breaking Ground**

And.....the moment everyone waited for.....!!

As the crowd gathered around, Pastor Courtney stepped into the back-hoe and, to much applause, lifted the first shovel of dirt!

*Pictured on the front: Pastor Courtney, Wilf Sharpe (longest standing member of ICC), Mayor Jackson, and Dale Clair (Chair, Building Project).*

#### **Barbeque Celebration**

The morning ended with a celebration BBQ for all. And...just as the last chair was put away, the rain came! What an amazing God! It was an awesome day!

### WOMEN'S CONNECTION

The 4th Annual Daisy Déjeuner was held on Saturday, June 14, wrapping up another season of Women's Connection activities. The ladies enjoyed a lovely catered meal, served by the dapper men of our church (thanks guys!). A special thank-you to Leanne Button from Orangeville who graciously made, decorated, and donated 100 beautiful daisy cupcakes. The special guest for the event was recording artist Laurie Marks Vincent. Laurie ministered in song and shared a personal testimony of God's healing touch and power upon her life. Marion Boone and Sheri Lind presented an inspirational skit portraying a "real-life" (cont'd)

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### WOMEN'S CONNECTION (CONT'D)

situation of learning to trust God, and the miracles that happen when we walk in obedience to Him. The afternoon concluded with Brenda Clair passing the torch to the new president, Elaine Heeringa. We extend a big "THANK YOU" to Brenda for her dedication and commitment to the ladies of ICC and beyond, and also for her willingness to continue to plan future Daisy Déjeuners!

#### **FATHER'S DAY VARIETY**

On Sunday, June 14, the day started with a bacon/egg/sausage breakfast, along with tea, coffee and juices. It was hosted by the Sunday School Department, honoring dads and families of the S.S. children.

Another part of Father's Day was the parade of BG's to the platform where they recited their "Purpose, Motto and Commission" in response to their leader, Bonnie Pereira. Bonnie also showed a video clip of the kids in action, concluding their year with a Sleepover, Movie and Breakfast at the church.

Also speaking on Father's Day was the guest speaker who shared at the Daisy Déjeuner, Laurie Marks Vincent. The songs she sang were all written by Laurie herself. As well, she presented a brief message relating to our earthly father and our Heavenly Father. God Bless Fathers!

### CANADA DAY SERVICE



As this letter is being written, we are preparing for our Outdoor Canada Day Service, June 29. This is an annual outreach event that takes place at the Alcona Plaza.

**O LORD, OUR LORD,  
HOW EXCELLENT IS THY NAME IN  
ALL THE EARTH!**

Psalm 8:1