

## News/Tidbits

### EXTENDED SYMPATHY

In last month's newsletter we announced the passing of Doreen Gainforth, sister of Ralph Fox. The day following Doreen's homegoing service her husband, Keith Gainforth, passed away at Royal Victoria Hospital. Keith had been in hospital suffering from pneumonia and had been given a day pass to attend his wife's memorial service. Our hearts go out to Ralph & Gloria on the loss of a sister and brother-in-law in one week. Please pray for the Gainforth and Fox families during this sad time.

### CURVES FOOD DRIVE

Innisfil Community Church expresses sincere appreciation to Curves for Women in Stroud who donated their Easter Food Drive to ICC's Food Bank. Thank you so much!

### FINAL PORTABLE LEAVES ICC

In readiness for our church expansion, two school portables used for the Used Clothing recycling program were required to be moved according to the Site Plan. The final portable was moved prior to the week of Easter. A construction trailer is currently on the church lot and is being used to receive clothing donations.

## Good News!!

### BUILDING EXPANSION UPDATE

On Tuesday, March 25, at 8:58 am, we received word from The Town of Innisfil that our Site Plan has been approved and that we have been cleared to apply for a building permit!

This comes following a long process that began in June of 2006 when we submitted the Site Plan application with a payment of \$13,200.00. Now, 21 months later, we can apply for a building permit. Hopefully this part will be only "days" instead of "months". The numerous documents needed for the permit are currently being assembled and will (hopefully) be submitted promptly. Thank you for your continued prayers!

## Thanks for Praying!

Please join with us in praying for the following needs. The Bible says: "if any two shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven." Matthew 18:19

Feilim Boylan	Recovering from hip replacement
Owen & Isabel Musewe	Pray for adoption process to be finalized quickly
Carter, great nephew of Mary & Bill Brown	Constructive surgery scheduled to create new ears (Carter is 4 years old and was born with no ears)
Margaret Vantil	Undergoing radiation treatments
Pauline Reid	Diagnosed with cervical cancer. More tests scheduled
Dennis Fehr	Progressive liver cancer Please Fast & Pray for Dennis
Owen Dixon	Some improvement from stroke & paralysis but still needs much prayer
Diny Vanamerongen	In Hospital—RVH

### There's Peace and Calm in the Twenty-Third Psalm

With the Lord as your shepherd,  
you have all that you need.  
For, if you follow in His footsteps  
wherever He may lead,  
He will guard and guide and keep you  
In His loving, watchful care  
And, when traveling in "dark valleys",  
Your shepherd will be there.  
His goodness is unfailing,  
His kindness knows no end,  
For the Lord is a Good Shepherd  
On whom you can depend.  
So, when your heart is troubled,  
You'll find quiet peace and calm  
If you open up the Bible  
And just read this treasured Psalm.  
*Helen Steiner Rice*



## NEWSLETTER MARCH, 2008



### EASTER & SPRING

"Spring is just around the corner!" Have you been hearing that a lot lately? I'm sure we've all had our share of shoveling snow, and gladly welcome warmer weather and the freshness of spring! Speaking of spring...the clocks went ahead earlier than usual, and Easter "sprung" on us in March rather than April. The anticipation of Springtime brings a rekindling of hope; the flowers bloom, the robins sing, and life brings signs of growth and renewal.

And so it is with the Easter season, which commemorates Christ's resurrection. On that first Easter morning, the angel declared "He is not here, He is risen!" What a tremendous declaration of hope!

### Good Friday Service

On Good Friday as we shared in communion together, we reflected on the death of Christ and the price He paid for our sins. In addition to special music and songs, a dramatic sketch of "The Ragman" was presented, portraying the transforming power of love.

### Easter Sunday

On Easter Sunday we experienced the triumphant celebration of the "Risen Christ", with worship, special songs and Part 2 of "The Ragman". What a glorious day on that first Easter morning when the announcement came: "He is not here, but is risen!" (Luke 24:6). Because He lives, we can face tomorrow; all fear is gone, and life is worth the living...just because "He Lives!" Hallelujah!

## Events/Activities



### **WOMEN'S MINISTRIES**

On Tuesday, March 18, the theme for the evening was "The Fiery Furnace". Joan Trench and Marcian Dixon shared very inspirational testimonies of their recent trials and their personal journey of faith and trust in God. There was also a time of prayer for special requests and needs from those who attended. Following the meeting the ladies enjoyed good fellowship together, as they sampled a variety of "fiery" foods such as: jalapeño cheese ball, spicy chips & salsa, ginger snaps, peppers and more.

### **MEN'S MINISTRIES**

Men's Night Out was held on Monday, March 3. The guys are continuing their discussions from the book entitled "Point Man". Positive feedback has been received from these sessions.

### **PRIMETIMERS**

The seniors continue to have fun playing shuffleboard every Monday, wrapping up their afternoon with treats and sweets! They always look forward to their weekly time of sharing and chatting together.

### **GROUND ZERO AND THE GATE**

We are continuing our search for a Youth Pastor. However, in the interim, we are so pleased to see some of the Youth and Young Adult leaders and sponsors stepping up to the plate to assist in the leadership of the junior and senior highs. This past month DJ Lupo, Bonnie Pereira, and Brittany Lunau have been the special speakers for Ground Zero, and they did a tremendous job! Also, the Youth Bible Study has resumed on Wednesday nights. We are so thankful to Men's Ministries, who are now playing an active role in our Youth activities by providing refreshments and showing support with their attendance. Thank you, as well, to Karen Boylan for her ongoing support. Please pray for God's wisdom and guidance as we move forward.

## Events/Activities (cont'd)

### **ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

The Annual Business Meeting was held on Tuesday, February 26. Pastor Courtney chaired the meeting and shared the various departmental reports, finance reports, and other operating reports of the church. During the evening there was an Election of Deacons from the nominees that were presented. Congratulations to the following Board Members who were newly elected, or re-elected: Ron Emmons (3-year term); Brad Young (3-year term); Keith Robbins (1-year term). Also continuing to serve on the Board are: John White, John Heeringa, John Koning, and Dale Clair (serving as Chairman of the Building Project). Pastor Courtney expressed his sincere thanks to the family of Innisfil Community Church for their faithfulness, commitment and dedication and for the awesome privilege of serving such a wonderful church body.

### **PAST BOARD MEMBER HONORED**

Pastor Gerry French has just completed his second 6-year term on the Board. On Sunday morning, March 2, Pastor Courtney acknowledged the faithful service of Gerry (& Margaret) French, not only for the years he served on the Board, but also for the many other areas of ministry in which Gerry & Margaret have served. They continue to lead the fellowship hour at Leisureworld Nursing Home every Thursday morning and join Pastor & Beulah for the Innisfil Beach Gardens fellowship hour on Thursday afternoons. In recognition of their dedicated service, Pastor Courtney presented the French's with a Towel & Basin and a Certificate of Appreciation. Thank you, Gerry & Margaret. We love you!

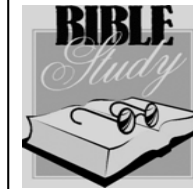
### **SOUND TRAINING**

On Saturday, March 8, Tom Gibson, of Precision Sound, ran an instruction class for those who had an interest in operating the Sound Board at the church. The purpose of the training was to learn the various techniques that will result in an improvement of the quality of sound at ICC. ....cont'd

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### **SOUND TRAINING (cont'd)**

If anyone would be interested in being a part of the "Sound Team" at Innisfil Community Church, please contact Pastor Rob Sharpe at 436-1611.



### **LADIES BIBLE STUDY**

The ladies Bible Study, which takes place in the Fireside Lounge on Thursdays at 9 am, has been a great success. The current study is "Lies Women Believe About Emotions". Jessica Pereira facilitates the class and there is great open dialogue amongst the ladies, as well as a time of chatting and getting to know one another. For those who are interested in joining the study, please call the church at 436-1611.

### **OTHER ONGOING CLASSES**

**Boundaries Course:** Beginning April 24, at 7:30 pm and running for 8 weeks; facilitated by Marion Boone. This study teaches when to say YES and when to say NO as detailed by the authors of the book: Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend.

**BETA:** Beginning Wednesday, April 2 at 1 pm; facilitated by Sheri McLaughlin. This is a practical guidance course that helps to build faith into daily living.

**Marriage Enrichment:** Beginning Thursday, April 24, at 7 pm and running for 6 weeks; facilitated by John Koning. This course features Dr. Gary Smalley's Classic Relationship Video Series.

### **JUNIOR BALL HOCKEY**

Pastor Rob is organizing two Ball Hockey teams for boys ages 7 to 9 (10-11 am) and ages 10 to 13 (11-12 noon). The games will begin on Saturday, April 5, and will take place in the gym of Innisfil Community Church. This is a great opportunity to invite kids in the neighborhood. Not only will this be a lot of fun for the kids, but also good exercise! To register, please call Pastor Rob Sharpe at the church at 436-1611.