

## News/Tidbits

### **SINCERE SYMPATHY**

#### **Docherty**

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Byron (Marion) Sweetland on the passing of Byron's dad (step-dad), Ronald Docherty, in his 78th year. Mr. Dockerty slipped away in his sleep on Thursday, September 18. A memorial service was held at the Steckley-Gooderham Funeral Home on Wednesday, September 24.

#### **Mancini**

As well, we extend our heartfelt sympathy to Feilim (Karen) Boylan and their families on the passing of Mike Mancini, Feilim's brother-in-law. Mike was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor about a year ago and passed away on Tuesday, September 16, at age 51.

*May God's comfort and peace be with these families as they mourn the loss of their loved ones.*

### **BABY DEDICATIONS**

This past month, Pastor Courtney had the privilege of dedicating three children to the Lord.

#### **Courtney**



On August 31 Pastor & Beulah attended Bethel Pentecostal Church in Sarnia, where Pastor Courtney performed the dedication of their granddaughter, Olivia Carol Ann. Standing alongside were proud parents and grandparents, Caleb & Stephanie Courtney and Merle and Shelly Hazzard. Also in attendance were Olivia's uncles, Gideon & Phil. Following the morning service the family hosted a luncheon at the church in Olivia's honor.

#### **White**

Abbey Francis Mae, daughter of Brandon & Tanya White, was dedicated on Sunday, September 14. This was the family's first visit to Innisfil Community Church. We were also delighted that approximately 25 other family members and friends came along to share in Abbey's special day.

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### **BABY DEDICATIONS (cont'd)**

#### **James**

On Sunday, September 21, Richard & Amy James proudly presented their son, Daniel Thomas, in dedication to the Lord. On hand for Daniel's special day were: grandparents, Tom & Laura James and Tom & Karen Collins; great grandparents, Noel & Pat Andrade, and a number of other family members.

### **BUSINESS AS USUAL DURING**

#### **CONSTRUCTION**

In the midst of the construction that surrounds the current building, we have been able to maintain "business as usual". Though there is limited parking at the front, at the back there is more than adequate parking spaces available. As well, those who use our facilities outside of ICC, such as Alcona Brownies, Tim Horton's, Al-anon, AA, etc., continue to hold their meetings. The side door at the front and the gym door at the back are the main accessible doors during the construction, and it seems that everyone is adjusting well to the temporary changes.

### **EXPANSION UPDATE**

After a few days of delay due to wet soil, the building project is moving forward. The floor area for our water reservoir of 330,000 liters of water will be poured and the pool liner installed by month's end. At that time the lobby floor will be installed making way for the large main beams to be erected. These main beams are almost 100 feet long and are 8 feet high. (HUGE)! These will be installed very soon and will stand out to all who pass by!

The foundation is being back-filled and our underground drainage system is near completion. Please continue to pray for the project as we move forward.

We see God's hand in "His Work" and we never cease to be amazed at His faithfulness.



## **NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER, 2008**

### **BACK TO SCHOOL**

September is "back to school" month. It's hard to believe the summer is practically over, parents and kids are getting back into school routines, and.....the leaves will soon be falling. We trust you all had a great summer!

### **CHURCH ANNIVERSARY**



On Sunday, September 7, Innisfil Community Church celebrated 29 years of ministry, (27 years in the current building).

The special guest for the day was Pastor Hugh Watkins. God has blessed Pastor Hugh with a unique style for ministering the Gospel to a vast number of people, from youth ministry, inner city and junior high kids to congregational leadership. He ministered in both the morning and evening services and shared messages that were very timely for this season in the life of ICC.

During the morning service the Board of Deacons presented Pastor Courtney with the flag of Innisfil, symbolic of Pastor's "heart for Innisfil" and also as a reminder of the great mission field we need to reach within our community. We were all challenged to help spread the gospel when the door of opportunity is open to us and to show the love of God to all with whom we make contact on a daily basis. We rejoice in the goodness of God and celebrate His faithfulness as we continue to press forward, building His Kingdom together.

*"Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord." Psalms 31:24*

## Events/Activities

### **GROUND ZERO & THE GATE**

Throughout the month Ground Zero held their regular Friday night meetings, and they are encouraged to see new people coming out each week. The highlight event was the camping trip in the wild outdoors, near Huntsville, the weekend of September 12 to 14. Pastor Mark presented several messages during the trip and the group shared prayer times and open heart discussions together. Of course a camping trip wouldn't be complete without lots of good eating! Thanks to Pastor Mark & Erica for preparing and cooking the meals.

The GATE (junior highs) continue to meet on Wednesday nights. Now that summer is over and other family programs are running, more kids are attending, and enjoying, the GATE activities.

### **BG'S (BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB)**

BG Registration Night was held on Wednesday, September 17. Once again Bonnie Pereira is gearing up for another busy and exciting BG season.

### **BIBLE STUDIES**

There are currently three Bible Studies taking place: The regular Wednesday night study with Pastor Courtney; the Ladies Bible Study on Thursday mornings with Jessica Pereira; and now a third study during the Sunday School hour. This 13-week study is conducted by Pastor Ron Emmons and deals with "The Relevant Truth" in light of the End Times.

### **COURSES/CLASSES**

Innisfil Community Church is again offering the following courses/classes: Marriage Enrichment—6 weeks, (facilitated by John Koning); Boundaries—8 weeks (facilitated by Marion Boone); and The Truth Project—13 weeks (facilitated by John Heeringa). The courses are open to anyone within or outside of the church and are free of charge. We appreciate the willingness of the volunteers who facilitate these weekly classes.

## Events/Activities (cont'd)

### **PRIMETIMERS**

The Seniors began the new season of Shuffleboard & Carpet Bowling with a Potluck Luncheon on September 8. Also, the annual trip to the Weston's cottage took place on Tuesday, September 23. This is always a fun time of fellowship and good food! A farewell luncheon is being planned on September 29 for Pastor June & John White, who are leaving for Kenya for a 6-month missions trip. Pastor June will be teaching in the Bible College, preaching in the churches, mentoring children & den mothers, and much more. John will help build the Village of Hope orphanage. The Whites have to raise their own funds to cover their approximate \$15,000 expenses. A love offering was taken at ICC on Sunday, September 21, to help with some of the costs. Please pray for Pastor June & John as they do God's work in Kenya.

### **WOMEN'S MINISTRIES**

The kick-off meeting for Women's Ministries was held on Tuesday, September 16, under the new leadership of Elaine Heeringa, with 40 ladies in attendance. Justine Vankesteren shared a very good, scripture-based, message on "Being a Woman of Godly Influence", challenging the women to be influenced by God's Word in all that we say and do in our daily lives.

### **MEN'S MINISTRIES**

This season Men's Ministries will take a bit of a different route, with the theme: "Are You Up For The Challenge?" There will be something for everyone with events such as a pool tournament, breakfasts, "Olympics" night, movie nights, participation in Promise Keepers, bicycling/camping excursion.....to name a few. These events are designed to allow all men to get involved, have fun, and build friendships. As well, "The Ironmen" (as they are called) will be available to help out in projects where there is a need, both for individuals and for the entire church. For further info on Men's Ministries, please contact the church or email Brad Young: [brad@realdads.ca](mailto:brad@realdads.ca).

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### **DESSERT CONCERTS**

Since we have not held any dessert concerts over the summer months, calls have been coming in inquiring about the date of the next one. On Sunday evening, October 26, the gospel group "His Season" will be returning to ICC. To make a reservation, please call the church office at 436-1611.

### **ORIENTATION MEETING**

On Saturday, September 20, an Orientation meeting was held at the church, covering the Plan to Protect, Ushers Ministry and Greeters Ministry. It is our desire to provide a safe place for our children and to ensure their protection while they are in and around our premises. As well, we want our Ushers and Greeters to be effective in welcoming and directing those who attend Innisfil Community Church. This will provide a high level of hospitality both to our regular attenders and those who may be new to the church.

### **NOTE OF THANKS**

We extend our thanks to Ladybug Lawncare (Bruce & Susan Moore and their family) for maintaining the church lawn over the summer. They always do such a super job!

### **PRAYER MEETINGS**

The Friday morning and evening meetings continue to be held and are open to all. Many prayers have been answered because of those who take time to pray on behalf of others.

### **BIBLE PROMISE**



The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:5-7