

## News/Tidbits

### **HOMEGOINGS**

*"To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord." 2 Corinthians 5:8)*

Please pray for the following families who have lost loved ones over the holidays.

#### **Goodyear**

Pastor Mark (Erica) and Michele Quinlan's great-grandfather, Les Goodyear, passed away just prior to Christmas, in his 92nd year. Pastor Mark and Michele both took part in the funeral service which was held in Brampton on Saturday, December 27. Mr. Goodyear loved and served God and has now gone to his reward.

#### **Boone**

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Mr. Grenfield Boone, in his 83rd year, after a battle with pneumonia, and while visiting his family in Labrador City. Mr. Boone is the father of Tony (Marion) Boone and grandfather to Renee, Becky, and Gabby. Funeral service was held at Penney's Funeral Home in Labrador City on Saturday, January 3. Although he will be greatly missed, we rejoice that "Dad" Boone is now in Heaven with the God he served so faithfully.



### **BABY DEDICATION**

#### **Reid**

Children are indeed a gift, and a heritage from the Lord!

Pastor Courtney had the wonderful privilege of dedicating Mae Kensington Reid, daughter of Justin & Stephanie Reid, on Sunday morning, December 28. We were delighted to see a number of family members here for Baby Mae's special day, including her two sets of proud grandparents: Bob & Jolanda Galashan and Ron & Brenda Reid.

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### **SUNDAY SERMONS**

During the month of January, Pastor Courtney began a series on "Stations of the Cross", covering three topics so far: Gethsemane, Betrayal, and Condemnation. The series will continue in February. Pastor Rob preached from the book of Romans, focusing on Romans 12:2 "Be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind...."

On the last Sunday of the month, Ben Davy of Life 100.3 Christian Radio Station, will be sharing in the morning service.

### **THANKS FOR PRAYING!**

#### **Update on Myra Felix**

We are so thankful for a church body who faithfully prays for the many prayer requests that come our way.

A few months ago Myra Felix was diagnosed with AML (Acute Myelogenous Leukemia). She just spent the past month in Princess Margaret Hospital undergoing chemo treatment and tests. Myra is currently at home awaiting results of the most recent bone marrow test. As well, her husband, Manuel has been diagnosed with an ulcer that is being tested for cancer. Please continue to support the Felix family in prayer during these challenging days.

### **BUILDING PROGRESS**

After a couple weeks of holidays, the work crew are back on site!

Currently the electrical work (wiring) is being done, plus a considerable amount of the installation. The vapor barrier has also been completed and drywall installation should begin in a week or so. Bricklayers have been on the job but may be requested to hold off until warmer weather, depending on the heating costs.

Thank you so much for all your prayers and financial support.

We will continue to keep you updated.

**GOD IS GOOD!**



## **NEWSLETTER JANUARY, 2009**

*Happy New Year*

### **HAPPY 2009!**

We trust you had a great Christmas! Our prayer for you and your families this year is that you will experience joy, laughter, peace, good health, and a more intimate relationship with God. As you lean on Him for guidance, He WILL direct your path! (Proverbs 3:5-6)

### **STARTING OFF THE YEAR!**

At the beginning of every new year we hear a lot about New Year's Resolutions, some of which are kept and others which are not. Year after year we approach December 31st with great intentions. The reality is that many of these resolutions are a distant memory by February.

On the first Sunday of the month Pastor Courtney spoke on New Year's "Revolutions", making radical changes by setting priorities and goals for our daily lives. Spiritually speaking, we all need to make changes in our lifestyles to allow us to be filled with the presence and power of God's Spirit and enjoy the quality of inspired living. We can only do this by making conscious decisions to take positive steps that will bring balance and harmony into our lives.

May all of us be up to the challenge to experience a revolutionary degree of fruitfulness and fulfillment as a result!

## Events/Activities

### **CHRISTMAS EVE**

#### **Community Dinner**

Approximately 75 people attended the Free Community Dinner held in the gym. Annette Langeveld was the coordinator for the event and did an excellent job in organizing all the aspects of the dinner. Along with her husband, Anthony, and their family, a terrific group of hosts and hostesses volunteered their time to help set up, serve, wrap gifts, clean up, and much more. Each guest was the recipient of a full turkey dinner with all the trimmings, Christmas gifts, and a boxed dinner to take home with them. Our thanks to Annette and her team and to all who contributed food and monetary gifts to help make this night successful.

#### **Candlelight Carol Sing**

The Christmas Eve candlelight carol sing is an annual event at ICC, and again this year we had a full house, including our guests from the Community Dinner. Along with special music and songs, Pastor Courtney presented the live Nativity with participation from the kids in the audience. This is always a highlight of our Christmas Eve service.

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

#### **Ground Zero**

On December 31, from 12 noon to 12 midnight, Pastor Mark and the Youth joined five other churches for a special New Year's Eve "bash", with about 150 in attendance. Some of the activities of the event included rock climbing, bowling, hockey, a movie, and pizza, ending the night with a games tournament in the ICC gym. On Friday, January 9, Kristen Running was the speaker and did a great job! As well, beginning this month Pastor Mark is conducting a series of Discipleship classes with Ground Zero Youth.

#### **The GATE**

On Wednesday evenings, small group studies have already begun for The GATE kids, with "Back to the Basics" teaching. Many of the

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kids that come have no Christian background and know very little about God and who He is. Of course, there is always time for games and fun in the gym as well!

### **WOMEN'S MINISTRIES**

Prior to Christmas the ladies held a get-together where they sang carols and sampled delicious Christmas goodies. During the evening, Sharon Emmons inspiringly shared a portion of her personal testimony and a glimpse into her life, all reflecting the faithfulness of God.

The next WM meeting was on Tuesday, January 20, where the ladies were given tips on "getting organized". The guest for the evening was Margaret Harlos from "Living Organized", an independently operated company dedicated to improving the organization of home and office.

### **MEN'S MINISTRIES**

On Friday, December 12, the men partnered with Ground Zero and held a movie night, providing snacks and refreshments, and hanging out together—a great way to show support to our Youth! On January 9 the guys met for an "Olympics Night" at the home of Dale Clair, with fierce competitions, good fun and fellowship! Stay tuned for February's SUPER BOWL event!

### **PRIMETIMERS**

Even in the cold weather, the seniors continue to meet for Shuffleboard on Monday afternoons. It doesn't take long to warm up with a good cup of tea and that's always a part of their weekly activities!

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday School is still ongoing at ICC, with classes for all ages. Under the leadership of Carol Justice and Karen French, it is a very vital part of our church and we are so thankful to the volunteer teachers, nursery helpers, and bus drivers who make this possible—every Sunday!

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### **TIME OUT" CONFERENCE**

Pastor Mark, Erica & Jayden attended the "Time Out" conference in Niagara Falls from January 18-20. This is a time of refreshing for young pastors, youth pastors, children's pastors etc. It is a chance to relax with your family, get poured into with worship and the word, and meet with old and new friends. "Time Out" is a great weekend for refocusing on what youth ministry is really all about!

### **WATER BAPTISM**



On Sunday, January 11, Pastor Courtney and Pastor Mark had the privilege of baptizing three candidates: Allison Boylan, Kim Robbins and her son, Ben. What an exciting experience for the candidates and for those who stand with them in support of their obedience to following God through water baptism!

### **"CHANGES THAT HEAL"**

Changes That Heal, authored by Dr. Henry Cloud, is a 14-week study course that began this month, with facilitator Sheri McLaughlin. Dr. Cloud, a renowned clinical psychologist, combines his expertise, well-developed faith, and keen understanding of human nature in a four-step program of healing and growth. Changes That Heal offers sound advice that helps get the most out of life, heal the wounds of the past, and build lasting, loving relationships. The classes are held every Monday night in The Fireside Lounge of ICC.

### **MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**

Innisfil's Mayor's Prayer Breakfast began in February of 2002, following the U.S. Twin Towers terrorist attack, and has been continuing ever since. This year's breakfast is being held at 7:30 am on Wednesday, February 18, at the Stroud Recreational Complex. Tickets are \$10 each and may be picked up at the church office. To reserve a seat, please call 436-1611.