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Benevolence Innisfil Food Bank

Though the large influx of food donations that came in over Christmas has slowed down somewhat, we continue to receive donations from our regular donors such as So-beys, No Frills, Foodland, Alcona Vet, and Walmart. Donna, our Food Bank Co-ordinator, has been working very hard to sort the bins of food that accumulated over the Christmas season. We are so thankful to Bryan Hay who comes in regularly to pack the boxes. We are currently distributing up to 105 food boxes per month.

Clothing Depot

The Clothing Depot is still very busy...both in the receiving and sorting ends! We are grateful for the ladies who come in on a rotational basis. We do, however, still need an individual to oversee the operation and we are trusting that God will provide the right person to meet that need.

Many in our church family have been struggling with health issues; some ongoing and

Take Time to Pray

some within this past month. As well, there are others who have recently lost loved ones. Whatever the need, God is able to intervene and meet every need. James 5:16b says: "The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results." If you know someone who is not well, or needs encouragement, please take the time to stop and pray for them. We need each other!

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Paul acknowledges that the Thessalonian believers were edifying one another, because after giving the exhortation to encourage one another, he added, "just as you are doing." He simply wanted his readers to keep on encouraging one another. This still applies to us

Encourage
one another
and
build each other
up.

today!

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In And Around The Church

Innisfil Community Church continues to be a hub for the community in so many ways. Generally, most people only get to see what's happening on Sundays. However, throughout the week there are many community things happening apart from our own programs. Some of these include:

Tours of the facility for drop-in visitors
Showers & Birthday Celebrations
Love & Service (AA/Al Anon) (Mondays & Thursdays)
Toastmasters (Thursdays)
Basketball Coaching (Thursdays and Saturdays)

It is our privilege to serve our community through access of our facility. A Facility Use Application Form must be completed, submitted, and approved before the event takes place.

Coming Up Next Month! Annual Business Meeting

The Annual Business Meeting and Board elections will take place on March 9th at 7 pm. This is a good time to be informed of the programs and operation of our church. You don't need to be a member to attend, but only those who's membership applications have been completed, submitted and approved will be able to vote.

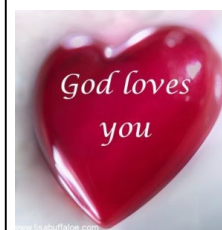
Be A Blessing! Till Next Month....God Bless YOU!

Today will never
come again. Be a
blessing. Be a friend.
Encourage someone.
Take time to care. Let
your words heal and
not wound.

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God Is Love

February 14th, Valentine's Day, is a day when love and affection is shared through flowers,



chocolate, cards and gifts; a means of saying "I Love You!" The greatest of all gifts is God's "perfect" love. God sent a message of love to the whole world when He gave His Son, Jesus, to die for us. HIS love helps us to build relationships through grow-

ing together, worshiping together, serving together, and reaching out to others. At Innisfil Community Church, we are endeavoring to do just that - build relationships. Psalm 133:1 says: "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"

Communion

The first Sunday of every month at ICC we begin the service with Communion. Jesus told us to do this "in remembrance of Him." What better form of love than that of our Heavenly Father....willingly giving His Son to lay down His life for us - the greatest love!

British Songwriter and Christian Worship Leader, Stuart Townend, wrote a song called "How Deep The Father's Love For Us" ...some of the lyrics include:

"How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life -
I know that it is finished."

Thank you for the Cross, Lord!

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Soul Sisters

This month's meeting was held on Saturday, February 8th, with Guest Speaker Dr. Fola Ogunbiyi. This was Part II of Dr. Fola's talk on Mental Health, addressing topics such as Anxiety, Depression, Psychotherapy, Counselling, how to manage, and resources that are available to help. Dr. Fola has extensive experience in mental health, marriage and relationship counseling. Her talk was very informative and inspirational. Of course the ladies also enjoyed a fun time, with special valentine treats and getting to know each other through a "snowball" icebreaker! Here are a few pictures from the event:



"Awaken" Girl's Luncheon

AWAKEN is a girls' group for grades 8-12, and is co-ordinated by Nicole Carrique. They meet twice a month for a Bible Study and planned events. On Sunday, February 16th, they got together for a luncheon with their Prayer Partners. (Thanks Evelyn Huntley for hosting!) The Prayer Partners mentor, encourage, and pray for the girls one-on-one.



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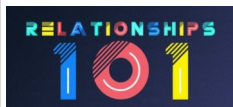
Men's Ministries

The men's breakfast meeting was held on Saturday, February 15th, with Guest Speaker Pastor Lawrence Crews. Lawrence has been in ministry for over 30 years. He recently resigned from his position as Senior Pastor, Calvary Community Church in Barrie, after serving there for 12 years, and is open to where God would lead him. He is passionate about God's Word and doing what it says. Lawrence shared some personal stories and spoke on the topic of "Resurrection." Below are a couple of pictures from the event:



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FUEL Youth



The Youth group is participating in a new series called "What Love Isn't". They are looking at the biblical meaning of love and learning how to have healthy relationships! A panel of adult leaders spent time answering questions that were submitted by the students.

Lunch Time Small Group

This class is facilitated by Pastor Andy and Jennifer Hay and takes places at noon on Tuesdays. They are currently studying "Letters to the Church, by Francis Chan. In Letters to the Church, Francis Chan invites readers to wrestle with the fact that many churches have drifted from God's desire for them. He challenges Christians to ask, "What does God want for His Church?" He guides Christ followers to live out God's magnificent and beautiful vision for His Church—a vision we may have lost but God has never forgotten.

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Anger Management Class

This course "What's Good About Anger?" is facilitated by Pastor Courtney, Certified Anger Management Specialist, National Anger Management Association, U.S.A. The classes began on February 5th and continues weekly for 8 sessions. This excellent anger management resource includes the Third Edition book and 16 expanded application lessons to help people effectively deal with anger issues.

A Board Orientation meeting was held following the service on Sunday, February 2nd. The

BOARD ORIENTATION

training session was chaired by Pastor Courtney and attended by Board Members and 16 congregational members. The feedback was that it was a very informative meeting, allowing the attendees to get a glimpse into how a regular board meeting takes place. Lots of information was shared, as well as participation in a question and answer period.

Elevation Leadership Conference

Pastor Andy and Youth Leaders attended the 2020 Elevation Leadership Conference which was held on Saturday, February 8th, at Calvary Assembly in Cambridge. This is a one day event for youth and young adult ministry teams. It exists to equip, encourage and empower leaders in a youth or young adult ministry context. The event is designed to develop and sharpen the leadership skills of an entire ministry team, from the pastor to the student leaders.

Small Groups

In addition to the in-house Small Groups, there are a number of groups who continue to meet on Sunday evenings in host homes, where they enjoy Bible Study and fellowship.