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Young Pastors "Time Out"

Pastor Andy & Pastor Sarah attended the Young Pastors' Time Out 2019 Retreat, held at Great Wolf Lodge in Niagara Falls January 13th to 15th. This conference aims to provide ministry in both a personal and practical way, including spiritually refreshing sessions for all who attend. There is also time set aside to relax, recharge, and connect with old and new friends.

Women's Ministries

Tammy Crews was the Guest Speaker at this month's Soul Sisters meeting. Tammy is the



wife of Pastor Lawrence Crews of Calvary Community Church in Barrie. She is a sought after conference speaker. Tammy shared an inspirational message on the importance of values and goals we set for ourselves

that are "true and meaningful" for our life's journey.

Men's Ministries

This month's Guest Speaker was Dr. Samuel Oluseyi Ogunbiyi, a local surgeon. He shared



his journey of becoming a Christian, and, becoming a medical doctor. We are delighted that Sam and his family have chosen ICC as their home church.

Sharing The Pulpit

Our Arts & Media Pastor, Eli Navas, delivered the sermon on Sunday, January 13th. Pastor Eli shared his life's journey from El Salvador to Canada. There were many hurdles and valleys along the way, but God had clearly

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Sharing The Pulpit (cont'd)

spoken to his heart to minister in Canada. There were times when he didn't listen to the voice of God, but when he became obedient to the call, he and his family experienced many miracles. He testified to the faithfulness, grace, and mercy of God. We are delighted to have the Navas family with us!

Small Groups

Pastor Courtney is currently leading two Small Group classes: Anger Management & Walking Through Grief. The other Small Groups are just resuming following the Christmas Break.

Deepest Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to Priyantha (Bernadette) Fernando on the recent passing of Priyantha's brother. His brother died suddenly at the age of 45, as a result of a heart attack, leaving to mourn his wife and 3 kids. Priyantha travelled to Sri Lanka for the funeral. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Birth Congrats!

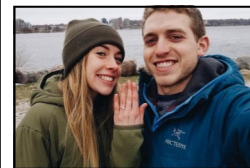
Congratulations to Dale & Brenda Clair on the birth of their newest grandson! Baby "Thorne Linden Clair" was born to Adam & Robin on Wednesday, January 2nd, weighing 8 lbs. 10.5 ounces.



Engaged!

Congratulations to Hannah Langeveld and Mac Vidal who were engaged on Saturday, December 22nd.

Hannah and Mac are both in college in Alberta and are planning to be married in the Edmonton area in June of this year. Hannah is the daughter of Anthony & Annette Langeveld.



"God, thank You for the year that has passed and the many blessings You have showered upon us. May this new year be a fruitful and purpose-filled one." Amen.

BLESSINGS EVERYONE!

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We hope you have all had a blessed and joyous Christmas and you are ready to embrace



the New Year with new vision and purpose!

Christmas Highlights 2018

At ICC, the month of December is always filled with activities surrounding the busyness of the season. This year was no different. Some of the things that took place are as follows:

Christmas Hampers & Gifts

We distributed 57 Hampers to families in the Innisfil community. These were filled with festive items and everything needed for a Christmas Dinner, plus food gift cards. We are thankful to Innisfil Fire & Rescue for donating 55 turkeys, to Foodland in Stroud for 55 bags of potatoes, and to our church family for helping complete the Hampers with other special items. As well, the recipients of these Hampers shopped for their families in our "gift store" (all items donated), making their Christmas even brighter!

Christmas Eve Community Dinner

Jennifer Hay (our co-ordinator) and her Team, did a fantastic job of hosting a full sit-down festive meal for our 75 guests from the community, who also had an opportunity to shop for gifts for their families as well. We were honored to have had our MP, John Brassard, and our Mayor, Lynn Dollin, help serve the meal.

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Christmas Highlights 2018 (cont'd) Christmas Eve Service

On Christmas Eve we had a full house for our candlelight carol sing, special music, and live kids' nativity (always a highlight)! It was a delight to see so many from our community, as well as family and friends, attend this special service!

Other Festive Activities

Innisfil Christmas Parade

ICC participated in the Alcona Christmas Parade on November 26th, with 2 floats: Nativity & Innisfil Food Bank.

Production: "The Christmas Chest"

The presentation of "The Christmas Chest" (by Carolyn Currey & Soli Deo Gloria Ballet) was held at ICC on Friday, December 14th. It featured a journey into Christ-



mas, with beautiful classical ballet, carols, live music, and Christmas poetry.

FUEL Youth Banquet

The Youth held their Christmas Banquet on Friday, December 21st....complete with a turkey dinner, music and games. It was a fun-filled night!



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Christmas Highlights (cont'd) Primetimers Christmas Luncheon

The seniors held a Christmas potluck buffet on Monday, December 3rd. There was a variety of foods and treats to choose from, which was enjoyed by all! Thank you Beth Skabernicky for coordinating!

Women's Ministries

The Soul Sisters Christmas event was a catered breakfast buffet, held on Saturday,



December 8th, with an amazing turnout of ladies! There were fun games around the tables, and lots of girl talk! Marlene ended the morning with a devotional and prayer.

Men's Ministries

George Carl was the Guest Speaker for the Men's Ministries Breakfast held on December 15th. George joined the Police Force in 1988 and just recently celebrated his 30th Anniversary there as a motorcycle officer. George officially retired on Thursday, October 25th. George



shared his life's experiences....and....his journey of faith.

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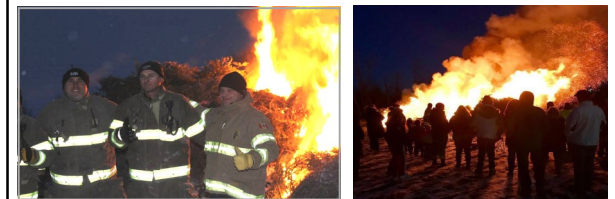
"Be The Church" - with Pastor Andy
Our Family Ministries Pastor, Andy Hammond, preached the final message of 2018 on December 30th. "We need the church to be more "Holy Spirit" conscious than ever before. What will the church be like for the next generation, for our children and children's children?" May we all listen to voice of the Holy Spirit to guide us in the years ahead!
January 2019

*new year
new beginnings*

The first Sunday of the new year, January 6th, was welcomed with communion and a message of hope from Pastor Courtney. We can all move forward in faith and expectancy in 2019. confident of God's love and assured of His promises.

ICC Community Bonfire

Innisfil Community Church, Innisfil Fire & Rescue, and Innisfil Rotary joined together for a



community bonfire on Sunday evening, January 8th, held at the property adjacent to the church. Christmas trees were picked up from the roadside and home curbs and brought to the property during the week of January 1-8. ICC provided hotdogs and candy for the kids! It was wonderful seeing the community/church come together for a fun evening; well attended and well received! Our thanks to our Team of volunteers and all who supported this event in various ways.