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Innisfil Christmas Parade

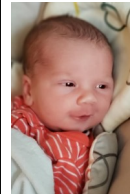
On November 24th, ICC participated in the



Innisfil Parade, with three segments: Innisfil Food Bank, Flags of Nations (Christmas Around the World), and Live Band/Manager Float. It was a beautiful day and we thank all those who took part and represented our church well!

Birth Announcements Knight

Pastor & Beulah are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their great-granddaughter.



"Charlotte Rae Knight" was born to their granddaughter, Meagan, and proud daddy, Ian, on November 6th, weighing 8 pounds. Thank you for all the love, support, and best wishes. Everyone is doing fine!

Draganac

Congratulations to David & Jamie Draganac on the safe arrival of their new baby girl! Baby Draganac (no name yet) was born at RVH in Barrie on Monday, November 25th, weighing 8 lbs. 13 oz. Caleb, Parker & Claire are delighted to welcome their new sister.



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Coming Up In December Christmas Production

We invite you to join us for our Christmas Presentation called "A Christmas Break-in." The presentations will take place on Saturday, December 7th at 7:00 pm, and on Sunday morning, December 8th, at 10:00 am.

Soul Sisters Catered Breakfast

On Saturday, December 14th, from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. Featured Guest Speaker: Rev. Shanna Gerber, Associate Pastor, Hiway Church in Barrie. Tickets are \$15 each. To reserve, please call the church office at: 705-436-1611.

Christmas Eve Outreach Dinner

Our annual Christmas Eve Dinner will be held at 6:00 pm. This dinner is specifically for those in our church or community who are alone for Christmas or otherwise would not enjoy a festive meal.

Christmas Eve Service

We invite you to join us for our Christmas Eve Service at 8:00 pm. Come and celebrate the birth of Jesus with us!

This will be the last Newsletter of 2019. Our next Newsletter will be in January, at which time we will combine December highlights and January news.

On behalf of our ICC Pastoral and Office staff and church family, we wish you and your families a very Happy and Blessed Holiday Season!



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Lest We Forget!

On Sunday, November 10th, at Innisfil Community Church the first segment of the morning



service was dedicated to honour those who serve, and have served, to preserve our freedom. The ceremony included the National Anthem, reading of the poem "Flanders Fields", the Last Post, a moment of silence, and words of remembrance from Pastor Courtney. God keep our land "glorious and free!"

Sermon Series

Pastor Courtney has been doing a sermon series on I Thessalonians....chapters 1, 2, 3 and 4 so far. "Impressed by the faithfulness of the Thessalonians in the face of persecution, Paul wrote to encourage the Christians in that community with the goal that they would continue to grow in godliness. Paul knew that the people had been exposed to false teaching from those in opposition to the way of Jesus Christ and the grace of God. And Paul also understood that unless the young church continued to mature in its faith, the danger would only increase over time. Paul offered the hope of Christ's return, providing both comfort in the midst of questions and motivation to godly living." Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians makes clear that every Christian should expect to grow in holiness over the course of his or her life.

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Soul Sisters

This month's event (November 9th) was a



Fashion Show, featuring outfits from the Clothing Depot (which were later returned to the store). It was showcased to bring an awareness of the kinds of clothing we are able to provide for the residents of Innisfil. Marlene Myers presented Beulah Courtney with flowers as a token of appreciation for her vision for the Clothing Depot and managing it for 10 years. Sharon Emmons was the guest speaker for the morning and did an excellent job of sharing the importance of reading and studying the Bible and applying the truths of God's Word to our every day living. A second Soul Sisters event, Craft Show, was held on November 23rd, with some of the proceeds going to the FUEL Youth Ministry.

Men's Ministries

The Men's Ministries Breakfast was held on Saturday, November 16th. The men viewed a



DVD of Comedian Jeff Allen, as he told his

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personal testimony of recovery from drugs and alcohol. Then a miracle began to unfold through the generous help from a total stranger who put Jeff on a path that would lead to peace and comfort in God. Following worship and the video, the men shared a special prayer time together. Thank you to the faithful men in the kitchen who cook and serve a full breakfast every month!

Fuel Youth



Thirty-eight FUEL Youth and Leaders have just returned from the annual Big Picture Retreat in Muskoka the weekend of November 15-17. To quote Pastor Andy: *"We had an amazing weekend at Big Picture 2019. God did some amazing things and the Holy Spirit was at work!"* We thank God for our Youth, for all those who work alongside of them, and for the support of our ICC family.

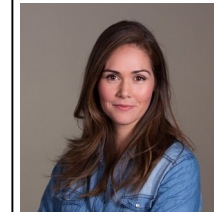
Innisfil Food Bank

After a year and a half, Emma James has concluded her position as Coordinator for the Innisfil Food Bank and will be working full time with Flypress Films (her brother's business). Emma has done a tremendous job in this role and we will miss her. Donna Vanbogedom has assumed this position. Donna has volunteered in the Food Bank for several years, sorting and packing boxes. She is familiar with the process and is very diligent and committed to this ministry. Welcome Donna!

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Recognizing A Special Lady!

Amy James has been the Kids' Church Coordinator at ICC for the past seven years.



There are few words that can describe Amy's loyalty, dedication, commitment and love that has been poured into the kids and leaders of our church. She

has served with excellence! Even though she is stepping back from this role, we are so thankful that Amy and her family will continue to be an integral part of our church family.

On Sunday, November 24, Pastor Andy honored Amy by having all those who have worked with her... as leaders and volunteers... come to the platform to show their appreciation and to let her visibly see the impact her leadership has had on all those she served and ministered to. Below is Amy's response:

"Thank you Pastor Sarah Hammond and Pastor Andrew Hammond - and church family. I was entirely overwhelmed at the kind words and the love this morning. It was a privilege (and so humbling) today to see the effects of many years serving the Lord in Kids Church and pouring into the lives of kids, youth and volunteers. I believe the best is yet to come at ICC Kids Church and I cannot wait to see it unfold. What an outstanding group of people we have in our church family!"

We love you Amy and THANK YOU so much for investing in the lives of our kids! We are all richer because of your obedience in saying "Yes" to God's call!