

## News

### Wedding Congrats!

#### French/Laviolette



Congratulations to Kaitlyn French and Patrick Laviolette, who were married on Saturday, September 16th in Sarsfield, a little town near Ottawa, ON. The wedding ceremony took

place outdoors, followed by a reception in a beautiful refurbished barn. The happy couple are honeymooning in Jamaica. (Kaitlyn is the daughter of Bryan & Karen French).

#### Bisnath/Persad



Congratulations to Amanda Bisnath and Nick Persad, who were married on Saturday, September 23rd, at ICC. The ceremony was officiated by Pastor Courtney, and was followed by a reception at the Riviera Banquet Hall

in Concord, ON.

### Birth Announcement



Congratulations to Dale & Brenda Clair on the birth of their newest grandson! "Loyal Albert Kenneth Gauthier" was born on September 19th, weighing 6 lbs.10 oz. This is baby #8 for their daughter, Gillian,

and son-in-law, Abbey - 6 girls and 2 boys! Both mom and baby are doing well.

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### Benovelence

#### Innisfil Food Bank

Like most food banks, food donations have been scarce over the summer months, yet the demand remains high! Thankfully there are those who donate on a regular basis...Alcona Animal Hospital, St. James United Church, Sobey's and a few others, which help us get through as best we can. We are hopeful that in the next while we will be the recipients of Food Drives from the local schools, as well as the Sobey's & South Simcoe Police annual Thanksgiving Food Drive.

#### The Clothing Depot

Approximately 170 bags of clothing and other items were distributed on August 24th, just in time for back to school shopping....and again on September 28th, with the line-ups beginning an hour before the store opens. So many clients tell us what a blessing this ministry is to their families. It is only because of the very generous donations that come in on a daily basis that this is made possible. It is a privilege to serve our community!

PEACE IN  
THE MIDST  
OF THE STORM

There are so many things to pray for - especially those who are affected by the most recent hurricanes, floodings, and earthquakes. Please join with the many others who are lifting up those people before the Lord. They need our prayers.

*"Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10*

**Praying God's Blessings On You  
Today!**

## Innisfil Community Church Newsletter September, 2017

### Anniversary Sunday

**"Great is Thy Faithfulness O Lord!"**



Congratulations to Innisfil Community Church (and to Pastor Courtney) on celebrating 38 years of faithful ministry and service to the Innisfil

community. We are so thankful for our Staff, Board and loving congregation who continue to share in this ministry. God's promises are sure and he has indeed led us thus far.

Pastor Courtney shared some of the history and journey of ICC and how the ministry began with home Bible studies in 1979. He spoke of the faithfulness of God over the years and "His hand of blessing is still upon us today."

The title of the message was "Childless For Too Long" - Isaiah 54: "Sing, O childless woman, you who have never given birth!" Pastor Courtney encouraged the body of Christ that "the time is now!" God is going to open doors of opportunity for us to witness and bring forth fruit in this due season. We just have to individually do our part with the empowerment God has given us to birth new souls into the Kingdom.

THANK YOU Innisfil Community Church for your obedience to God, for your love and support, and for pressing on towards the mark of the high calling.

*"I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us." Phil. 3:14*

## Events/Activities/News

### FUEL, BGs and The GATE

Registration has taken place and the Boys & Girls Club, along with The GATE, have resumed their program activities on Wednesday evenings. It's good to hear the hustle and bustle of the kids again!

While their programs are going on, the Café is open to parents for a time of fellowship, and an opportunity to sit and chat with each other. Thanks to Karen Boylan for taking leadership of this Small Group.

The FUEL Youth group got together for various activities and events throughout the summer months, as well as continuing their Friday night regular service.

### Primetimers

The Seniors held their Pot Blessing Luncheon on September 11th to kick off the new season. They continue to meet every Monday for a good game of Shuffleboard and fellowship.

### Seniors' Home Fellowship Hour

Al & Linda Smith continue to lead the Thursday fellowship hour at Lakeside Retirement Home in Alcona. They have now been joined by Mel & Kae Campbell who assist them in the prayer and share time with the residents.

### Women's Ministries



Jennie Nadeau was the special guest at WM on Tuesday, September 26th. For Jennie, it took hitting a personal rock bottom for a true surrender to Jesus. Her infertility led to alcohol and cocaine addiction as well as unfaithfulness to her marriage vows. But God worked a miracle in Jennie's life through the ministry of Teen Challenge and equipped her with the tools for coping with life's challenges. Jennie is now a Development Officer at Teen Challenge GTA Women's Centre.

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### Men's Ministries

Under the new leadership of Chris Mooney, the men met on Saturday, September 16th, for their first breakfast meeting of the season. Jorge Serna facilitated the open discussion around the theme of "Evangelism". There was good participation and...of course...a good breakfast shared by all!

Also, as this letter is being written, a number of our men are scheduled to attend the Men's Retreat at Chesley Lake the weekend of September 29th and 30th.

### Small Groups/Life Groups



It is important to grow in our faith, and what better way to do that than with other people! At ICC we are endeavoring to connect our church family through our various types of groups: Bridges, Life Together, Prayer Groups, Serve Groups, Modules, and more. We are delighted that so many have a desire to join with us. To learn more about these Small Groups/Life Groups, we invite you to visit our website at [www.innisfilchurch.com](http://www.innisfilchurch.com) and click on the link "Ministries, Small Groups". If you would like to be part of a group, send an email to: [info@innisfilchurch.com](mailto:info@innisfilchurch.com) or sign up at our Connections Booth in the church foyer.

### Baptism of The Holy Spirit Study

For the past seven weeks, Pastor Courtney facilitated a class on Wednesday evenings for those who wanted to know more about The Baptism of The Holy Spirit, and for those who were seeking to receive this gift. It was a great time of open discussion and "prayer and share."

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### Sharing The Word



On September 17th, in Pastor Courtney's absence (vacation), Pastor Andy Hammond delivered a message entitled "Dry Bones". His text was taken from Ezekiel 37, where God transported Ezekiel in a vision to a valley of dry bones. God directed him to

speak to the bones. Ezekiel was to tell the bones that God would make breath enter the bones and they would come to life. In applying this in today's world, it speaks to us individually. No matter how dried up and worthless we may feel, God can restore us to life through His Word and Spirit. To listen to the sermon online, visit our website and click on the "Media" link. Great job, Pastor Andy!

### Prayer Changes Things!

The Friday morning prayer group has been meeting for many years. Pastor Gerry French is 93 years of age and rarely misses these meetings; we thank God for Him and for his passion for prayer. The Youth held a weekly prayer meeting over the summer months, facilitated by Kylie Anderson. We are so grateful for the faithful prayer warriors who stand in the gap and intervene on behalf of the needs of our church body and other requests as they are presented. Thank you!!

### Photo Directory

Our church directory photo shoots have been completed and we were very pleased with the response. Over 75 families booked appointments. Those who were unavailable for the bookings still have an opportunity to submit a photo and be included. We expect to receive the full color directory within the next couple of months.