



# The Beacon



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## Welcome Back to the Beacon Pastor Robert Lindsay Gatto

Welcome to our first issue of The Beacon for 2004! I have been told that the paper

was missed and we pray that it can be a way for our church family to share stories, testimonies and events that happen in the church and also share blessings that happen to our families.

If you have any ideas or comments for The Beacon, please let me know.

### HAPPENINGS:

\* May was a clean up month at the church with the building getting fully cleaned and the outside grounds being landscaped and cleaned up. A new storage system was built by Scott Polhamus in the upstairs storage room to easily stack and identify items that have been stored there. Aaron Wood has been working on getting the basement painted to brighten it up for Sunday School and Joan Gatto and her helpers will be painting murals on some of the walls. It will look totally new, fresh, warm and inviting!

\* Saturday Morning Soul Winning started up in a new area this month. Last month the church rented a coach bus and Pastor Gatto showed us 15 new development areas that are in the process of being built, in and around the Stouffville-Markham area all less than 15 minutes away! What a mission field we have right on our doorsteps!

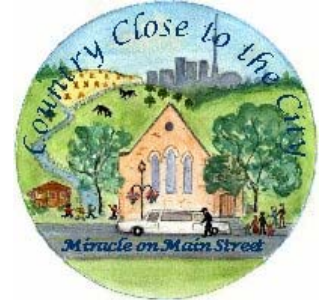
\* The church pulpit, which was made before Pastor Gatto was

born, was replaced by one he had designed himself and had made 16 years ago. It complements the building yet updates the look a bit. \* Aaron & Georgia Wood had a SS class hike on Friday May 21st. Aaron brought their class on a 4 1/2 hour hike through the Caledon Hills north west of the airport. The class really enjoyed themselves as they had a picnic lunch at Belfountain, a beautiful park along the Credit River. Aaron brought back a souvenir from his trip - poison ivy! Thanks Aaron for the fun time!

\* Dona Braghieri was with us for a few weeks in May. She came from Italy and stayed with the Gatto family. She is so grateful for finding the Lord at our church and loves coming whenever she gets a break from her cruise ship schedule. She had just come off a 6 month world cruise where she is a hostess, activities director and tour guide. She started a Bible study service on the ship while she was on board. She has a wonderful simple faith and God has been blessing her life and ministry for Him.

\* If you were here with us on Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, you were part of the Birthday celebrations for Jacqueline Bosman. The lovely Jacqueline enjoyed some of her favourite foods (veggies, dip and salty snacks) along with sugar free ice cream for dessert! We sang Happy Birthday to her, took her picture and she really enjoyed opening her presents! A special birthday for a very special lady, Jacqueline!

\*Have you seen the June issue of Reader's Digest? Check out page



50 for a lovely picture of Sarah Wilson and read her comments and those of other teenagers on how well parents are doing their job!

### PRAYERS:

-Wayne Wright and the whole Wright family. Wayne is still very sick so continue to pray for him and Shirley and Bill and Dorothy.  
-Grace Basra is doing very well and is very grateful for the support that has been shown her over the past months of her sickness. Please continue to pray that she has a full recovery and can return to work soon.  
-Garrett Walsh and the Walsh family, please continue to pray for Garrett's health, as well as his strength and wisdom, and for his faith to remain strong through this difficult time



The following very Special People are celebrating Birthdays soon!

June 1 Carson

**Weeks**

- June 2 Kade Wood
- June 3 Minnette Edwards
- June 5 Robert Atkinson
- June 8 Mike Reid
- June 15 Marie Belle Kapauan
- June 22 Roy Kulananthan  
Johnson Lirio  
Joshua Vivian
- June 25 Shannon Reid
- June 26 Nik Kapauan
- June 29 Jordan Gatto
- June 30 Audrey Avery

- July 1 Sarah Wilson
- July 4 Charity, Eve & Prayer Polhamus



What famous person shares your Birthday?

Mrs. Kapauan shares her birthday with two other beautiful ladies; Courtenay Cox and Helen Hunt.

Mrs. Avery shares her birthday with two very different individuals: Mike Tyson and Lena Home!

Sarah shares her birthday with our Great Country and the triplets share their birthday with our neighbours to the south!



Would anyone like to guess how long these couples have been married for???

June 6 Al & Mary Borisenko

June 14 Ron & Aurora Guinto

June 16 David & Marie Belle Kapauan

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Would you like to share your testimony? Do you have a special story, event, prayer request or any other information you would like to share with your church family?

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**Our Schedule of Services**

**SUNDAY SERVICES**

Sunday School  
for all ages 10:00 am  
Morning Service 11:00 am  
Afternoon Service 2:00 pm  
*we have fully staffed nurseries at all services*

**THURSDAY SERVICE**

Bible Study and Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm

*Pastor Robert Lindsay Gatto is the founding pastor of The Lighthouse Baptist Church and has been pastoring since its beginning in 1986. The move to Stouffville happened in September 2003, affectionately known as the "Miracle on Main Street." He and his wife Joan have been married since 1983 and have five children, three girls and two boys.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS:

♥ Congratulations are in order to Connie Santiago who will be getting married in our church June 19th. She is marrying Mr. Spence Ziegler from Chicago. The couple was introduced to each other by a mutual friend. Spence is a member of First Baptist Church of Burbank, Illinois. Connie has been a member of Lighthouse for over 10 years and drove church buses and vans for us for many years. Way to go Connie! God loves you and so do we!

FATHER'S DAY June 20th

Plan to join us as we honour Dads and have lots of food and fun to celebrate their special day! We will have Sunday School as usual at 10:00am and our regular 11:00am service, with some special surprises. Then we will be heading to the Pavilion in the Park for a Scrumptious BBQ lunch, followed by fun and games! We will even have a special speaker that afternoon! Plan to play and have fun and if the weather cooperates, maybe even plan on getting wet!

CANADA DAY/ STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

The Annual Stouffville Strawberry Festival kicks off Thursday, July 1<sup>st</sup> with the opening ceremonies and fireworks! Join us for church that evening and then share the fun of the fireworks with your family and neighbours. The highlight of the Festival will be on Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, when Main Street will be closed down and we will see thousands of visitors pass right in front of our doors. Please plan to join us that day, to help with meeting and greeting people and to enjoy the events of the Festival with your family.

FREEDOM VILLAGE

Mark your calendars for July 17 -18. We are thrilled to have the Freedom Village young people visiting with us for the Saturday and Sunday! We plan an outreach to the local teens and their families, as well as teens who may be living in group homes or other facilities. Please pray for this event, as we will need workers and financial support! MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW!