

welcome to vcbc!

We'd love to get to know you and pray for you!

Please introduce yourself to one of the greeters or pastors. There are welcome packages available in the foyer. We welcome you to use the welcome cards in the pew in front of you for **prayer requests, comments, suggestions,** and **communication with our pastoral team.**

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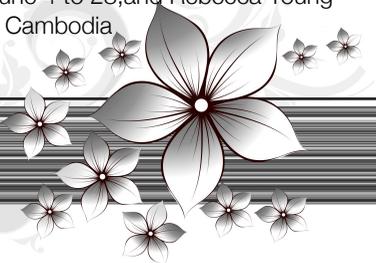
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this week's prayer items

"God loves me enough to feed me, bless me, and give me hope for the future. Amen"

— Eliud Otieno, a Compassion Sponsor Child: a prayer he has written on the cardboard wall of his shack in Mathare, a slum in Nairobi, Kenya, and prayed every day as he leaves his home. Source: bradruggles.com/2010/03/08/a-father-to-the-fatherless

1. We worship you because you are God, the mystery of three Persons in one, everlasting Father who sent your Word, Jesus Christ, to bring us truth and your Spirit to make us holy.
2. We confess that our hearts grow calloused by the sheer amount of injustices in this world. Give us the courage to pray that our hearts be broken by what breaks your heart. Guide us to what it would take to satisfy the needs of the oppressed and to spend ourselves in behalf of the hungry, so that we could be a Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.
3. We pray for Benny Lee and Susan Cheung serving with the EMAS surgery team May 30 to June 10, Monita Bayles serving with the EMAS dental team in Yunnan May 30 to June 12, Helena Akrigg joining the post operative EMAS team June 6 to June 19, Keith Leung serving with Operation Mobilization in South Africa June 4 to 28, and Rebecca Young serving in the Philippines, Thailand, and Cambodia June 1 to August 25.



core values

visionary leadership, mission, preaching & teaching, intimacy with God, community in Christ, stewardship, wholistic gospel

vision statement

to become a faith community that lives out God's will in all areas of life

mission statement

passionately committed to forming genuine followers of Jesus Christ in love and unity

contact us

English Sunday service

9:30 a.m.

Other Sunday services:

Cantonese: 8:15 a.m. &

11:15 a.m.

Mandarin: 9:15 a.m.

JC Kidz Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

JC Kidz Worship

Preschool & Kindergarten:

9:30 a.m.

Grades 1-6: 11:00 a.m.



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photo of the week

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Last year's VBS
Crocodile Dock.
Photo courtesy Alfred Au.

calendar of events

Today

Sunday L.I.F.E. Groups
VBS registration
Victoria Dr. Cleanup Event

Tuesdays

Toonie Badminton

Thursdays

English Well

Fridays

EDGE Youth Fellowships
Basketball Drop-in

Saturdays

Salt & Journey
Character Career

June 2

Mission Prayer Meeting

June 4

EC Prayer Meeting
Pioneer Clubs Sports Day
(last day)

June 7

Evangelism Workshop

June 17

English Well Barbecue

vcbc personnel

Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Jonathan Cheung

Senior Pastor

Rev. Yee-Shing Wong

Associate Pastor

Rev. Jeffrey Sharp

Mandarin Mission

Rev. Yee-Shing Wong

Our Pastoral Team

Rev. Hans Hau

Rev. Peter Teh

Pastor Grace Kan

Pastor Berechiah Lee

Pastor Johnny Lo

Pastor Sam Wong

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Mrs. Rita Fong

Petra Mo-Yung

Mrs. Cecilia Pang

Linda Yang

Cindy So

Custodian

Mr. Francis Kwok

If you don't usually keep your bulletin for the devotional article and prayer items, please recycle it and its inserts. You can drop them in the wicker baskets in the foyer or in the recycling bin located downstairs in both photocopier rooms.



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Enjoying God

sunday 30 may 2010

this month's theme is
intimacy and family

In the movie *Dead Poets Society*, there is a scene where Mr. Keating (played by Robin Williams), an English instructor at an elite preparatory school, asks his students to rip out the "Introduction to Poetry" essay from their literature textbooks. The essayist had instructed students in a method of grading poems on a sliding scale, complete with the use of a grid, thus reducing art for the heart into arithmetic for the head. The students looked around at each other in confusion as their teacher dismissed the essay as rubbish and ordered them to rip these pages from their books. And at their teacher's loud prodding, the students began to rip. Dr. Keating paced the aisle with a trash can and reminded the students that poetry is not algebra, not songs on *American Bandstand* that can be rated on a scale from 1 to 10, but rather pieces of art that plunge the depths of the heart to stir vigor in men and woo women.

Too much of our time is spent trying to chart God on a grid, and too little is spent allowing our hearts to feel awe. By reducing Christian spirituality to formulas, we deprive our hearts of wonder. The Christian faith is about falling in love with God, not some idea or statement about God.

When we think about the complexity of the Trinity, the three-in-one God, our mind can't understand it all, but our heart feels wonder and a deep and rich satisfaction. It is as though our heart, in the midst of its euphoria, is saying to our mind: *There are things you can't understand, and you must learn to live with this.* Not only must you learn to live with this, you must learn to enjoy this.

Yes, the God of the Bible is revealed as Father, Son and Spirit, but much more important is to realize that this Trinitarian God is a God who is revealed as infinite love and desires to share that love and life with you. Do you enjoy God? Have you fallen in love with the God who loves you? You can. And when you do, like songs and good poetry, it will stir your deepest soul. But even better than poetry and song, you are reborn to a new, deeper and more satisfying life.

order of worship

We Come to Worship

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in heavenly places, and who marked us with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance as God’s own people, to the praise of God’s glory.”

Ephesians 1:3,13,14

Invitation to Silent Meditation

Opening Prayer

We Praise God

You are welcome to stand or sit during this time of singing.

Offering of Praise

“There Is A Redeemer”

“I Stand In Awe”

“Enough/There is None Like You”

Pastoral Prayer

We Hear God’s Word

Scripture Passages

Matthew 28:16-20; 2 Corinthians 13:11-14 (pew Bible p. 921, 1073)

Message

Getting To Know God

Pastor Jeff Sharp

We Respond with Ourselves and with Our Gifts

Song of Response

“Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God”

Offering and the Sharing of Community Life

Welcome and Greet One Another

Song of Proclamation

“You Are My King”

Blessing

Doxology

“Praise His Holy Name”

Lead Worshiper: Willis Wong, Joanna Chan

Ushers: Jim and Monita Bayles, Amie So, Cindy So

Greeters: Eddie and Pearl Chiu, Vickie Chow, Danita Wong

Today’s flowers are generously donated by Mr. & Mrs. Dixon Chan, Titus & Nancy Wong

Our L.I.F.E. groups

Learning, Interacting, Forming, & Exploring

get connected

with people in our church through our L.I.F.E. groups.
Experience your walk with Jesus in the company of others as you learn, pray, laugh, cry, and grow together in Christ.
We have L.I.F.E. groups for people of various ages, stages in life, and interests, and we encourage all to be a part of one.

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Tuesdays

Badminton

8-10pm; \$2 drop-in

Large gym, Moberly Elementary School

All abilities and ages welcome

Linda: linday@vcbc.bc.ca

Saturdays

Homebuilders

Various weekends & locations

For families & couples

Lisa Young 604.272.3003

Dave Cheung 604.306.8996

Character

Career adults small group

7:30pm

Danita or Brian 604.434.7387

our.little@gmail.com

Salt

University and early career adults

7:30pm at VCBC rooms B3-5

www.saltfellowship.com

Willis: willboy@shaw.ca

Fridays

EDGE Youth Ministry

the Elim, Daniel, Gideon experience

Elim gr. 6-7

Daniel gr. 8-9

Gideon gr. 10-12

7:30pm at Moberly Elementary School

Pastor Johnny: johnnylo@vcbc.bc.ca

Basketball

7:15-9:45pm, Large gym of Moberly Elementary School. All abilities and ages welcome. Fred:

fredrick.lee@shaw.ca or

604-518-7952

Journey

College & university students

7:30pm at VCBC rooms B1-2

Einar Wong

pushfrog7@gmail.com

Sundays: winter session

CLASS

Grades 7 & 8

Grades 9 & 10

Grade 11

Grade 12

Young Adult

Bible Study/Special Topics

Wednesday Morning Study

Breakthrough! (June 6)

LEADERS

Ron Hui & Ragland Royappan

Brian Lew & Larry Chow

Pastor Johnny Lo,

Wilson Ho & Jonathan Lee

Lewis Chan & Wes Liu

Alfred Lu

Pastor Jeff Sharp

Naomi & Philip Mah

Grace Lu

LOCATION

VCBC Boardroom

Moberly 007

Moberly 021

Moberly 043

Moberly 066

Moberly Library

VCBC Prayer room

VCBC E2

get connected: events

1. **Breaking the Ice & Getting Out of Your Comfort Zone.** Let’s take some risks, move out of our comfort zones, meet those you don’t know (even those on the other side of the aisle), you might discover that you’ve made a friend.
2. **Pastor Jeff’s Sunday LIFE group** is exploring “The Lord’s Supper” (1 Corinthians 11:17-34 & Matthew 25:31-40). Join us in Moberly’s library after service.
3. **VBS High Seas Expeditions Summer Day Camp 2010** registration continues today in the church basement. For more information, see insert or visit www.vcbc.bc.ca/english to download the registration form & flyer.
4. **Pioneer Clubs.** This Friday is the last day of this term. Parents are reminded to register their child(ren) for the next term. After this Fri, parents can still register at the Church Office.
5. **In regards to borrowing items from the church for ministry-related use beyond church premises,** please consult with the office staff first to confirm availability and to establish a pickup and return date/time, as the church has limited resources sharing among 3 congregations and many ministry groups/teams. Thank you for your cooperation.
6. **Dignity Affinity Benefit Program.** VCBC is now a registered organization of this program, and VCBC members and family can now apply to join as members. Benefits include 10% savings off the general price list from any Dignity Memorial Provider throughout North America on funeral/cemetery/cremation services and merchandise. Please pick up a brochure/application form in the foyer or the office (apply on your own, membership card only covers the applicant, each family member needs to apply for his/her own card).
7. **Paul & Zabeth Bayne** will be hosting a fundraising concert at VCBC next Sunday night at 7:30 pm. Purpose is to raise awareness of their plight (google their names to obtain details) and to raise fund for their legal battle to get their children back.

get involved: opportunities

1. **Calling all VBS volunteers!** Are you a people person? Interested in working with children ages 5-12? If so, VBS needs YOU to help out! VBS runs from July 5th - 9th. We need volunteers for: VBS and Friday Fun Fair set up and clean up; crew leaders; help with games, food and prizes booths and much more!! All crew leaders need to attend a training session on Sun, June 27, 1-4pm. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions please email us at vbsatvcbc@gmail.com.
2. **Links International** is looking for a primary school teacher to go to Malawi to train the local people in education. The trip is from July 18 to August 1. If you are interested, please contact Edith at edith@linksinternational.ca.

L.I.F.E. reminders

Parents of preschool and kindergarten children, please pick up your children at 10:45 a.m. Thank you for your cooperation.