

this week's announcements

1. **Members' Bi-monthly Meeting - TODAY at 1:00 pm** in the sanctuary (see insert for motions). Limited quantity of Chinese buns will be for sale in the basement before the meeting. Registered VCBC Members please sign in and obtain your Ballot at the registration tables in the foyer before the meeting. **Note:** (1) Non-members do not have voting rights; (2) Obtaining Ballot and/or Voting on behalf of another person is not permitted; (3) All Ballots are the property of VCBC, all unused Ballots must be returned to the registration table before leaving. Thank you. Also, the 2014 Dept./Committee/Ministry Team nominees affirmation process will take place in the Members' Bi-monthly Meeting.

2. **Christmas Magic: A Family Celebration on Dec 6.** Join us for a magic show by Donald Dunphy, games, food & a special performance by the P2G Choir. Friday Dec 6, 7:30-9:15pm at VCBC. All kids aged 3-12 & their families are welcome! Invite your friends.

3. **A VCBC Christmas: "A Joyful Celebration"**. Come celebrate Christmas with us! Enjoy a special evening program and a dessert potluck, accompanied by carolling on Saturday, **Dec 21** at VCBC. Doors will open @ 7pm and the program will start @ 7:30pm. Mark your calendar. Bring your friends and family. More info to come.

4. **53rd Canada Chinese Christian Winter Conference** - Dec 27-31 at Sheraton Guildford in Surrey. Theme: Connect, Impact, Multiply. English Track Speaker is Rev. Tom Blackaby. There's also an English Teens Track and workshops for both teens and adults. Registration deadline is next Sunday, Dec 1. Register at www.53cccwc.com.

5. **2014 Church Calendar Has Arrived** - One per family please. You can also pick up one traditional Chinese red paper writing at the same time.

6. **Offering and Expenditure** for the month of **October 2013**, and Year-To-Date balance for all Funds:

	Offerings	Expenditures	YTD Surplus/ (Deficit)
General	57,534.75	51,361.35	(91,322.57)
Mission	24,115.50	16,052.76	(2,010.68)
Charity	2,897.25	0.00	22,990.25
Building	7,755.82	3,692.75	39,894.13

(Note: Financial Statements are posted on the bulletin board in foyer)

this week's service opportunities

7. **Hiring Custodian** - As our current Custodian Francis Kwok retires at the end of the year, we give thanks for his faithful service over the years! And now we need to hire someone to take his place and serve the needs of the church as a new Custodian. Salary will depend on experience and skills. Benefits will include medical and dental, etc. Please contact **Stanley Lau** at 604-324-6314 ext. 231 or stanley@vcbc.bc.ca.

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24 November 2013

Next week's speaker:
Steve McElroy

first time?

Welcome! We're so glad you're here and we want to get to know you. Below are ways to get plugged in at VCBC.

 **Follow us on Facebook.**
Search "VCBC English"

1 Introduce yourself to Pastor Johnny or one of the deacons. The pastor is available before & after service & is just a phone call away.

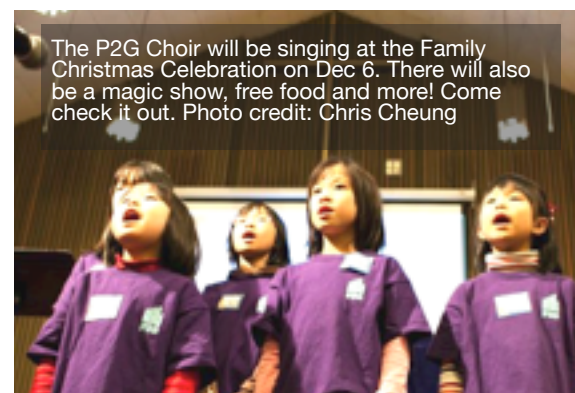
2 Check out a LIFE Group. LIFE Groups make up the community at VCBC. See the listing inside the bulletin for more info, or talk to a pastor.

3 Explore our website. www.vcbc.bc.ca/english
Be informed of community news, download resources, and read about our ministries.

4 Communicate with us! You can fill out a communication card found in the pew racks or online (just click the "Contact" button). Use it to give prayer requests, make comments or ask questions.

5 Mingle downstairs after service. Join a conversation circle and get introduced!

6 Missed a Sunday? Previous sermons are available for download from our site. You can also sign up for email updates.



The P2G Choir will be singing at the Family Christmas Celebration on Dec 6. There will also be a magic show, free food and more! Come check it out. Photo credit: Chris Cheung

We Come to Worship

Scriptural Call to Worship

"¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. ² Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin."
— Psalm 51:1-2

We Praise God

Offering of Praise

"Jesus Paid it All/Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus", "What the Lord Has Done in Me", "Reign in Us"

Feel free to stand or sit while we sing.

Pastoral Prayer

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Passage

Matthew 5:9 (pew Bible p. 892)

Message

Clean Our Hearts

Dr. Jack Young, church member

We Respond with Ourselves & With Our Gifts

Song of Response

"Refiner's Fire"

Offering and the Sharing of Community Life

Song of Proclamation

"We Want to See Jesus Lifted High"

Blessing

Doxology

Lead Worshiper: Wynsome Dong

Parents of preschoolers & kindergarteners, please pick up your children downstairs at 10:45AM.



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

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

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

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We welcome you to contact us.

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this week's prayer items

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise. — Psalms 51:18-19

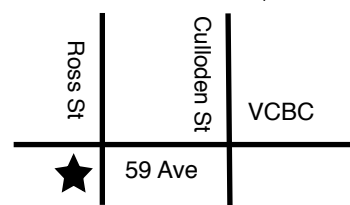
1. Reflect on the condition of our own heart. Do we recognize that we are at the end of our rope. We cannot please God by our own works and efforts.
 2. Pray that the realization of our brokenness and helplessness will drive us desperately back to God.
 3. Give thanks for this Advent season, that we will see the gift of Christ Jesus as our humbled Redeemer.
 4. Pray for Steve McElroy next week as he delivers God's message to us.
 5. Pray for our church that God will be merciful to us. May we look beyond the turmoil and brokenness to look up to His sovereignty and grace. May our hearts be turned back to Him.
 6. Pray that His Spirit rules in the process of calling of our English Congregation lead pastor. We pray that we allow Him to prepare and transform our hearts to follow His will and leading.
 7. Pray for our congregation's Christmas celebrations—Christmas Magic on December 6 and Joyful Celebration on December 21. We pray many friends and family will come that we may all share in the joy and warmth of His coming.
- ❖ We invite you to join us weekly to pray for our church worship, ministries, & needs. Every Sunday, 8:45-9:15am, room B14-15. Contact Betty at pcs@vcbc.bc.ca
 - ❖ We invite you to join us monthly to pray for our church & missions. First Friday of each month, 7:45-9pm, room W2. Contact Monica at pcs@vcbc.bc.ca.

L.I.F.E. GROUPS

at vcbc | groups committed to 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. Contact Jeff at congregational_life@vcbc.bc.ca to find the one for you.

Map of Moberly School (3 blocks west of VCBC)



children

Want your child to have lots of fun while learning life-changing Kingdom truths? Then VCBC Children's Ministry is the place to be!

Pioneer Clubs

For children ages 4-11
Kids will play games, make arts & crafts, and do wood-working, while making Bible learning fun!

Fridays, October-June, 7:30-9:15PM at VCBC.

To register, pick up a form from the church office.

P2G Choir

For children ages 5-12
Have fun as we celebrate being God's kidz through song.

For more info, email Annie at annshe_home@shaw.ca



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EDGE Fellowships

The **Elim, Daniel, Gideon experience** is a place to make friends, hang out with people your own age, and experience God's love. You'll be led by adult counsellors who love hanging out with you. Don't miss out!

There are 3 fellowships in EDGE: **Elim**, grades 6 & 7, **Daniel**, grades 8 & 9, and **Gideon**, grades 10-12.

All 3 fellowships meet on Fridays, 7:30-9:30PM, Oct-July.

Location: VCBC
Elim: Boardroom
Daniel: Glassroom
Gideon: Sanctuary

Main contact person: Pastor Johnny johnnylo@vcbc.bc.ca 604.324.6314 ex. 228



adults

Salt
For young adults in post-secondary or starting out their careers.

Saturdays, 7:30PM at various locations.

Join the mailing list. Email ST@saltfellowship.com

Journey
College-age folk answering big questions and journeying through life together. Bubble tea included.

Saturdays, 7:30pm in VCBC room B3-5.

Join the mailing list. Contact Chris Cheung at ChrisChCheung@hotmail.com

Wednesday Morning
Small group study and prayer. All ages welcome. Contact Naomi naomikuan@gmail.com



families

Homebuilders

Homebuilders are what we call family and couples' small groups at VCBC. There are groups for people at different life stages, from newlyweds to families with adult children. Some groups meet weekly, others monthly. To join a group, contact Lisa at young_4ever@telus.net

sports

Toonie Tuesday Badminton

Tuesdays, Sep-June, 8-10PM in the large gym of Moberly School. \$2 drop-in. Bring your own racquets & birdies. Contact Thomas at tkschu@gmail.com

outreach

English Well
Free English classes at VCBC. Sep-Dec. Thursdays, 7:30-9:30PM. Contact vcbc.english.well@gmail.com

sundays

We encourage you to join a Sunday LIFE Group after the worship service.

JC Kidz

Sunday morning program for kids

- Nursery (under age 3): 9:30AM & 11:15AM
- Preschool/Kindergarten Worship & Grades 1-6 Sunday School: 9:30AM
- Preschool Sunday School: 11AM
- Grades 1-6 Worship: 11AM

Youth and Adults

Class	Leaders	Room
<u>Gr.7</u>	Kathy & Josiah	Boardroom
<u>Gr.8</u>	Larry & Bob	Moberly 021
<u>Gr.9/10</u>	Johnny, Einar & Chris	Moberly 31A
<u>Gr.11/12</u>	Lewis & Brian	Moberly 31B
<u>Young Adult</u>	Alf & Wynsome	Moberly 167
<u>Adult</u>	Henry & Stanley	Moberly 122
<u>Disciple ship</u>	Jack & Lisa	Moberly library



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