



Adeline and Christy enjoys raking leaves at last year's Fall Leaf Cleanup Event. Join us this year on Nov 2. Photo credit: Darren Li

Order of Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship

Ephesians 3:10-12

Praise & Worship

*Come Thou Fount,
In Christ Alone,
Enough*

Prayer of Commitment

Testimony: Pastor Rita Ho

Tithes & Offering

Lord I Need You

Scripture Passage & Message

Colossians 2:6-23 (pew Bible p. 1089)

**Allow Yourself to be
Free Indeed!**

Rev. Don Gardner

Invitation/Response

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Sharing from Philip Mah

Closing Prayer

Doxology

Please kindly consider the
announcements up on the screen.

Please feel free to stand or sit as we sing.

Friendly reminder for parents of
preschoolers and kindergarteners: please
pick up your children downstairs at 10:45.

 **sunday
worship
at vcbc**

26 October 2014

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Summer Conference 2014 group photo. Photo credit: Chris Cheung

Word from Pastor Don 簡牧師的話

Clear Direction.....or not!

Jesus is the model for Christians. He walks in front of us and challenges us to follow His life. Yet, we tend to forget that even Jesus had to go to Gethsemane to pray for direction and courage. Peter was certainly surprised at his own failures and Paul ended up regularly on ships headed in directions that God altered. To follow Christ is to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's constant directional adjustments!

Leaders are people who feel the pressure to have the immediate and correct answers to many questions. If we are not careful, we allow that stress to

motivate us to, at times, respond to some questions without wisdom or God's guidance. Spiritual leadership is not the ability to know all but the sensitivity to recognize one's own limitations, seek advice as needed, and the courage to boldly move forward in expectation that God will be there before us.

May the leadership of VCBC know the joy of dependency as we step out in faith and expectation to try new ministries, new leadership models, and new outreach in His name.

VCBC Staff

Rev. Don Gardner
Associate Pastor
(English Lead Pastor)

Pastor Sam Wong
Cantonese Congregation Minister

Pastor John Chen
Mandarin Mission Pastor

Stanley Lau
Administrative Assistant

Rita Fong
Secretary

Petra Mo-Yung
Secretary

Cindy So
Secretary

Hannah Chan
Secretary

Raymond Fong
Custodian

To contact any of our staff,
please call the church office at
604.325.6314

Sunday School

JC Kidz	Sunday morning programs for children
Nursery (under age 3)	09:30 & 11:15
Preschool/Kindergarten Worship	09:30
Preschool/Kindergarten Sunday School	11:00
Grades 1 - 6 Sunday School	09:30
Grades 1 - 6 Worship	11:00

Youth and Adults (11:30 - 12:30)

Class	Leader(s)	Room
Grade 7	Cindy & Josiah	VCBC B14-15
Grade 8-9	Alfred & Brian	Moberly 31B
Grade 10-11	Lisa & Aaron	Moberly 31A
Grade 12	Kathy & Winnie	Moberly 005
Church History	Stanley	Moberly 167
Biblical Foundations	Wi-Guan	Moberly 021
Contemporary Christianity	Wes	Moberly 107
Relationships	Jack	VCBC W2

Prayer Events

- Sunday Prayer Group, 8:45am, contact Betty Yuen at pcs@vcbc.bc.ca
- Friday Prayer Group, 7:45pm (1st Friday), contact Monica Chow at pcs@vcbc.bc.ca

L.I.F.E. Fellowships

We have groups for children, youth, young adults & families. Please see our bulletin board in the basement (outside rm 1-2) for detailed information, or check out our website at www.vcbc.bc.ca/english

Wednesday Morning

Small Group Study and Prayer. All ages welcome. Contact Naomi at naomikuan@gmail.com

Women's Bible Study Group

What: New Women's Bible Study Group Starting using book: "Experiencing Forgiveness"; **When:** 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30pm; **Where:** VCBC room E1; **Who:** We welcome you!!! Please contact Winnie Lai-Fong or the Church Office.

Sports Toonie Tuesday Badminton

Tuesdays from Sept - June, 8pm-10pm in the large gym at Moberly School. \$2 drop-in. Bring your own equipment. Contact Thomas at tkschu@gmail.com



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Announcements

- Offering & Expenditure** for the month of Sept 2014, & Year-To-Date balance for all Funds, are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer & EC bulletin board in the basement.
- Cantonese Congregation Pastor Search Committee (CCPSC)** - recommends **Pastor Rita Ho** as a part-time CC Minister (please see English bulletin board in the basement for details). There'll be a chance to get to know Pastor Rita **TODAY** right after the Noon Service in the basement hall (a limited quantity of Chinese buns will be for sale), everyone is welcome.
- Operation Christmas Child** - This is a project initiated by an international relief organization "Samaritan's Purse" with the goal to spread smiles and the Gospel to children in the poorest areas of the world. Please see details posted on the English bulletin board in the basement and at the information booth set up in the foyer.
- 2015 Short-term Mission Opportunities** - Local and overseas opportunities are posted on the English bulletin board in the basement, also at the information booth in the foyer.
- Daylight Saving Time** - Will be in effect next Sunday at 2:00 am. Please don't forget to turn all your time-pieces **back** by one hour this Saturday night before bed-time.
- IMPORTANT: Election of Deacons for 2015-2019.** Please prayerfully consider the responsibilities and qualifications of deacons and recommend some candidates to the Deacon Nomination Committee for consideration. **Note: The deadline to return the Deacon Nomination form to Pastor Don c/o church office is Nov 2 (next Sunday).** Please see insert for details.
- Fall leaf cleanup for the neighbours!** Sunday **Nov 2**, 12:45-3pm (if it rains, alternate date is Nov 9). Lunch buns will be provided for volunteers. Last day for signup is **today** - see Michael Choo downstairs or email Monica (pcs@vcbc.bc.ca)! **If you can help deliver flyers to neighbours' homes this morning, meet downstairs right after the service.** Next week, remember to dress warmly, bring work gloves, rakes, shovels, and snow shovels (label with name & phone #).
- Nursery** - Needs volunteers to look after the infants for the **9:30 am** English service time slot on Sunday. Contact: Church Office.

- Pioneer Clubs** - We now have sufficient teachers for all Pioneer Clubs classes, thank you all for your prayers and support.
- The latest **Impact Ministries newsletter** is now posted on the EC bulletin board. Impact Ministries is our mission partner that does outreach in Guatemala. There are a few familiar faces, **Melanie Au** and **Tony Tom** who volunteered in Guatemala this year, pictured in this issue.
- Please feel free to pick up a new copy of **Our Daily Bread** devotional in the foyer.
- The **Dayspring Ladies Bible Study** invites women of all ages to join them in studying God's word, sharing and having fun together in their faith journey. **Place:** VCBC; **Date:** 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month, starting Jan. 8, 2015; **Time:** 10:00-12:00, one hour of DVD teaching and one hour of sharing and prayer; **Topic:** "David - a ❤️ after God" - Beth Moore. For more info, please contact Carolyn Yip 604-888-8628 or Sue Gardner 604-616-0249

Prayer Items

Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. ²⁸ 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' — Acts 17:25-28

- Pray for our neighbours and our church and family we know, who are seeking for you in the many different questions asked: in burdens, cares, sins, understanding of you, loves, conflicts, the sufferings of this world, in the events of this week. Pray that we would all reach out for you and find you and discover that you, God, are the substance of our longings, of hope and faith and being.
- Pray for open doors to relationships with the neighbours and good relationship with the city government during and beyond the Fall Leaf Cleanup on Nov. 2.
- Pray for Steven Harper, our Prime Minister and the Members of Parliament that serve our country. Pray for the police and the military. Pray for your peace in the aftermath of the attack this week, and wise and measured decisions. Pray for what you want us to turn our hearts and minds to.