

Word from Pastor Don

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Bill's Testimony: My Seminary Neighbour

Bill was 38 years old, not a college graduate, a father of 3, and husband to a very understanding and supportive wife. While I attended Southwestern Baptist Seminary at the age of 22, Bill lived next door. Each week, he drove in about 7:30am in time to make his 8:00am class on Tuesday morning. He remained in town for the next 3 nights before driving back 6.5 hours to his home in northern Oklahoma, where he was pastoring a small town church! Not a Masters or Doctoral student, Bill was in a special "Associates Program" that would allow him to study for two years and then obtain a certificate of completion.

While in graduate school, I met many highly qualified classmates but Bill, and his family's testimony, still stands out. I haven't heard from Bill in over 35 years but it was his life and commitment that impacted me and still reminds me of how valuable following God's leadership, beyond our own understanding and conveniences, is vital for us to make the most of the life that God has given us. My prayer for VCBC is that we all seek not the easy, or even logical, path of life but that we "keep our eyes on Jesus" with both our knowledge and our actions.

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Order of Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Praise & Worship

*All Heaven Declares,
Son of God*

Sharing of Community Life

Tithes & Offering

Offering

Lord's Supper

Nothing But the Blood

Scripture Passage & Message

Revelation 6

Appearances ARE Deceiving!

Pastor Don Gardner

Invitation/Response

Salvation Belongs to Our God

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**

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Christmas Day Service. Photo credit: Alfred Au

Rev. Ch. 6: 1-17 & 8: 1-5—
"Is It Imitation or Genuine?"
(Anti-Christ)

Background Handout for Rev. & Simple Outline:

*The Book of Revelation is not something that I had planned to tackle at this point. Yet, here we are! Although all of my notes and sermons were lost to me when my son's car was broken into a number of months back as he was transporting them to me, I still think it will be an enjoyable time for us to review what God has planned for our world via what we read in Revelation. Be reminded that Revelation 1: 3 says that we are blessed for our efforts with this book. While word for word exegesis is sometimes done, our goal will be to gain a broad picture of things to come and learn how we can expect coping to occur by the world around us during such trying times.

*There are multiple interpretations for some of the ideas and visions found within this book and I will not attempt to do a "comparative study" of these on Sunday mornings for that type of exegesis would stretch us into a multiple year experience of knowledge with application being limited in

many ways. Having said this, it will quickly be revealed that, with the assistance of both the book of Daniel and certain scriptures in Matthew, I am a dispensational premillennialist in my eschatology.

Beginning at Advent, we looked at some of the first 4 chapters of Revelation and allowed ourselves to be encouraged with the fact that Christ, in all power and integrity, will return again. We saw the challenge of churches to evaluate themselves in preparation for His return. In chapters 4-5, we have viewed that Heaven will provide a place of focus unlike anything any Christian has ever known previously. It will be a time when our true values of service to the creator God will be revealed in His splendor. Yet, for all that we have viewed of encouragement for the Christians, there are great warnings and things to be feared by those unwilling to allow Christ to be Lord of their lives. These matters begin when we look at Chapter 6.

Ch. 1: Great News: Reminder that Jesus is coming Again!

Ch. 2&3: Letter of God's Evaluation and Warning to the 7 Churches

•Ephesus: Lost First Love

- Smyrna: Doing Well and Alive
- Pergamos: Satan's Seat and Compromised Faith
- Thyatira: Jezebel in their midst; Idol sacrifice
- Sardis: Dead
- Philadelphia: Doing Well encouraged to remain strong
- Laodicea: Luke Warm; unhealthy

Ch. 4-5: Peek into Heaven of Christ, Creatures, 24 Elders, Worship, Scroll (Great News for Christians!)

Ch. 6: The First Six Seals revealed

Ch. 7: Deliverance

Ch. 8,9,10,11: 7th Seal Events (7 Trumpet Judgments); Little Scroll

Ch. 12, 13, 14: Vision of Signs (Deliverance of the elect, Decree of Wicked, Destruction of Wicked.

Ch. 15, 16: Vision of the Last 7 Plagues-- Destroy Anti-Christ and Final Wrath of God (7 Bowl Judgments)

Ch. 17, 18, 19, 20: Ultimate Triumph of God (20:1-6 Begins the Millennium) (20: 7-15 End of Millennium)

Ch. 21, 22: New Heaven and New Earth, New Jerusalem; Epilogue

Sunday L.I.F.E. Groups

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 (11:30 - 12:30)	
Class	Room
Grade 7	VCBC B14-15
Grade 8-9	Moberly 31B
Grade 10-11	Moberly 31A
Grade 12	Moberly 005

Adults (11:30 - 12:30)	
Class	Room
OT Survey	Moberly 167
Missions - Perspectives	The Gardners' Home
Worship	Moberly 107
Relationships II	The Gardners' Home

Events This Week For YOU To Be Involved

Homebuilders small groups. For family & couples. Contact Lisa at young_4ever@telus.net

Sunday (today)

- Prayer Group at 8:45am; Contact Betty at pcs@vcbc.bc.ca
- Worship
- L.I.F.E. Groups & Bible Study. See bulletin board in the basement (outside rm B1-2).

Tuesday

Toonie Tues. Badminton; Sep-June from 8-10pm at Moberly School (\$2 drop-in); Contact Heman at hemanc@gmail.com

Wednesday

- Small Group Study & Prayer. All ages welcome. Contact Naomi at naomikuan@gmail.com
- Church-wide Prayer Meeting; Weekly at 7:30pm in VCBC basement; All welcome (primarily Cantonese but we'll translate as needed!)

Thursday

- "Experiencing Forgiveness" Women's Bible Study; (3rd Thurs at 7:30pm); VCBC E1; Contact Winnie Lai-Fong or Cindy So.
- Dayspring Ladies Bible Study; (1st & 3rd Thurs at 10am); VCBC Board Room; Contact Carolyn Yip 604-888-8628 or Sue Gardner 604-616-0249

Friday

- Prayer Group at 7:45pm (1st Friday); VCBC W2; Contact Monica at pcs@vcbc.bc.ca
- EDGE youth fellowships for grades 6-12; Oct-Jul from 7:30-9:30PM at VCBC; Contact Alfred at alfredlu@gmail.com
- Pioneer Clubs. 7:30pm at VCBC. Contact Rosita at children@vcbc.bc.ca

Saturday

- Journey College Fellowship. 7:30pm in VCBC room B3-5. Contact Chris at ChrisChCheung@hotmail.com
- Peer Tutoring Club. For Gr. 7 to Gr. 12. 3-6pm in room B14-15. Contact Josiah at vcbc.ptclub@gmail.com

Announcements

1. Offerings & Expenditures for the month of December 2014, and Year-To-Date balance for all Funds (not reconciled with bank statements yet)

	Offerings	Expenditures	YTD Surplus/ (Deficit)
General	119,698.35	51,567.14	91,465.18
Mission	87,589.45	28,671.16	4,139.61
Charity	3,475.00	500.00	19,808.45
Building	3,231.21	390.25	40,736.57

2. **Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting** - This Wednesday at 7:30 pm, Pastor Don will lead us in corporate prayer, followed by individual time of prayer.

3. **Church Leadership Orientation 2015** - Will take place on Saturday, **Jan. 17**, 9:00 am to 10:30 am at church. All deacons, ministry team leaders and team members are invited to attend this important meeting that will set the stage for our church's overall direction for the new year.

4. **Town Hall Meeting on 2015 Budget** - Will take place on Saturday, **Jan. 17**, 10:45 am to 12:30 pm at church. Everyone is invited to see the whole proposed 2015 Budget, hear detailed explanation and ask questions, before the Budget is motioned for adoption at the Members' Annual Meeting on Jan. 25.

5. **Members' Annual Meeting 2015** - Will take place right after the 1:00 pm January Members' Bi-monthly Meeting on Sunday, **Jan. 25**. Please see insert or bulletin board in the foyer for the Motions for both meetings. Limited quantity of Chinese buns will be for sale in the basement before the 1:00 meeting. **Registered VCBC Members** please sign in and obtain your Ballot at the registration tables in the foyer before the meeting. **Notes:** (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. Also, minutes of the **Nov. 9 Special Members' Meeting and Nov. 30 Members' Bi-monthly Meeting** are now available in the Church Office.

6. **Disposal of Food scraps** - City bylaw now requires all households to separate food scrap from regular garbage. Please do not throw food scraps into the big round bins, but rather throw them into the green buckets on kitchen countertop (no plastic bags please). Thanks for your cooperation.

7. **Brand new small group!** Henry and Carmen Cheung will be hosting a weekly small group discussion on Monday night (7:45-8:45pm) in their home. They welcome young adults, young couples, or those who have not joined any fellowship group or small group. If you are interested in joining the group, please sign up with Henry in the basement after the service or by email (henryhwcheung@msn.com).

8. **MissionsFest 2015** is happening from Jan. 30-Feb. 1. The conference highlights global mission opportunities, features world-class speakers and much more! www.missionsfestvancouver.ca.

Prayer Items

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations." Psalm 100: 4-5

- Give thanks for those who are recovering well from recent surgery and health issues
- Give thanks for Gabrielle's baptism and testimony, and pray for her continued spiritual growth
- Give thanks for the Christmas family celebration with 116 children & families, and pray the message would remain with them
- Give thanks for Christy Lew's testimony, and Anthony Pang's time at Tsawout
- Pray for God's wisdom and guidance in the preaching and teaching the Word to build up the body of Christ
- Pray for safety and protection for the young adults who have gone out of town to study or work
- Pray for God's will and wisdom in the legal matters and upcoming proceedings on Feb 3-5
- Pray for the planning of Pastor Sam's ordination in February
- Pray for an obedient spirit and a contrite heart in the VCBC family
- Helena Akrigg requests prayer for her father who is having irregular breathing and in a very serious condition that appears fatal. Helena also asks for prayer for family members during these days for there are some who have not followed Christ with their lives.