

## Word from Pastor Don 簡牧師的話

### Does “Sin” still exist in Your World?

This week, I'm writing different articles for the CC and the EC. You see, on March 17 (this past Tuesday), the Presbyterian Church (USA) approved the redefining of marriage to include a “commitment between two people.” As the largest Presbyterian denomination in North America to allow same-sex weddings, this action will undoubtedly splinter their church even more than in the past. Having friends in that denomination, I had to ask myself how this could happen within that body? Whether it be a church leader, the Prime Minister, or the queen of England, everybody has a view on what is acceptable and unacceptable within society. At last, I had to start with some basic questions that some people may want to consider in determining how you deal with “sin.”

1. Do I still believe that the Word of God (Bible) is without error and represents God's wishes for mankind?
2. Do I believe God at all? Is He involved in the lives of mankind.....and myself?
3. Does what He teaches mean I'm expected to let that information impact my actions?
4. What is most important to me.....my feelings or my relationship with God?
5. In the case of gay/lesbian lifestyles, is that sinful to God? What if other people and not me? Can't I just ignore it if it makes me uncomfortable?
6. How do I show care and friendship to people who choose a deviant lifestyle? Is it deviant? Define?
7. If I agree homosexual behaviour is not of God, is it any worse of a sin than others?
8. How does a Christian prioritize the “weight” of sins?
9. What do you do if the church has views that I disagree with?

### Prayer Items

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup> It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup> Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. — 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

1. Praise God for faithfulness of Sunday Life teachers. Praise God for good attendance. Pray for wisdom for teachers and receptive hearts for students. Pray that all will grow gradually and mature more Christ like and walk the talk.
2. Pray that we are men of knowledge, use words with restraint and men of understanding who are even-tempered.
3. Pray for God's blessing, guidance, presence and protection for Pioneer Clubs Easter Celebration and the VBS Promotion on March 27.
4. Pray that our young people keep their way pure by living according to His word.

5. Pray for guidance and wisdom for Good Friday Service and lunch on April 3.
6. Pray for protection, good health and fruitful ministry for Elizabeth Lowe, Edith Watt, Lesley Wong, Yvonne Yau and Christy Lew.
7. Praise God for the faithful service of all youth leaders that God grant them vision of godly direction for the youth.
8. Pray for healing for people afflicted with illness. Pray for strength, perseverance and strong faith for their families.
9. Pray for God's guidance, protection and presence on March 29 MBM. Pray for unity and harmony during the meeting.
10. Pray for successful eye surgery and rapid recovery for Freda Ip on March 26.
11. Pray for God's divine guidance regarding the lawsuits.
12. Please know that our Pastor/Deacons desire to support your lives and ministry with prayer. Please let us know of your burdens and joys so that we can share in family concern/support!

 sunday  
worship  
at **vcbc**

22 March 2015

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## Order of Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship

*Psalms 98:1-3*

Praise & Worship

*Shout To The Lord,  
Better Is One Day,  
Hosanna*

Sharing of Community Life

Tithes & Offering

*I Give You My Heart*

Scripture Passage &  
Message

*John 2:13-22*

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sign:  
Clearing the Temple**

*Rev. Sam Wong*

Invitation/Response

*Give Us Clean Hands*

Closing Prayer

Doxology

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 L.I.F.E. Groups

<b>JC Kidz</b>	<i>Sunday morning programs for children</i>
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

<b>Youth (11:30 - 12:30)</b>	
Class	Room
Grade 7	VCBC B14-15
Grade 8-9	Moberly 31B
Grade 10-11	Moberly 31A
Grade 12	Moberly 122

<b>Adults (11:30 - 12:30)</b>	
Class	Room
NT Survey	Moberly 107
Church History II	Moberly 167
Biblical Foundations	Moberly 021
Sermon-Based Discussion Group	The Gardners' Home

## Events This Week For YOU To Be Involved

Homebuilders small groups. For family & couples. Contact Lisa at [young\\_4ever@telus.net](mailto:young_4ever@telus.net)

**Monday**  
Small group discussion. Young adults, young couples welcome. Contact Henry at [henryhwcheung@msn.com](mailto:henryhwcheung@msn.com)

**Sunday (today)**  
1. Prayer Group at 8:45am; Contact Betty at [pcs@vcbc.bc.ca](mailto:pcs@vcbc.bc.ca)  
2. Worship  
3. 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](mailto:hemanc@gmail.com)

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

**Thursday**  
1. "Experiencing Forgiveness" Women's Bible Study; (3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs at 7:30pm); VCBC E1; Contact Winnie Lai-Fong or Cindy So.  
2. Dayspring Ladies Bible Study; (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs at 10am); VCBC Rm B1-2; Contact Carolyn Yip at [carolnyip1949@gmail.com](mailto:carolnyip1949@gmail.com)

**Friday**  
1. Prayer Group at 7:45pm (1<sup>st</sup> Friday); VCBC W2; Contact Monica at [pcs@vcbc.bc.ca](mailto:pcs@vcbc.bc.ca)  
2. EDGe youth fellowships for grades 6-12; Oct-Jul from 7:30-9:30PM at VCBC; Contact Alfred at [alfredlu@gmail.com](mailto:alfredlu@gmail.com)  
3. Pioneer Clubs. 7:30pm at VCBC. Contact Rosita at [children@vcbc.bc.ca](mailto:children@vcbc.bc.ca)

**Saturday**  
1. Journey Young Adult Fellowship. 7:30pm in VCBC room B3-5. Contact Chris at [ChrisChCheung@hotmail.com](mailto:ChrisChCheung@hotmail.com) or ask for a Journeyer to get introduced today!  
2. Peer Tutoring Club. For Gr. 7 to Gr. 12. 3-6pm in room B14-15. Contact Josiah at [vcbc.ptclub@gmail.com](mailto:vcbc.ptclub@gmail.com)

# Announcements

1. A reminder that there is an information session **today** at 1pm at VCBC B1-2 for people interested in the missions trips to Macau or Taiwan. Lunch provided.
2. **Members' Bi-monthly Meeting** - Will be held on **Mar. 29**, at **1pm** in the sanctuary. Please see insert or bulletin board in the foyer for the 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. **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 Jan. 25 MBM is now posted and available at the Church Office.
3. **Offering receipts for income tax purpose** - are ready for pick up at the church office.
4. **Children and Family Easter Celebration is on Mar. 27!** Please see insert for details.

5. **JCKidz Children's Choir** - Will be making a presentation on Palm Sunday, Mar. 29. All participating children please be at church at **9:00 am** for the English Service, and at **11:00 am** for the Chinese Noon Service presentations.
6. We invite you to attend our **Good Friday service on April 3** at 11am. Join us for a simple meal after service.
7. **March Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting** - this Wednesday night, 7:30 pm in church basement. Pastor Don will be leading meeting throughout March. Week 1: deacon leading; Week 2: individual prayer time; Week 3: open prayer sharing; Week 4: Biblical characters testimony.
8. **CC Retreat and Fundraising Event** - The Cantonese Congregation will be holding a Retreat at Quest University in Squamish from June 26 to 28, please contact Cynthia Yeung or the Church Office for details. A **Fundraising Event** for the Retreat will be held on Sunday, **April 5**. Breakfast/lunch and beautifully packaged food items are available for a free-will donation. Everyone is invited!