

Word from Pastor Don 簡牧師的話

What Are Your Priorities?

Flying into DFW airport on July 7, 2009 after 3 more years in China, I was immediately reminded that I was entering a different world. On every newsstand, I read of the murder of the Tennessee Titan's quarterback, Steve McNair. His 20 year old girlfriend had murdered him out of jealousy over another similar girlfriend. The descriptions by the various newspapers spoke strongly of the "loss to the sporting world" as Steve was such an outstanding sport's figure. With a wife and 4 children barely mentioned in the reports, I must confess that I was astounded to hear virtually nobody saying anything about the moral implications of the life he was living when this happened. The focus was purely on what a wonderful ball player was lost. Is America, and dare I say Canada, confused about what is important and how our

lifestyles, compromised with sin, bring us unexpected pain and suffering? Why did no one take into consideration that Steve's lifestyle decisions will impact the lives of his true wife and children? Where is the focus?

Note the following and consider this for our society:

*McNair had 4 sons and he "said" they were the most important thing to him? Really?

*His dedicated wife was faithful/committed to his success as a football player and dad.

*He, at 36, was dating a 20 year old who committed the murder before killing herself over jealousy for yet another girlfriend!

How we live and how we treat people IS important. Though a sport's star, the adulterous behavior of McNair should remind us that God wants our faithfulness in serving only Him and taking actions that bless His Kingdom. Let us never be guilty of saying we love Him while still having our actions prove this isn't the case. Choose carefully whom and how you will serve each day.

discernment for members to make the decision according to God's will.

5. God's provision for the fundraising event on April 5, for the CC Retreat in June. Pray for maximal participation of members. Pray for God's blessing, guidance and protection for those preparing the food.
6. guidance, wisdom and discernment in planning for VBS. Pray for provision of sufficient volunteers. Pray for good weather from July 6-10.
7. provision of speakers for the CC retreat in June and EC Summer Conference in September that will bring forth spiritual revival and renewal.
8. guidance and wisdom in planning for the Guatemala mission trip in July.
9. grace, peace, courage and spiritual growth for Donald as he will be baptized.
10. our young people to seek God's guidance for their career path, relationships and serving.
11. Pray for provision of more CC pastors. Pray for God's guidance about the calling of Rev. Nigh.

Prayer Items

"⁴ Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed." (Isaiah 53:4-5)
Pray for

1. healing for those afflicted with illness. Pray that they find strength and comfort in God's word.
 - Nathan and the Mah family that their eyes would continue to be up on the Lord.
 - Gloria Ng (6 yr old daughter of Eric & Queenie Ng): Early Leukemia diagnosis
2. open doors for those seeking employment. May God strengthen their faith.
3. restoration of strained relationships in our homes, at work places and in our church community.
4. God's guidance, protection and presence in the MBM today. Pray for wisdom and

 sunday
worship
at **vcbc**

29 March 2015

Palm Sunday

www.vcbc.bc.ca/english

Youth Extreme Days Lock-in.
Photo credit: Chris Cheung



Order of Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship

John 12:12-16

Praise & Worship

*Hosanna,
Glory*

JCKidz Choir

There Is A Redeemer

Sharing of Community Life

Tithes & Offering

So You Would Come

Scripture Passage &
Message

Luke 20:9-19

**The Parable of the
Evil Tenants**

Rev. Sam Wong

Invitation/Response

This is Our God

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

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 122

Adults (11:30 - 12:30)	
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

Monday
Small group discussion. Young adults, young couples welcome. Contact Henry at henryhwcheung@msn.com

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).
- MBM at 1pm in the sanctuary.**

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 Rm B1-2; Contact Carolyn Yip at carolynyip1949@gmail.com

Friday

- Good Friday Service at 11am.**
- 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 Young Adult Fellowship. 7:30pm in VCBC room B3-5. Contact Chris at ChrisChCheung@hotmail.com or ask for a Journeyer to get introduced today!
- Peer Tutoring Club. For Gr. 7 to Gr. 12. 3-6pm in room B14-15. Contact Josiah at vcbc.ptclub@gmail.com

Announcements

- Congratulations to **Liam & Carol Stockwell** on the birth of their daughter this week. Their daughter is healthy and doing well.
- Members' Bi-monthly Meeting** - Will be held **TODAY**, 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.
- We invite you to attend our **Good Friday service on April 3** at 11am. Join us for a simple meal after service.
- Easter Baptism** - Will take place next Sunday during the English and Noon services, please pray for the candidates: **Donald Isbister** (9:30 service), **Yi Zhuang** (11:15 service).

- Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions** - This offering will be collected at Good Friday and Easter Sunday services. Please see inserts for details about this CNBC missions offering.
- Offering receipts for income tax purpose** - are ready for pick up at the church office.
- Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting** - This Wednesday night, 7:30 pm in church basement, there'll be a time of sharing and prayers.
- 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!
- Offerings & Expenditures** for the month of **February 2015**, and Year-To-Date balance for all Funds:

	Offerings	Expenditures	YTD Surplus/ (Deficit)
General	56,306.75	51,743.62	2,525.23
Mission	15,934.50	14,635.68	8,312.24
Charity	2,285.00	800.00	1,668.00
Building	2,530.33	390.25	(1,973.84)

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