

## Word from Pastor Don:

### Is Today's Church in Line with Jesus' Desires for Us?

In Luke 5:31-32, Jesus told the Pharisees that he ate with tax collectors and sinners because they were the sick ones in need of a doctor. He reminded them that he came not to call the righteous but sinners! To accept an invitation to a meal in the home of "such people" and enjoy their fellowship was to be seen as uniting with them as valuable...as friends! For Jesus, this was a good thing. For the tax collectors and sinners, this was a good thing. For the religious leaders who grasped not Jesus' burden, this was heretical!

Yes, if repentance implies something more than mere behaviour adjustment, and a change in charac-

ter and actions are desired, this means that Jesus was tackling the core of sin. He was not settling with making the religious establishment happy or comfortable. He wanted to stretch his disciples, and the religious leaders, by showing a model of true care and freedom beyond their cultural walls and religious norms.

It has been said that the health and focus of a church can be determined by looking at a church's budget and activity. The percentage of money, time, and energy spent in outreach toward "tax collectors and sinners" may help even us to review if there are some adjustments we may need to make with our lives?

## Prayer Items


*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven."*

—Matthew 5:16

### Pray for:

1. Thanksgiving for God's provision for our church ministries in Pioneer Club, LIFE Groups, Homebuilders, and the Fellowships. The faithful work of those serving and God's presence in each of the members in the ministries.

2. Thanksgiving for God's answered prayers for he loves us and hears all our prayers.
3. The Pastoral Team - May God's light shine and be glorified through their service at VCBC. May God be the Lord and master planner of VCBC.
4. God's blessing upon Jews for Jesus as they witness and spread the Good News throughout Canada and Israel.
5. God's sovereignty in all work in the mission field - Elizabeth Lowe, Edith Watt, Lesley Wong, Yvonne Yau and Christy Lew

 sunday  
worship  
at **vcbc**

26 April 2015

9:30AM English  
Worship Service

[www.vcbc.bc.ca/english](http://www.vcbc.bc.ca/english)



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## Order of Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship

*Exodus 15:11-13*

Praise & Worship

*God is Able,  
At the Cross (Love Ran Red),  
Here I Am to Worship*

Sharing of Community  
Life

Tithes & Offering

*Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)*

Scripture Passage &  
Message

*John 4:43-54*

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sign: Healing the  
Son of the Royal Official**

*Rev. Sam Wong*

Invitation/Response

*'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

Closing Prayer

Doxology

Please feel free to stand or sit as we sing.  
Friendly reminder for parents of  
preschoolers and kindergartners: please  
pick up your children downstairs at 10:45.

# Sunday L.I.F.E. Groups

\* Our Sunday L.I.F.E. Groups start from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. For class listings, please see the EC bulletin board in the basement (outside rm B1-2).

\* Our adult Sunday L.I.F.E. groups are switching over from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> modules today. Here are the new classes:

- Sermon Based Discussion Group** (Henry Cheung and Pastor Don); in the Gardner's home
- OT Book Study - Numbers** (Henry Lew); Moberly 021
- Worship Songwriting** (Willis Wong); Moberly 107; "Worship songwriting is all about serving the church. It is about giving voice to what God is doing in our community of faith and serving where we have been planted. Come join us to discuss, pray and write songs for our church. All are welcome."
- Financial Stewardship Course** (Financial Literacy Counsel); Moberly 167; Biblical principles for making wise financial decisions that honour God and loved ones for generations to come (this class is for 5 sessions, April 26 - May 24)
- Christians and the Law** (Robert Leong). Moberly 167. The Biblical heritage of our laws; the rule of law in Canada; modern legal issues facing Christians in Vancouver (this class is for 3 sessions, May 31 - June 14)

# Events This Week For YOU To Be Involved

- Sunday (today)**
- Prayer Group at 8:45am; Contact Betty at [pcs@vcbc.bc.ca](mailto:pcs@vcbc.bc.ca)
  - Worship
  - L.I.F.E. Groups & Bible Study. See bulletin board in the basement (outside rm B1-2).
- Monday**
- Small group discussion. Young adults, young couples welcome. Contact Henry at [henryhwcheung@msn.com](mailto:henryhwcheung@msn.com)
- Tuesday**
- Toonie Tues. Badminton; Sep-June from 8-10pm at Moberly School (\$2 drop-in); Contact Heman at [heman@gmail.com](mailto:heman@gmail.com)
- Wednesday**
- Small Group Study & Prayer. All ages welcome. Contact Naomi at [naomikuan@gmail.com](mailto: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; (3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs at 7:30pm); VCBC E1; Contact Winnie Lai-Fong or Cindy So ([cindyso@vcbc.bc.ca](mailto:cindyso@vcbc.bc.ca)).
  - Dayspring Ladies Bible Study; (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs at 10am); VCBC B1-2; Contact Carolyn Yip at [carolynyip1949@gmail.com](mailto:carolynyip1949@gmail.com)
- Friday**
- Prayer Group at 7:45pm (1<sup>st</sup> Friday); VCBC W2; Contact Winnie at [pcs@vcbc.bc.ca](mailto: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](mailto:alfredlu@gmail.com)
  - Pioneer Clubs. 7:30pm at VCBC. Contact Rosita at [children@vcbc.bc.ca](mailto:children@vcbc.bc.ca)
- Saturday**
- 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!
  - 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)

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

# Announcements

- Register your kids for **Vacation Bible School!** VBS is from **July 6-10**. This year's theme is Mount Everest. On-line registration starts **May 1**. Find more information at [www.vcbc.bc.ca/english](http://www.vcbc.bc.ca/english) (click on the banner). In-person registration starts Sunday, **May 24** after the worship service in the basement. Early bird ends May 31. Registration deadline Sunday June 21. **Would you like to volunteer at VBS?** Download an application form from our website.
- Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting** - 7:30pm in the basement. This week we will also look at the life and ministry of some missionaries.
- Short-Term Mission Opportunities** - Application deadline for **Taiwan STM** is this Thursday, **April 30**. Please contact **Jenny Tai** at 604-338-3931 for details. Also, contact Jenny if you're interested in the **Ma-cau STM**.
- Carpet Replacement** - Is scheduled for **May 5-8** (may be whole days). Existing carpets in most rooms will be replaced (except the Nursery and those with vinyl flooring). All the furniture inside these rooms will be temporarily relocated then put back afterwards. If your team/group/fellowship has anything stored in any of the classrooms, please temporarily remove them before May 4 so that it's easier for the volunteers to relocate the otherwise heavy cabinets etc. While work is in

progress, these rooms and stairwells will be inaccessible. We are sorry for any inconvenience. If you're able to help with furniture moving and/or general clean-up, please sign up at the Church Office.

- Check out an update from our missionary **Edith Watt** on the EC bulletin board in the basement.
- Please pick up a copy of **Our Daily Bread** devotional (June-August) from the foyer.
- Offering receipts for income tax purpose** - are ready for pick up at the church office.
- Mandarin Mission** is starting a **Young Adult Small Group**. Their vision is to share the Gospel with Chinese students and young adults in the Vancouver and Burnaby area. They meet every other Thursday 7:00-9:00pm at Metroplace (6461 Telford Ave, Burnaby), next meeting is this Thursday. Please invite your Mandarin-speaking friends to this small group. Contact: **Pastor John Chen** (778-889-7151).

9. **Offering and Expenditure** for the month of **March 2015**, and Year-To-Date balance for all Funds:

	Offerings	Expenditures	YTD Surplus/ (Deficit)
General	70,438.30	59,130.53	13,833.00
Mission	16,057.00	14,604.94	9,764.30
Charity	1,887.00	1,200.00	2,355.00
Building	2,822.78	469.36	379.58

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