

## Word from Pastor Don:

### The Winter Is Past, the Rain Is Over and Gone

There are seasons in the lives of people and in the life of a church. Circumstances and issues may come that take us into our houses to weather the occasional storm. It may not be that we are inside our house/cave due to fear but simply that we are avoiding unnecessary challenges that have come along. Yet, all of us need to be expectant that better days lie ahead **when** we function dependently on the Father...and **allow** the "Winter to be Past!" (Song of Solomon 2:11) As we consider our "winters in life," we must ask if we are NOW prepared to refocus on how we use our time, our money, our church, our forgiveness, our confessions, etc? For Winter to be in our Past, what are the things that you need to release and give to God? What does our church, as a body of believers, need to set down? Is Repentance in your heart and mine? I want it to be Summer for the Kingdom!

Acts 2:17-18 says, "And it shall come to pass in the last days that God will pour out His Spirit upon all flesh; and your

sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; and on my servants, both men and women will have His Spirit poured out on them and they will prophesy." Where are our church's dreamers? Where are our bold, expectant, and creative visionaries? The church was never intended to be a place of refuge from a rapidly changing world but, as was modeled by Christ, it is a body of God-minded energy for the salvation of mankind!

Approaching personal or organizational uncertainties always brings a level of stress and anxiety....such is life! Jesus certainly dealt with many days of personal stress and governmental/religious bureaucracy. What can we expect for ourselves and even for His Church? The last thing that Satan desires is to see a church functioning well and reaching out in Jesus' name, true? Satan will certainly remain on task to give conflicts and selfishness to the church. Let us boldly move past the Winter of Our Discontent (Steinbeck) and be focused on being His church in service.

## Prayer Items

*Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life."*

—Psalm 143:8

### Pray for:

1. God's peace, comfort and healing to individuals that are affected by the earthquake in Nepal
2. God's provision in preparing for the Vacation Bible School and Summer Conference - Coordinators, group leaders and block party helpers

3. Those committed to serve in the Guatemala missions trip: Prepare them in body, soul, and spirit for this trip
4. God's guidance on those planning to go to Tsawout this summer
5. God to touch all those attending the Journey Fellowship retreat
6. Rev. Nigh's smooth transition to Vancouver and a spirit of openness and positive engagement between Rev. Nigh, his family and our congregation
7. Our dedicated Youth Ministry team leaders who serve with their minds, hearts and hands

 sunday  
worship  
at **vcbc**

3 May 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

*Psalm 104:1-3*

Praise & Worship

*All Heaven Declares,  
Holy Is The Lord,  
Revelation Song*

Sharing of Community  
Life

Tithes & Offering

*The Stand*

Scripture Passage &  
Message

*Revelation 19:7-20:15*

**Don't Look Back, It is Time  
To Look Forward!**

*Rev. Don Gardner*

Invitation/Response

*Through It All*

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.

## Outline of the Book of Revelation

God's Guidance	Final Judgment			7 Signs	Final Judgment			Victory
	7 Seals	7 Trumpets of Clarity	7 Plagues		Judge World	Judge Satan		
19 - 3:22	4 - 5	6 - 7	8:2 - 11:19	12:1 - 14:20	15:1 - 16:21	17:1 - 19:21	20:1 - 21:8	21-22
Alpha & Omega Directs	Elders @ Throne	White Horse: Anti-Christ	Trumpet 1: Hail and Fire	Woman (Israel)	Bowl 1: Sores	Prostitute	Satan Bound	Great High Mountain
Define your values	4 Living Creatures	Red Horse: War	Trumpet 2: Burning Mtn	Dragon (Satan)	Bowl 2: Sea - Blood	Beast	Reign of Saved	New Jerusalem
Expect Problems	Sealed Scroll	Black Horse: Famine	Trumpet 3: Wormwood	Beast 1 (Anti-Christ)	Bowl 3: Water-Blood	Waters - Nations	Satan Released	Temple is God & Lamb
No compromise w/ Heresy	Worthy Lamb	Pale Horse: Death	Trumpet 4: Darkness	Beast 2 (False prophets)	Bowl 4: Sun Scorch	Beast/Whore Conflict	Gather for Battle	Light is God & Lamb
Live for God	Singing of Elders	Martyrs Time	Trumpet 5: Locusts	144,000 (Evangelists)	Bowl 5: Darkness	Babylon's Fall	Satan into Lake of Fire	River of Life; Tree of Life
Be genuine & alive	Singing of Angels	God's Wrath	Trumpet 6: Death Army	Angel Messages	Bowl 6: Armies	Marriage Supper	Great White Throne	God, Lamb, Servants
Hold to firm faith	Song of Universe	Silence & Rapture	Interlude: 2 Witnesses	Reapers	Interlude: Blessing			New Heaven & New Earth
Make a commitment	"By your will..."	Silence & Rapture	Seal 7: Kingdom	Harvest & Wrath	Bowl 7: "It is done"	Christ on White Horse	New Heaven New Earth	Jesus' Last Words

## 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).

## 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)

## 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*. Please see insert for details. In-person registration starts Sunday, *May 24* after the worship service in the basement. **Would you like to volunteer at VBS?** Download an application form from our website (click on the VBS banner).
- JCKidz Children's Choir** - Will be making a presentation on Mother's Day Sunday, **May 10**. All participating children please be at church no later than 9:00 am for the Mandarin Service presentation, **9:15 am** for English Service, and **11:00 am** for Cantonese Noon Service.
- Tsawout Mission Trip from August 9-14**. A trip to the Tsawout First Nation main village where VCBC will partner with the Tsawout Assembly of Praise Church and the Tsawout community to run a week-long VBS. To learn more about the background, logistics and purpose of this trip, and/or to receive an application form, email Josiah @ [vcbctsaout@gmail.com](mailto:vcbctsaout@gmail.com). Application forms are due May 31.
- 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.

- Are you able to tell Bible stories in English? Are you looking to develop a closer relationship with God? Consider Abraham, Jacob, Joseph and Moses, their life transformations started from stepping out from their comfort zones. If you are seeking to build an intimacy relationship with God, consider joining a STM trip. The upcoming Taiwan trip will be departing on July 17, returning to Vancouver on July 31. Please contact Jenny Tai at 604-338-3931 or [jennykt1@yahoo.com](mailto:jennykt1@yahoo.com) before this Tuesday, May 5.
- 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). Please invite your Mandarin-speaking friends to this small group. Contact: **Pastor John Chen** (778-889-7151).