

Word from Pastor Don: Choose Your Battles

With a fear of stepping on too many toes, including my own, I've edited myself NOT to include the illustrations related to my article today. Let us just say that every church, including ours, can easily forget our primary role in favour of worrying about trivial matters and customs tied to our own habits and comforts. I am reminded of Luke 9:59-60 where Christ pushes a man's world as he is told to be "on task" even at the time of his father's death.

Each day, we choose what we value and for what we are willing to stand up and support. A quote from a friend is, "if you're not willing

to lose your job over a key issue, then your core value is your security." My friend's comment was to remind me that I had made multiple decisions in my life that were based on ethical and moral grounds and that I need not be ashamed for how I had integrated my actions with my beliefs. On the other hand, he was challenging me to consider how, at other times, I'd allowed little or insignificant matters to clutter my life when ignoring the key reasons that God had created me. May we all focus on the major issues (people) in life and let the minor things pass by with a smile!

Prayer Items

²² Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. ²³ They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴ I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him." — Lamentations 3:22-24

1. Praise God for His compassion and love. May we continue to encourage one another with his love
2. Praise God for provision in our daily needs. Protect us from a prideful and self reliance attitude
3. Thank you for the Welcome Ministry Team's faithfulness in serving. Pray for God's provision in providing for new members
4. Thank God for bringing Rev Nigh, Lydia and Christopher to Vancouver safely. Protect this family against Satan's scheme. Pray for God's guidance as Rev Nigh transitions to further His Kingdom at VCBC

Pray for:

5. The presence of the Holy Spirit at the Prayer Retreat on May 30 and that we continue a prayerful life beyond the retreat

6. Thanksgiving for the annual VBS from July 6 to 10. God's provision in good weather during the event, His wisdom and guidance in preparation and His provision for sufficient volunteers
7. The Mission team as they are in preparation for the Guatemala mission. Strengthen them physically, psychologically and spiritually.
8. Josiah Ng as he coordinates for the Tsawout trip, for God to move people to take up the various roles for this mission and for Josiah as he considers how to implement some of the principles from "When Helping Hurts" into this outreach
9. Wisdom for the doctors who are assisting Nathan Mah to complete healing. Pray for perseverance, peace and strength for Philip and Naomi
10. Complete recovery and strength for Gloria. Pray for energy and strength for Eric and Queenie
11. A safe and blessed trip for Pastor Don and Sue as they are vacationing

 sunday
worship
at **vcbc**

24 May 2015

9:30AM English
Worship Service

www.vcbc.bc.ca/english



English Worship Service.
Photo credit: Chris Cheung

Order of Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship

Romans 8:28-30

Praise & Worship

*Holy Holy Holy,
Sovereign,
Open the Eyes of My Heart*

Sharing of Community Life

Tithes & Offering

Hungry

Scripture Passage &
Message

John 5:1-15

**The 4th Sign: Healing the
Lame Man**

Rev. Sam Wong

Invitation/Response

The Saving One

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).

Events This Week For YOU To Be Involved

Sunday (today)

1. Prayer Group at 8:45am; Contact Betty at pcs@vcbc.bc.ca
2. Worship
3. L.I.F.E. Groups & Bible Study. See bulletin board in the basement (outside rm B1-2).
4. **Registration for the Prayer Retreat and Victoria Drive Clean up will take place in the basement**
5. **VBS in-person registration starts today in the basement**
6. **Pioneer Clubs registration in the basement**

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

1. Small Group Study & Prayer. All ages welcome. Contact Naomi at 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!)

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

Thursday

1. "Experiencing Forgiveness" Women's Bible Study; (3rd Thurs at 7:30pm); VCBC E1; Contact Winnie Lai-Fong or Cindy So.
2. Dayspring Ladies Bible Study; (1st & 3rd Thurs at 10am); VCBC Rm B1-2; Contact Carolyn Yip at carolnyyip1949@gmail.com

Friday

1. Prayer Group at 7:45pm (1st Friday); VCBC W2; Contact Winnie at 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
3. Pioneer Clubs. 7:30pm at VCBC. Contact Rosita at children@vcbc.bc.ca

Saturday

1. 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!
2. Peer Tutoring Club. For Gr. 7 to Gr. 12. 3-6pm in room B14-15. Contact Josiah at vcbc.ptclub@gmail.com

Announcements

1. **Vacation Bible School Registration - in-person registration starts TO-DAY** after the worship service in the basement. Please see insert for details. Our annual block party is on July 10. Would you like to volunteer at VBS? Download an application form from our website (click on the VBS banner).
2. **Members' Bi-monthly Meeting** - Will be held on **May 31, at 1:00 pm** 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 Mar. 29 MBM is now posted and available at the Church Office.
3. There will be a **Welcome Reception for Pastor Gilbert Nigh** after the Noon Service on **June 7**, everyone is invited!
4. **Pioneer Clubs 2014-2015 will finish June 5.** Register your child for the year 2015-2016 either in the church office, or Friday evenings on May 22, May 29 or June 5, or on Sunday at the church basement.

5. **Victoria Drive Clean up - Sunday June 14, 1-3pm** at Jones Park. Lunch buns will be available for volunteers. After the clean up, there will be snacks served. This will be a great opportunity for us to meet our neighbors and work alongside Victoria merchants to clean up the neighborhood. Sign up will be in the basement after service. Contact Winnie at pcs@vcbc.bc.ca for more info.
6. **Prayer Retreat - Saturday May 30, 9am-12pm**, followed by lunch. If the busyness of life is crowding your heart, take a breather and be refreshed by spending some quiet time with God. The half-day Retreat will rejuvenate you and reconnect you to the true source of strength. Registration deadline is **TODAY**. For further questions, please contact Winnie Lai-Fong at pcs@vcbc.bc.ca
7. **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. **Application forms are due May 31.**