

## Word from Pastor Don: Minister to Others...not easy!

Paul, Luke, Matthew, Peter, James and other writers of the New Testament Scriptures dared to take up some very difficult topics when they quoted Jesus. You and I often have questions in our minds but don't want to make others "uncomfortable" so we don't discuss or openly ask for assistance. Yet, this morning I got in a discussion with a friend who was talking about how one can be honest during a funeral when it is a known fact that the person who has died was truly not a Christian? He mentioned a relative that was close to death but a non-believer. Nobody wants to see people hurting or sad but to gloss over the facts by pretending everything will be fine is not fair to the living who need to evaluate their own relationship with God.

Luke 12:4-5 and Matt. 10:28 remind us, "I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after

that have no more that they can do. But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has power to cast into hell (Gehenna...the abyss of eternal fire); yes, I tell you, fear Him!"

Some would be confused to think the reference is towards Satan but that is not the case. Only God, and He alone, has the power to judge man's eternal state. In the book of Revelation, we see clearly that God is righteous and fair but, He sometimes is an angry God when he has to put up with man's acceptance of sin! No, we cannot keep quiet and settle for making everybody "feel comforted" when an eternity without God is at stake! We must find ways to lovingly be honest and clear about the future of anyone who does not know Christ as Saviour and Lord. A burden for the lost means we have to push beyond "what feels good" to us.

leaders. May God continue to use the classes to strengthen the participants and leaders with His word

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

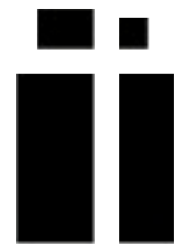
### Pray for

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

## Prayer Items

<sup>12</sup> Lord, you establish peace for us; all that we have accomplished you have done for us. <sup>13</sup> Lord our God, other lords besides you have ruled over us, but your name alone do we honor ... — Isaiah 26:12-13

1. Praise God for the peace given us through our Lord Jesus. May we continue to encourage one another as Jesus would
2. Praise God for provision in our daily needs. Let us not forget God's grace and mercy. Pray that the Holy Spirit protect us from grumbles because of pride and discontentment
3. Praise God for the faithfulness of the Congregational Life Team in serving His church. Pray for God's provision of a speaker at the summer conference. Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as the team prepares for the summer BBQ and conference
4. Thanksgiving for the PCS team in organizing the Prayer Retreat on May 30. Pray that the Holy Spirit continue to grow our relationship with God through daily prayers
5. Thanksgiving for the Nurturing Team and provision of the Life Group teachers and

 sunday  
worship  
at **vcbc**

31 May 2015  
Youth Sunday

9:30AM English  
Worship Service

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



English Worship Service.  
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## Order of Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship

*1 Peter 1:8-9*

Praise & Worship

*Everlasting God,  
Desert Song*

Sharing of Community Life

Tithes & Offering

*Unashamed*

Scripture Passage &  
Message

*Proverbs 3:5-12; Isaiah 40:28-31;  
1 Timothy 4:12-16*

**Youth in Spirit,  
Youth Leaders in Spirit**

*Mr. Alfred Lu, congregation member*

Invitation/Response

*Set a Fire,  
Christ is Enough*

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

\* 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](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).
4. **Registration for Victoria Drive Clean up will take place at the church basement**
5. **VBS in-person registration continues today at the church basement**
6. **Pioneer Clubs registration is held at the church basement**
7. **MBM is held at 1pm in the sanctuary.**

## 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 [hemanc@gmail.com](mailto:hemanc@gmail.com)

## Wednesday

1. 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 [carolnyyip1949@gmail.com](mailto:carolnyyip1949@gmail.com)

## Friday

1. Prayer Group at 7:45pm (1<sup>st</sup> Friday); VCBC W2; Contact Winnie 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. **Members' Bi-monthly Meeting** - is held **TODAY**, 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.
2. **Vacation Bible School is from July 6-10.** In-person registration continues **TODAY** after the worship service in the basement. Or register on-line at <http://www.vcbc.bc.ca/english/2015/03/vbs-summer-day-camp-july-6-10>. Kids age 3-12 are welcome! \$55 for half-day & \$100 for full-day. There will be games, music, Bible stories, crafts, and exciting adventures! Registration deadline is June 21. Our annual **block party** is on July 10 from 5-9pm. *Would you like to volunteer at VBS?* Please fill out a volunteer form: <http://goo.gl/forms/IYdmYrCCO8>
3. **Pioneer Clubs 2014-2015 will finish June 5.** Register your child for the year **2015-2016** either in the church office, or Friday evening on June 5, or on Sunday at the church basement.
4. **Tsawout Mission Trip:** Please note that **today** is the last day to hand in your application forms.
5. **Staff News.** There will be a **Welcome Reception for Pastor Gilbert Nigh** after the Noon Service on **June 7**, everyone is invited!
6. We will be hosting an **interesting apologetics seminar on Saturday, June 27**, 9:30am-12:30pm at VCBC. Our theme is Faith, Reason, Evil and

God: Contending for the Faith. Our speaker is Dr. Tawa Anderson (Professor of Philosophy and Religion at Oklahoma Baptist University). We have a **new set of topics** in line with what we had presented last year in order that we can have a growing exposure to the challenges of our society. Here are the sessions: **(1)** Faith and Reason: Strangers, Enemies, or Friends? **(2)** If God is Good, Why is there Evil? (Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People?) **(3)** Is Belief in Miracles Philosophically and Historically Credible? (Sunday Worship Service) Please see the poster on the bulletin board (outside rm B1-2) for more details on the sessions.

7. **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](mailto:pcs@vcbc.bc.ca) for more info.
8. Our next **baby dedication** will be on Father's Day (Sunday June 21). If you would like to dedicate your child, please contact [cindyso@vcbc.bc.ca](mailto:cindyso@vcbc.bc.ca) by June 14.
9. **Boiler Room Clean Up** - The General Service Dept. is organizing a major clean-up of the Boiler Room (and in the process, the garage at the second house as well), clearing out everything that's currently kept in there. The Boiler Room will not be used as storage after this. If you can help with the clean up, please sign up at the Church Office. Thanks.

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

	Offerings	Expenditures	YTD Surplus/ (Deficit)
General	57,219.10	49,569.16	21,482.94
Mission	31,714.45	28,838.03	12,640.72
Charity	1,625.00	800.00	3,180.00
Building	2,797.10	485.00	2,691.68

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

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