

Word from Pastor Don: VBS in El Paso at 15!

When does God begin to work in our lives? Another way of asking this might be whether or not there has been a time when God didn't try to work in our life?

I accepted Christ as my savior at the age of 9 and have never doubted that decision. No, I didn't become a theologian at that point but I did understand what Christ had done for me and the fact that I was a sinner. Yes, I was baptized at the age of 9.

At 15, I went on a my first "mission trip" and was an assistant VBS teacher in the little Primeria Iglesia Bautista de El Paso (1st Baptist Church of El Paso Chapel, Texas). This experience changed my life as I learned not what I could accomplish but what God could do with even me...a kid!

Today, we can celebrate having had a VBS within our own church facilities. We have seen our own youth step forth and be used of God. We've seen how

these youth have witnessed and encouraged the kids that attended the VBS. Some of your youth were self-confident and some were nervous but God still worked in their lives when they made themselves available to His service.

Most of our youth will not become full-time ministers, Christian Educators, Camp Directors, or missionaries. Yet, the experience of working with a VBS ministry challenged me to serve God with my life and may well do the same with our youth if we will support them with our prayers.

Many of these same youth will soon be involved in doing a mission trip to Tsawout, Vancouver Island. Let us pray for God's work in their hearts; that they may find joy in their service and that God may teach them greatly during these experiences.

Prayer Items

We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God. –Colossians 1:9-10

Praise God for His protection over the children and volunteers during VBS week last week.

Thank you Lord for guiding the doctors through Nathan's surgery.

Pray for:

1. The missions team of 10 people going to Guatemala July 23-Aug 2
2. Christy Lew as she works with new teams every 10 days in Guatemala
3. Jacob & Josephine, Josiah, Jesse as they settle in Singapore and serve with East Asia Seminary
4. For vision and direction for involvement in local missions.
5. Strength for Nathan to heal, and continued support for Philip and Naomi

sunday worship at vcbc

12 July 2015

9:30AM English
Worship Service

www.vcbc.bc.ca/english



Order of Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship

Psalm 28:7

Praise & Worship

My God is Powerful,

I Sing the Mighty Power of God,

Everlasting God

Sharing of Community
Life

Tithes & Offering

Faith

Lord's Supper

One Thing Remains

Scripture Passage &
Message

1 Kings 17, 19; 2 Kings 5;

Luke 22:47-23:56; John 14:1-3

Conquering Challenges
with God's Mighty Power

Mr. Alfred Lu

Invitation/Response

No One Like You,

One Way

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 are now on summer recess. They will restart on 13 September.

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. Sermon Based Discussion Group at the Gardners' home at 11:15am.

Monday

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

Wednesday

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

Register for Summer Conference **today!**
Hurry, spots fill up fast.



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 at carolynyip1949@gmail.com

Friday

Prayer Group at 7:45pm (1st Friday); VCBC W2; Contact Winnie at pcs@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!

Announcements

1. **Sunday L.I.F.E. Group.** Please kindly note that the Sermon Based Discussion Group is still going on at the Gardners' home after the worship service but the other classes are on summer recess.
2. **Summer Conference 2015.** Plan now to be a part of our English Congregation retreat at Cedar Springs, Sep 5 – 7, Labour Day long weekend. See insert for additional details. Registration starts **today** in the church basement after service!
3. **Members' Bi-monthly Meeting** -Will be held on **July 26**, 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; (4) Minutes for the May 31 MBM is now posted in the foyer and also available at the Church Office.
4. **Summer BBQ.** A time of fellowship as a church family with glad and sincere hearts on **Sun Aug 9**. Mark the date in your calendar. More details to follow.
5. **Baptism** - There'll be a baptism next Sunday, July 19, at Noon Service. Please pray for those to be baptized: 3 from Mandarin Mission (Lin HU, Yan ZHAO, Huang ZHAO) and 1 from Cantonese Congregation (Mei Juan TAN).
6. **Henry Lew's father**, long time member of the Cantonese Congregation, has returned home to our Heavenly Father. Please pray for Henry and family during this time of grief. Funeral service will take place this Thursday, 1:00pm at Forest Lawn.
7. **Rev. Gilbert Nigh's Welcome Reception Photos** – Are now posted on bulletin board in basement. Please order and pay at Church Office.
8. **Walk the Wall 2015** is back, the chance for you to help ICC change the lives of China's abandoned and disabled. If you are interested please go to <http://www.walkthewall.org> for more details and register to be part of Walk the Wall 2015.