

Word from Pastor Don: 5 Pillars of the Faith for the Church

For many years, I have been blessed to work alongside a number of brothers and sisters inside the house church networks of China. Each time I, or those I sent, did training, teaching, or other work with these brothers/sisters, the level of their simple child-like faith humbled me. Their values and clarity of purpose for serving the Father have focused their service toward God and resulted in these "Pillars of Service for House Church Workers." Indeed, after only a couple of years away from my beloved friends in China, it seems almost like another world away and comes to my memory as in a cloud. Yet, I must remember that the hearts of those China workers provided me my courage to work with them.

- 1) Every worker must spend 2-4 hours daily in prayer and Bible study.
- 2) Every worker must be prepared to witness at every opportunity.
- 3) Every worker must be prepared to suffer, receive persecution, or be imprisoned for their faith and service to the Lord.
- 4) Every worker must be faithful in their courage to reach out in Christ's name even unto death. No compromise.
- 5) Every worker, if experiencing persecution for their faith, must be wise as a serpent and harmless as a dove in being willing to escape should the opportunity present itself.

In Canada today, the pillars of the Chinese Church experience seem very distant from us. Yet, these "Pillars" were designed in response to the political and economic realities of the country in which they function. Today, we too are more limited in mentioning Christ at times such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, or Easter. Yet, it is still hard to say that true persecution has begun in our environment. Certainly, we are aware of a specific Christian University nearby that desired to have a recognized law school only to find that certain social circles found ways to limit that proposal. What the future will bring on our doorstep has yet to be revealed but each of us needs to be a good citizen in speaking out to your own understanding of abortion, child care, censorship, marijuana usage, disciplining children, euthanasia, prostitution, transgender rights, etc. Voting is a privilege and may not always bring the result you like but we should never complain without our participating.



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sunday worship at vc**bc**

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9:30AM English
Music & Prayer Worship Service

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Order of Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship

Psalm 100

Songs of Worship

*Hosanna (Praise is Rising),
Glory*

Mission Commissioning

Congregational Prayer

Songs of Worship

*Be Thou My Vision,
Holy Spirit Living Breath of God*

Sharing of Community

Life & Testimony

Songs of Worship

*God of This City,
Great Are You Lord*

Tithes & Offering

Special Music: Everything

Sharing of Testimony

Song of Worship

Reign In Us

Word from the Pastor

Song of Commitment &
Reflection

Forever Reign

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.

Prayer Items

Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his. He changes times and seasons; he deposes kings and raises up others. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning. --Daniel 2:20,21

Federal Election

1. Voting is one of the important ways that Christians can have Godly influence on Canada. Pray that every eligible Christian voter will be actively involved in voting.
2. Pray that as we vote, we will prayerfully consider each candidate and party, choosing not based on what personal benefits the party will bring us but based on kingdom values they hold.
3. Pray that this election will be fair and non-corrupt, that men and women of integrity will be voted in to lead our country.
4. Pray that Canada will have a righteous government - one that honours Him, takes care of His creation, upholds justice, and cares for the oppressed. Pray for good time management and good health as many students are preparing for their mid-terms.

Syrian Refugee

1. Pray for wisdom for world leaders and Canadian government to respond appropriately to the refugee crisis.
2. Pray for guidance to the Christian communities to respond with compassion and assistance.
3. Pray for guidance to VCBC on opportunities to partner with existing organizations on relief work, or longer term restoration assistance.

Jacob's Well

1. Pray for meaningful relationships to be continued with our long time friends as well as establishing new friendships with people in the neighbourhood.
2. Pray for more volunteers, and board members to join our team.
3. Pray for our financial support to keep Jacob's Well open as a safe space for people to build meaningful friendships, including having monthly donors for a more sustainable income.
4. Pray for our friends who will be facing their hardest time of the year during the Christmas season with a lot of loneliness and memories of their families.

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. Sunday LIFE groups at 11:15am
4. Nomination election

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

1. Dayspring Ladies Bible Study; (1st & 3rd Wed at 12:30pm); VCBC Rm B3-5; Contact Carolyn at carolynyip1949@gmail.com
2. 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; (3rd Thurs at 7:30pm); Winnie's home; Contact Winnie Lai-Fong or Cindy So.

Friday

1. EDGe youth fellowships for grades 6-12; Oct-Jul from 7:30-9:30pm at VCBC; Contact Alfred at alfredlu@gmail.com
2. 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!

*Homebuilders small groups. For family & couples. Various times. Contact Cindy at cindyso@vcbc.bc.ca

Announcements

1. Please remember to get a copy of **Salt & Light church newsletter (second issue)** from an usher at end of service. Limit one per family please.
2. **Do you want to follow Jesus' command to be baptized?** The next baptism is scheduled for Dec 20. Talk to Pastor Don or Pastor Gilbert for more info.
3. **Election of Nomination Committee (Round 1)** - After the service, VCBC Members please register at the registration table in the foyer and obtain a ballot, fill it out and drop it into the Ballot Box set up in the Board Room.
4. **CNBC Church Strengthening Offering (formerly Canadians On Mission Offering)** - An offering box is now set up in the foyer for this special offering to help CNBC member churches send people on mission trips and to provide training and resources to help strengthen churches. Please use the enclosed offering envelope, and fill in your name and VCBC offering number on the envelope if you want to include this amount on your offering receipt for income tax purpose.
5. **Fall leaf cleanup! Sunday Nov 1, 12:45-3pm** (if it rains, alternate date is Nov. 8). Roll up your sleeves and help rake leaves to serve and get to know our community. Lunch buns will be provided for volunteers. If you have rakes, shovels, or snow shovels to lend, bring them on Nov. 1 (label with name & phone #). Help is also

needed to distribute flyers to 40 neighbouring homes on Sun Oct. 25. Please sign up downstairs after the service with Monica, or email Winnie at pcs@vcbc.bc.ca

6. There are 2 trips to **Impact Ministries** planned for 2016: May 1-10 led by Dr. Tony Tom, and June 18-28 led by Henry Lew. If you have interest in being on either team, even if you are not committed yet, please let Henry know (helew@hotmail.com or 604.420.3922) before the end of November.
7. **VCBC is now Hiring a Full-time or Part-time Custodian/Janitor** - The Custodian/Janitor is responsible for cleaning the church etc. Salary is dependent on related experience and skills. Group health benefits are provided to eligible staff. Please contact Clement Ng or Marcus Leung (Personnel Committee), or Stanley Lau (Administrative Assistant) before Oct 25.
8. **General Service Dept.** - During the time that we're looking for a Custodian, please help keep the church clean and tidy. Everyone is asked to please return tables, chairs, equipment etc. to their original place after use. After eating, please dispose of food scraps separately from other garbage and recyclables, wash all utensils and clean up any mess, and cover all food or store them in fridge to avoid attracting mice and ants. If you're willing to help with other cleaning chores (e.g. washrooms, vacuuming), please contact Church Office. Let's all do our part in keeping our spiritual home and place of worship safe and clean!