

Word from a Pastor: To Be Able to Serve is a Real Blessing

Last Thursday the Pastoral Team and Deacons Team went to Cedar Springs for a 2-day Retreat. The first day was just the Pastoral Team including myself, and then the Deacons joined in on the second day. I was particularly looking forward to the retreat with the Pastoral Team because it's the first time that I get to fellowship with the newer team members, and a chance to get to know each other better to strengthen the working relationship of the team.

On the first day of the retreat, we started by sharing our views of ministering to and leading of the congregations, and some of the challenges facing each. Then we shared about how each of us came to hear God's calling in spite of all the seemingly negative news out there, and eventually submitting to God's calling to come and serve Him at VCBC. As I listened to their

sharing, I gave thanks to God for each of them. Amid all the turmoil, God hasn't stopped caring for us. He called His servants from different places around the world to come here and shoulder the responsibilities of ministering to the needs of our church together. As for me, it's grace upon grace that I can work with and learn from each of them. *"Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken."* (Ecclesiastes 4:12) One individual is weak, that's why I truly hope to be able to serve with the team in unity, each complementing the others in strengths and weaknesses, and all focusing on glorifying God, not on individual gain or loss.

To be able to serve is a real blessing. I truly hope that brothers and sisters will continue to strive for this blessing in serving together in unity.

— Pastor Sam

Prayer Items

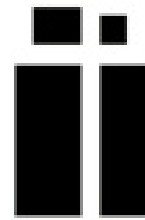
But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

--James 3:17

- Thank God for providing Elizabeth and Caleb a break in town from their mission fields. Pray for God's guidance and protection as Elizabeth returns to China and Caleb back to his campus ministry in New Brunswick.
- Praise God for the faithfulness of Sunday school teachers. As the present module comes to an end, may brothers and sisters feel blessed and live out what they have learnt from the class.

Pray for:

- Those who help out with Alpha Course held on Tuesday nights. May God give them wisdom and guidance as they get to know the participants.
- Newcomers to our church. May they get to know God and draw closer to Him through various church activities.
- A smooth preparation for the Easter services coming up soon.
- All leaders in Pioneer Clubs, JC Kidz, EDGE fellowships, and Journey fellowship. May God bless them and give them joy as they faithfully serve.
- A prepared heart as the new Sunday School module starts. May brothers and sisters participate with great enthusiasm.
- Good health, strength, energy, and joy for all pastors and leaders. May their passion for God grow stronger everyday.



Sunday Worship at VCBC

26 March 2017

9:30AM English
Worship Service

www.vcbc.bc.ca/English



Order of Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship
Isaiah 66:1-2

Praise & Worship
*God of Wonders,
Unashamed,
Sovereign*

Sharing of Community Life

Tithes & Offering
Be Thou My Vision

Scripture Passage & Message

Micah 6:8

"Walking in Humility"

Pastor Gilbert Nigh

Response
God Is Able

Closing Prayer

Doxology

In the spirit of unity and family, please sit closer together towards the front and centre of the sanctuary. Feel free to stand or sit as we sing.

We welcome parents with infants, and parents of preschoolers and kindergarteners to sit in the classroom behind the sanctuary. Please pick up your children from their classes downstairs at 10:50.

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Sermon Discussion Questions

Micah 6:8 | "Walking in Humility" | Pastor Gilbert Nigh

- Do we ever see pride in yourself or in the church? How is it shown?
- We don't always follow God's leading. What are some situations or pressures that cause us to turn aside?
- Why do we find it hard to have a humble attitude and actions?
- Do we believe that God walks with us every step of our life? Or do we let Him influence us only when we decide to allow it?
- Do you know the direction God has for you? Are you willing to follow His lead?
- When life gets a little out of control do you work harder to control it or just give up? How do you think God wants you to handle the situation?

Sunday LIFE Groups – today at 11:30am

Youth Classes	
Class	Location
Gr. 7 & 8	VCBC Room B14-15
Gr. 9 & 10	VCBC Room E2
Gr. 11 & 12	VCBC Room W2

Adult Classes	
Class	Location
Sermon Based Discussion Group (*11:15-12:15)	VCBC Room W3
Old Testament Survey	Gardner's basement
Know What You Believe and Why	Gardner's home
Spiritual Disciplines	Gardner's home

Events This Week For You To Be Involved

Sunday (today)

- Prayer Group at 8:45am; Contact Betty at pcs@vcbc.bc.ca
- Worship
- Sunday LIFE groups at 11:30am

Wednesday

- Dayspring Ladies Bible Study; (1st & 3rd Wed at 12:00pm); VCBC Boardroom; Contact Cindy at cindyso@vcbc.bc.ca.
- Church-wide Prayer Meeting; Weekly at 7:30pm in VCBC basement; All welcome (primarily Cantonese but we'll translate as needed!)

Friday

- Pioneer Clubs at 7:30pm. Contact Rosita at children@vcbc.bc.ca.
- EDGE youth fellowships for grades 6-12; Oct-Jul from 7:30-9:30pm at VCBC; Contact Pastor Brian Lee at vcbcedge@gmail.com.
- Prayer Group at 7:45pm (1st Friday); VCBC W2; Contact Winnie at pcs@vcbc.bc.ca.
- All parents/grandparents are welcome to join our Parents Fellowship on Fridays at 7:30 p.m. Please contact Lydia at 778-789-3572.

Saturday

- Journey Young Adult Fellowship. 7:30pm in VCBC room B3-5. Please contact 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

- Offering & Expense Report for February 2017** - This is now posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.
- A big thank you for all who donated items to take to **Guatemala** this year! We have more than we can handle for this year already so if you were intending to donate something, it will have to wait for next year.
- March Members' Bimonthly Meeting** - Will be held **TODAY, 1:00 pm** in the sanctuary. Please refer to the insert, the bulletin board in the foyer, and VCBC websites for all the Motions, it's now posted on the bulletin board in the basement and in the foyer). Lunch buns will be for sale in the basement before the MBM. **Registered VCBC Members** please sign in and obtain a Ballot at the registration tables in the foyer before the meeting. **Notes:** (1) Non-members do not have voting rights; (2) Obtaining a 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 you leave; (4) Minutes of the Jan. 22 MBM are now posted in the foyer and also available at the Church Office.
- Sunday LIFE** (Learning, Interacting, Forming, Exploring) **Groups** will be begin a new module on **April 2**. Be sure to check out what is happening in the adult class offerings in the insert. Come and join us for a good time of sharing LIFE together!
- Breakthrough! A Faith Adventure in Prayer** class will be running as part of Sunday Life Groups Module 3, from April to June. This is an invitation, opportunity, and call to discover and experience the unforced rhythms of God's grace. To find out more or sign up for the course, please visit us downstairs where we will have a table set up.
- Join us for a **Family Easter Celebration** on **Saturday, April 8, 7:00pm at VCBC**. Please note it is not on a Friday this year. There will be an Easter egg hunt, music, games, food, and more! Bring your friends & family. All welcome.
- The **Tsawout Summer Trip**, where we run a **VBS** at Tsawout Assembly of Praise on Vancouver Island, is happening **August 6-11**. Please contact Brian Lew at vcbctawout@gmail.com if you're interested!
- Daily Bread**. "Amazing Grace": A Easter booklet from Our Daily Bread – Please pick up one at the foyer and consider giving this precious gift of hope to a loved one at Easter.
- Prayer Request** - Ever feel the need to have someone from our pastoral staff or prayer team pray for you, or simply would like to share a note of praise or thanksgiving to God? You can send an email to prayer_request@vcbc.bc.ca. If you sense the call to join our prayer warrior team to pray for our church or brothers and sisters, please email Winnie at pcs@vcbc.bc.ca
- 2016 Offering Report & Receipt for Income Tax Return** – can be picked up at church office.