

Word from Pastor Don: Visitation Is A Privilege

When I went to Fellburn Care Centre, I had no expectations of how the visit with Mrs. Lee would go. At 102, I had no clue if she would be lucid and engaged or not. Her youthful daughter of 80+ had asked me to make the visit and see if I might be of an encouragement to her.

Last evening, I received a wonderful note from Mrs. Lee's daughter stating that she had seen a significant renewal in the faith being exhibited by her mom. The daughter stated that the mom had returned to requesting Bible readings from another daughter and from nursing

staff. A refreshed and more optimistic spirit is what seems to have come her way.

None of us can guarantee that our efforts on behalf of the Lord will always have the results we hope to see. Yet, the results of our service in the Lord's name are not our concern but the Lord's. Our role is to be humble, spiritually in tune with the Will of God, and available to be used. My friend rightfully gives all the Glory to God for His updated activity in Mrs. Lee's life. May we all equally give God the Glory for the lives we have to serve in Jesus' Name!

Prayer Items

The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. --James 5:16

- Praise God for those who work faithfully in children's ministry. Pray that God would continue to give them a heart for the kids and desire to see them grow in their relationship with Jesus.
- Thank God for the opportunity the kids have to share with us today.
- Pray for the preparations for VBS happening from July 10-14. Pray especially for the right people to apply for the summer student positions working with VBS and the block party.

- Pray for those going on the Guatemala trip in June. Pray they would prepare well and God would open their hearts to learn and grow through this experience.
- Moses and Sarah Seo ask us to pray that they would have greater passion and compassion for those on the reserves.
- Praise to God for raising up Melanie Au and giving her a heart to serve overseas, probably in the Philippines. Pray she would complete all that is necessary for her to go in the coming months.

Vancouver Chinese Baptist Church 7474 Culloden St, Vancouver, BC V5X 4K2

Phone: 604.325.6314 ext. 21; Email: english@vcbc.bc.ca

Sunday Worship at VCBC

16 April 2017

9:30AM English
Worship Service

www.vcbc.bc.ca/English



Order of Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship
Mark 16:1-7

Praise & Worship
*Christ the Lord is Risen Today,
Happy Day*

Easter Video: "A Very Special
Easter"

Kids Choir Performance
Worthy is the Lamb

Sharing of Community Life &
Congregational Prayer
Pastor Gilbert

Tithes & Offering
And Can It Be

Scripture Passage & Message

John 2:12-22 & John 20:31

**"Man's Confusion is God's
Opportunity"**

Pastor Donald Gardner

Response
You Are My King (Amazing Love)

Proclamation
Love Come Down

Closing Prayer
Alfred Lu

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.

Sermon Discussion Questions

John 2:12-22 & John 20:31 | "Man's Confusion is God's Opportunity" | Pastor Donald Gardner

*Focus will be on the way we often misrepresent Christ or understand Him. We often think of Jesus as a passive teacher and gentle spirit that we can place in our religious box of controlled substances. Yet, to see Jesus as tolerant toward whatever his society said was legal or acceptable reveals a misunderstanding of Christ that simply is inaccurate. When our faith in Christ is only to recognize His teachings, without a willingness to repent of our own ways and seek to follow His ways, we err. At best, this behaviour is dangerous. At worst, Christ will say that he never knew us. (Matthew 7:21-23)

1. How well should Christians do at balancing their love of others with their unwillingness to blindly compromise with ideas that conflict with what God expects of us? Explain?
2. Jesus took time to fashion a whip to run the tradesmen from the temple. If you were in the temple that day, how would you have responded toward the actions of Jesus?
3. The other leaders within the temple observed Christ's actions. Why do you suppose they did nothing to stop Jesus?
4. Christ said he could raise up the temple in 3 days once destroyed. Why do you suppose Jesus used this approach to explain His resurrection plan?

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
Missions	VCBC Library
Breakthrough: A Faith Adventure in Prayer	Gardner's Basement
Bible Study Methods	Gardner's Dining Room

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 11:30am

Wednesday

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

Friday

1. Pioneer Clubs at 7:30pm. Contact Rosita at children@vcbc.bc.ca.
2. EDGe youth fellowships for grades 6-12; Oct-Jul from 7:30-9:30pm at VCBC;

Contact Pastor Brian Lee at vcbcedge@gmail.com

3. Prayer Group at 7:45pm (1st Friday); VCBC W2; Contact Winnie at pcs@vcbc.bc.ca
4. All parents/grandparents are welcome to join The Family Nest on Fridays at 7:30 p.m. Please contact Lydia at [778-789-3572](tel:778-789-3572)

Saturday

1. 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

1. **Annie Armstrong North American Mission Offering (NAMO)** - A special offering collection box has been set up in the foyer to collect this offering to support CNBC's mission and church planting work in North America. Please write your name & address and/or VCBC offering number on the Annie Armstrong envelope provided (for income tax receipt) and drop it into the collection box. Thank you for being a part of North American mission work.

2. **Church Office** - Will be closed tomorrow, and will resume regular office hours on Tuesday.

3. **Pioneer Clubs** - Parents please be reminded that Pioneer Clubs will resume this coming Friday night at 7:30.

4. **The Tsawout Summer Trip**, where we run a **VBS** at Tsawout Assembly of Praise on Vancouver Island, is happening **August 13-18**. Please contact Brian Lew at vcbctsaout@gmail.com if you're interested!

5. Our **VBS Day Camp** is for children ages 3-5 (9am-12:15pm) and children finishing Kindergarten to Gr. 6 (9am-4pm). It runs from **Monday, July 10 to Friday, July 14**. This year's theme is Gadgets and Gizmos. We are now accepting registration via our VBS Day Camp website at this link: <http://vcbcvbs.wix.com/2017>.

In-person registration starts Sunday, April 30. If you would like to volunteer, please see the VBS website for details.

6. **2016 Offering Report & Receipt for Income Tax Return** – can be picked up at church office.