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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Message: The Greatest of These is Love

Speaker & Passage: Pastor Sam Wong, 1 John 4:9-12; 18-21

1. P2G Choir Practice - Today from 12:40pm-1:30pm in the sanctuary (no lunch). Parents please pick up your children from Sunday School and go to the sanctuary directly. Children and their parents are welcome. Contact: Willis or Richard. Next practice: **Mar. 24** from 12:40pm-1:30pm (no lunch)

2. Young Adults Social - Paint Night. Saturday March 16, 7:30pm at VCBC Basement. Come, grab a canvas and lets paint! Catch up with your friends, have some snacks and enjoy the night before the final season kicks in. All materials will be provided.

3. The latest missionary prayer letter from **Melanie** is posted on the bulletin board downstairs. Please check it out.

4. The latest missionary prayer letter from **Lydia** is titled "Joy. Pure Joy" and is posted on the bulletin board downstairs. It's really meant to be read online so please contact Lydia to be added to her mailing list. Email her at lydia.nigh@sim.org. You can check it out online at this link and subscribe yourself as well.

<https://bit.ly/lydialetter>

5. Tax Receipts for 2018 Offering - Tax receipts and personal offering records can be picked up at the Church Office. In case of discrepancies, please notify the Finance Committee or Church Office asap for correction. You can also request for a VCBC Offering Number if you don't already have one.

6. Life in the Margins: A Workshop in the Downtown Eastside. Friday, March 22 (7-9:30pm) and Saturday, March 23 (10am-4pm). Join Jacob's Well, a parachurch community in the Downtown Eastside, for a workshop exploring issues of charity, justice, and God's heart for people living on the margins of society. Saturday lunch included! Register before March 15 at www.jacobswell.ca/workshops. Cost is \$35.

Sermon Outline

Why is love the greatest?

1. The Nature of Love
 - The most unnatural act
 - Agape: To lay down the greatest sacrifice for the least deserved
2. The Implication of Love
 - Why John only writes about loving brothers and sisters?
 - Why those who hate their brothers are still in darkness?
 - Ethics or Theology
3. The Practice of Love
 - Perfect or complete
4. The Effect of Love
 - Who loves who
 - Who fears what

PRAYER ITEMS

For the Lord your God is a merciful God; he will not abandon or destroy you or forget the covenant with your ancestors, which he confirmed to them by oath.

—Deuteronomy 4:31

Praise God that:

- He is a merciful and faithful God who remembers His people.
- He is a powerful God who can do more than we ask or imagine.
- He is a loving God who cares for us and provides for us.
- He is a forgiving God who forgives all our sins and heals all our diseases.

Pray for:

- Pastor Brian as he prepares to get married on March 21. Pray for all the practical details and for him and Joyce to be prepared in every way.
- Church leadership to be wise and Spirit-filled in all the decisions they need to make.
- God to lead the pastoral search committees to His choice for our pastors.
- VCBC to be a Gospel light in this community, through Vancouver and around the world.
- Melanie Au as she transitions to life and ministry in the Philippines.
- All those among us who are weary and heavy-laden by physical, emotional and spiritual struggles, that they would find rest in Christ.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcoming

Call to Worship

Colossians 1:15-20

Praise and Worship

Son of God

Love like Fire

Living Hope

Sharing of Community Life

Tithes and Offering

How Deep the Father's

Love for Us

Message

Pastor Sam Wong

The Lord's Supper

Response

How Great is the Love

Closing Prayer

Doxology

Children's Sunday School

9:40am-11:00am @ VCBC Basement
*Children are invited to the adult praise & worship before proceeding to their classes with the teachers afterwards.

The Story

(Pastor Gilbert)
VCBC Room E3

Prayer Power Tools

(Winnie Lai Fong)
VCBC Room B14

Grades 9-10

(Brian Lew & Larry)
VCBC Basement (Piano Area)

JC Kidz

11:00am - 12:30pm
VCBC Room B3-5

Psalms

(Lisa)
Culoden House Basement

Grades 7-8

(Carmen & Pastor Brian)
VCBC Basement (Old Library Area)

Grades 11-12

(Henry C. & Kathy)
VCBC Room W2

Preschool to Grade 6
VCBC CHILDREN

After Service @ 11:30am
SUNDAY LIFE GROUPS