

P2G Choir *parents & children ages 4-11*
 2nd & 4th SUN @VCBC
On Summer Break; Resumes in September
 Richard Cheng (vcbc.children.choir@gmail.com)

Pioneer Clubs *ages 4-11*
 FRI 7:30pm @VCBC
On Summer Break; Resumes in October
 Queenie Yip (childrencvbc@gmail.com)

EDGE Youth *grades 6-12*
 FRI 7:30pm @VCBC
On Summer Break; Resumes in September
 Brian Lee (youth@vcbc.bc.ca)

Men's Group
 2nd SAT 10:00am
 Jackson Leung (jacklc.leung@gmail.com)

Young Adult Girls Group
 Kathy Jung (kmjung@telus.net)

Dayspring Ladies Bible Study
 1st & 3rd WED 12:15pm
On Summer Break until September
 Carolyn Yip (cindys@vcbc.bc.ca)

Prayer Group
 1st FRI 7:45pm @ VCBC Room E2

Neighbourhood Cleanup Round #3
 Aug 18, 1:00pm @ VCBC Neighbourhood

Modern Mooncake Workshop
 Sept 7, 10:00am @ VCBC Basement

VCB-Creatives *photography lovers*
 1st SUN 1:00pm

Penta Sport *sport lovers*
 TUES Nights

Panterest *cooking lovers*
 3rd SUN 2:00pm

B-interest *craft lovers*
 3rd SUN 5:00pm

Interested?
 contact connectiongroups@vcbc.bc.ca
 for more details

JOURNEY *college to 25yrs*
 Eunice Wong (journey@vcbc.bc.ca)

CAREER *adults 26yrs+*
 Pastor Brian (careerfellowship@vcbc.bc.ca)

YOUNG FAMILY *young couples & family*
On Summer Break; Resumes in October
 Jason Wong (youngfamily@vcbc.bc.ca)

HOMEBUILDERS *mature family*
 Flora Cheung (homebuilders@vcbc.bc.ca)

EVERGREEN *retired*
 Henry Lew (aquila@vcbc.bc.ca)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 18 @1:00pm Neighbourhood Cleanup Round #3	Aug 31- Sep 2 Summer Conference	Sept 7 @10:00am Modern Mooncake Workshop	Sept 8 @9:40am Celebration of Baptism	Sept 15 @4:00pm 50th Anniversary Joint Service
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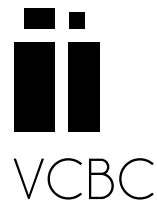
NEXT GEN
empowering and equipping

DISCIPLESHIP
accountability, spiritual discipline

LIFE @ VCBC
community, service, mission

CONNECTION GROUPS
friendship, interest, interaction

FELLOWSHIPS
growth, support, bonding, service



Blessed To Bless
*Raise up Generations of
 Christ Followers and
 Disciple Makers*

VCBC
 Sunday Service
 2019.08.04
*Follow and Witness God
 in All Areas of Life*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Message: Midlife Crisis of a Church

Speaker & Passage: Pastor Sam Wong; Revelation 2:1-5; 18-20, 25; 3:14-17

CHURCH NEWS

- 1. Staff News** - Church Office will be closed tomorrow for the B.C. Day stat holiday, and will resume regular office hours on Tuesday.
- 2. MBM of July 28, 2019** - We are pleased to announce that all but three motions were adopted as originally proposed while the three remaining motions were adopted with very minor amendments (both the original and amended motions are now posted on church bulletin board, and the abridged amended version is now on the website). Meeting minutes will be posted on church bulletin board and printed as handouts available to congregations no later than two weeks before the next MBM.
- 3. Cantonese Congregation Pastoral Candidate** - Please see bulletin board in foyer and/or pick up an information leaflet for an introduction of **Pastor Jonathan Loh**, candidate for the pastoral position of **Cantonese Congregation Pastor (Missions & Evangelism and Family Ministry)**. For enquiries, please contact the Cantonese Congregation Pastor Search Committee.
- 4.** Our summer neighborhood clean up trilogy will reach its finale on **August 18**. We will meet at 1:00pm for a light lunch served prior to the clean up. Contact pcs@vcbc.bc.ca for details or sign up at church office.
- 5. Summer Conference 2019 is from Aug 31 to Sept 2 at Cedar Springs.** Theme: "Blessed to Bless" which is the Church's 50th anniversary theme. Speaker: Pastor Tom Cowan. Early bird rates end today: \$210 for adults; \$105 for children between ages 4-11; free for infants. You can register either online at <http://tinyurl.com/2019summercon> or in-person in the VCBC basement on Sundays.
- 6. VCBC 50th Anniversary Celebrations** - On Sunday, **Sept. 15**, instead of the regular morning services, we will have one **Joint Celebration Service** at 4:00 pm at **Fraserview MB Church**

(11295 Mellis Dr., Richmond), followed by a **Banquet at 6:00 pm at Continental Seafood Restaurant** (11700 Cambie Rd., Richmond). Banquet tickets are \$45 per adult, \$25 for each child age 12 and under, and free for toddlers age 3 and under, tickets are available after service in the church basement.

7. Gifts/Prizes Needed for the 50th Anniversary Banquet - If anyone could donate items for use as gifts/prizes at the 50th Anniversary Banquet on Sept. 15, please bring them to the Church Office anytime during office hours between now and Sept. 1. Please note that all items need to be in new and unused condition. Thanks!

8. Media Opt-Out - The church intends to use some group photos taken during past public events for use as part of our general media communication platform including in connection with the 50th anniversary celebration. If you are not interested in having your photos, or that of your children, used for this purpose, we kindly ask you to please sign the media opt-out form in our church office. Thanks for your consideration.

9. WBA Picnic at Barnet Marine Park (Picnic Site #2) on Mon, Aug. 5th. Here's a map: <http://bit.ly/barnetmap>. Drop in anytime between 10am-3pm. Great opportunity to meet other churches in the WestCoast Baptist Association. Burger & watermelon provided. Bring a salad, fruit or dessert to share, and a chair/blanket. RSVP to janet@westcoastbaptist.ca by today.

NEXT GEN

10. P2G Choir - will resume regular practice on Sun, **Sept. 8** after the noon service at 1:00 pm. Through worship and music training, we hope to guide parents and their children to grow together in spirituality and faith. Interested families pls register at <http://bit.ly/VCBC-Children-Choir> or contact Willis (vcbc.children.choir@gmail.com) **Note:** there will also be practice sessions on Sun, Aug. 11, 18 and 25 at 1:00 pm for the 50th Anniversary Joint Service and Children Sunday on Oct 13.

MONTHLY PRAYER BLOG

August 2019: Beyond Sundays

It's Sunday morning. You sit on the firm, wooden church pew, next to the familiar face of a friend you see every week. As the service comes to an end, you try to recollect the sermon, and after a quick prayer you head downstairs to the crowd of people forming in front of you. You look around for a familiar face and exchange pleasantries for ten or so minutes. You check the time; it's ten past eleven, and you head out of the church doors. Another Sunday done.

It's interesting how for many Christians, church is simply the allocated two hours of a Sunday morning. After that, many of us don't see nor converse with our friends from church until seven days later, when we are conveniently placed in the same building together. You may think that seeing the church community once a week is more than enough. However, when church is referred to as the house of God, and the congregation as His children, we're family. Now when we look from this perspective, spending two hours a week with our family doesn't seem anywhere near adequate.

Yet while we may be aware that church is supposed to be family, it is often so segregated from our everyday life. We say phrases like, "these are my church friends" or "I have a church event" we immediately place church in a box that is only opened on Sundays. But when we look into the Bible, church was not just the two hour sermons we have today. No, Jesus did not simply preach to His disciples and then leave them once He was finished. Instead, Jesus lived life with them. The relationships He made with His friends were not bound to certain days, but they were on the daily. Church was the relationships fostered, the sermons preached, the brokenness shared. It was not confined to a building nor a time slot.

What if we lived as though church went beyond Sundays? What if instead of exchanging small talk with acquaintances at church, we developed intimate and intentional relationships that extended throughout the week? What if we didn't need scheduled programs in order to meet with the church community? I believe as a family, we would be so much healthier. We are made to do life together; we are one body (Romans 12:5), and as one body, we have to be connected in order to function properly. Therefore, let's be encouraged to "spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching" (Hebrews 10:24-25).

SUNDAY LIFE GROUPS

On Summer Break; Will Resume on September 22

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcoming

Call to Worship

1 John 4:7-10

Praise and Worship

No Greater Love

My Jesus I Love Thee

Light a Fire

Introduction of and Sharing by

Pastor Jonathan Loh

Congregational Prayer

Message

Pastor Sam Wong

Response

Oh Lord You're Beautiful

Sharing of Community Life &

Tithes and Offering

Song of Proclamation

Light the Fire Again

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.

JC Kidz

11:00am-12:30pm

VCBC Room B3-5

Preschool to Grade 6

VCBC CHILDREN