



The Church in Richmond Weekly Newsletter

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I. Announcement:

- Praise the Lord! Sister Xiao Ou Liu (older daughter of sister Min Jian) and sister Ke Jun Li were baptized on 8/31. We rejoice with them as the new members in the household of God.
- Our dear brother Pang Hsieh Peng passed away to be with the Lord on September 3, 2012, at 4 p.m. in Taiwan. Please pray that Sis. Peng and the relatives of our brother may experience the comfort from the Lord Himself and that the gospel may be preached to the unsaved ones.
- Tonight (9/09), the district brothers and all the brothers responsible for particular services will meet at the Brown Road meeting hall at 7:30 pm.
- 2012 High School retreat, information is as follow.
Date: October 5 – 7, 2012-08-31
Location: Lakeside Bible Camp
Cost: \$80 USD
Deadline: September 9 (today), 2012
Register with: Brother Andy Po

2012 Junior High retreat dates: Brothers: October 19 – 21, 2012 Sisters: November 2 – 4, 2012-08-30 Registration details to follow later.
- A conference is scheduled by the church in Winnipeg, Manitoba, on September 21 (Friday night at 7:00 p.m.) to September 23 (Lord's Day noon). All the saints who desire to attend, please contact brother Albert Sayson for more details.
- On September 16 (Lord's Day), at 1:30 p.m., a college serving ones prayer and coordination time will be held at the church in Vancouver, hall 1. All college serving ones are encouraged to attend. For those serving ones registering for the camp, this meeting is mandatory.
- 2012 College Fall Retreat, information is as follow:
Date: September 21~23, 2012
Location: Charis Camp & Conference Center, 51935 Hack Brown Rd, Chilliwack, BC, www.chariscamp.com
Attendees: College students and high school seniors
Cost: \$155.00 / person
Speaking brother: Brother Tom Goetz
- On Sept. 23 (Lord's Day) at the Vancouver hall 1, two meetings will be held for the serving ones of children, young people and college-age saints. The following is the schedule of the meetings:
4:30 p.m. Session 1
6:00 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. Session 2
- Praise the Lord! To date, approximately 60,000 NT Recovery Versions have been distributed through the literature distribution in the U.K., and more than 60% of the recipients have indicated a desire for further contact.
Please continue to pray:
 - That the Lord will supply the saints and the full-timers to follow-up the Recovery Version recipients through phone calls, seminars, and personal visits.
 - That a good number of local people will be brought into the church life.
 - For the distribution during the Paralympic Games from August 29 to September 9.

II. Prayer burden:

- Please pray for the contact with the students, especially the first-year students, at the universities in Europe in September, before classes begin in October. For the Lord's move in Frankfurt, Germany, please pray that the Lord establish a strong and shining testimony in this important city.
- Please pray for brother Bob Wang, brother Tong Hui Chen, sister Jane Chen, sister Helena Lee, sister May Zheng to experience the grace and healing from the Lord.
- Please pray for the addition of 3 new districts among the six existing ones. May the Lord bless His church through our going to disciple all the nations.

III. This week's pursuit:

- HWMR – Crystallization-study of the Minor Prophets – Week 4
- RSG (Recovery Study Group): Week 1: O.T. – Exodus 13:1 ~ 24:18 N.T. – Matt. 25:1 ~ 28:20

IV. Meeting attendance:

District / Meeting		1A	1B	2	3	4	5	6	English	Children Serving	Total
Lord's Day Meeting	9/02	Lower Mainland (including NW) Labor Day Conference									1,156
Prayer Meeting	9/04	14	11	16	24	15	12	5	32		129

V. Offering for the meeting hall construction (as of Sept.2, 2012):

Offering Goal	Current Accumulated Offerings (\$1.5 M Loan from LM churches)	Current Disbursement			Current Balance (\$1.5 M Loan from LM churches)
\$4,500,000	\$3,901,132 / \$5,401,132	Project Fund	Security Deposit	Total Expenditure	- \$1,122,854 / \$377,146
		\$4,813,986	\$210,000	\$5,023,986	
Percentage of our Goal Achieved at present		Current Deficit			
86.69%		\$598,868			

VI. Special Announcement of Particular Service:

1. Cleaning schedule for the week:

Service	Date	District
General cleaning	Sept. 9 ~ Sept. 15	Districts 3 and 6

Each district is in charge of cleaning its own room after every meeting.

- Please always observe safety at the parking lot. Drivers must exercise extra care when backing out of the parking stalls and look out for small children who may not be seen through the windows and mirrors. Parents must always accompany their children and keep them out of danger.
- For the month of September, the schedule of the culinary classes is as follow:

Date	Dishes	Time	Place
9/09	Strawberry short cake; peanut butter brittle	3:00 p.m.	Brown Road meeting hall
9/16	Beef noodle, braised beef; Chinese style cold salad	3:00 p.m.	
9/23	Vietnam spring roll; oyster roll	3:00 p.m.	
9/30	Meat balls; taro cake	3:00 p.m.	

Please register with sister Teresa Lee (604-278-7109; yunghui.liu@gmail.com) or sister Lisa Lin (604-233-7016; charles.lisa@live.ca).

VII. This week's meeting schedule and locations:

Date	Time	Content	Place
Tuesday (9/11)	7:30 p.m.	Church prayer meeting	Designated place of each district
Thursday (9/13)	7:30 p.m.	Home meeting	TBA
Friday (9/14)	6:00 p.m.	College saints' dinner & meeting	Brown Road meeting hall
	7:30 p.m.	Working saints' fellowship	Brother Selow Lee's home
Saturday (9/15)	7:00 p.m.	Young people's meeting	Brown Road meeting hall
Lord's Day (9/16)	9:30 a.m.	Combined Lord's Table & Prophesying Meeting	Brown Road meeting hall

**** Note:** The prayer meeting locations for Sept.18, 2012:

District #1A & #1B	@ Sister Min Jiang
District #2	@ Brother Wilson Tan
District #3A	@ Brother Joseph Chen
District #3B	@ Sister Illis Lan

District #4	@ Brother Caleb Pan
District #5	@ Brother Clark Xie
District #6	@ Brother Tony Lee
English District	@ Brown Road meeting hall

VIII. Truth and enlightenment: *Abiding in the Lord to Enjoy His Life*, by Witness Lee, ch. 4

THE SPIRIT TODAY BEING IN US AND ALSO Poured UPON US

I like to tell you that on that day of Pentecost God's work to save us was completely accomplished. God not only had become a man, lived the human life on earth, and died on the cross to bear our sins, but He also resurrected to become the life-giving Spirit, entered into His disciples, and poured out the Spirit. Therefore, this Spirit is the Triune God—the Holy Father, the Holy Son, and the Holy Spirit. The creating and redeeming Triune God has become the all-inclusive life-giving Spirit, who is omnipresent.

From that day to the present, for close to two thousand years, He has always been on the earth and has never left. If we read world history, we will see a remarkable thing that from Christ's ascension to the present day the name of Jesus Christ has been widely proclaimed as the gospel. For the past two thousand years war, famine, and death have occurred incessantly on this earth, and they are on the increase. However, at the same time another thing has also been happening continuously; that is, the gospel of Jesus Christ has been and still is being preached throughout the whole earth. Therefore, it is marvelous to realize that today the name of Jesus Christ and the gospel have been preached to every race and nation in every place and corner of the world. Furthermore, every believer of Jesus has the desire to preach the gospel. Another wonderful thing is that although there are oppositions to the gospel in various parts of the world, where the opposition is stronger, there the preaching of the gospel is stronger and the number of those who believe is also greater.

Why is the gospel being widely preached? Why do we, the saved ones, desire to preach the gospel? The reason is that within us we have a mysterious and unexplainable Spirit. Anyone who has this Spirit has the desire to preach the gospel. As Christians, we all have the desire to preach Jesus. We feel good when we preach Him; all our illnesses are gone and our worries are forgotten. We feel healthy mentally and physically when we talk about Jesus.

Believing in Jesus is also a wonderful thing. We are saved ones, but we cannot explain why we have believed in Jesus. Although we do not know what this is all about, we just believe in Him and love Him. All this is a story of the Spirit.

Today this Spirit is the Triune God Himself, who passed through the steps of the creation of the universe, incarnation, death, and resurrection for the accomplishment of redemption, and who also passed through ascension to become the unlimited Holy Spirit to enter into us, to be poured upon us, and to move on the whole earth. Wherever the name of Jesus is preached, He is there. His name is He Himself, His person; Jesus is His name, and His person is the Spirit. Today the Spirit comes to us whenever we call on the name of Jesus, praying to Him and praising Him. This is the story of the Spirit.