VINEYARD_{NEWS}

spring 2017

Blessings to you all this spring

As we move into spring just after our Easter celebrations, I am excited and filled with expectation about where God is leading us as a church. The sermon series over the last few months have gone very well and what I am hearing from our community groups is that people are growing as we meet together and discuss the messages...that is certainly true in the Thursday afternoon group I attend (great job leading Doe and Leigh). If you are not yet in a community group I encourage you to check one out.

As I write this Nancy and I will be heading to the Vineyard Pastors retreat in Princeton in a couple days... and then we will be off for another week. But even as we get a bit of a break much is coming up for our church over the next couple of months. We have the Spring Clean-up day Saturday April 29th from 9am to 2pm come out and help get our church looking great for spring (Free lunch provided)!! Then our 55+ Young at Heart group meets on May 1st at the church come out and join the fun (if you are old enough that is[©])... we are preparing and serving a meal for Grassroots Kind Hearts on May 11th (second Thursday of each month) contact Karen Melanson to get involved ...then we have a Prayer workshop on May 13th lead by our very own Deborah Calvert...with much more planned after that.

Our sense as a Leadership is that God is moving: there are new faces and new life in the church and God wants to do more if we will believe and obey His directions. I believe that Prayer is a key to seeing God's will accomplished in our midst, that is why the Prayer workshop is strategic for us now. God's word says that if we pray "according to His will" we will have what we ask for...God has told us to ask him, in a sense to pray His will into our church body...we are asking for the Presence of God's Spirit to be manifest in our gatherings, we are praying for transformation in people's lives here at the church as they encounter God and we are praying for a great gathering in of new believers as we reach out with Gods love!!

All these things are clearly God's will when you look at scripture...so we know he wants to do them in our midst...but he is asking us to ask...to pray for it to come...will you commit to doing that in your private prayer time??

Blessings in His service

Pastors Barry and Nancy



On Easter Sunday we all received a shiny quarter to remind us of the CHANGE brought about in our lives by the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. Two of our members were especially "blessed". - Tim Calvert found that his quarter was an American coin - worth a little more than the rest! And Barry Hall's quarter was a special commemorative one - with red inlays. — Couldn't have happened to two men more deserving of an extra blessing!!!!

To know and make known the unsurpassable love of Christ

Campbell River Vineyard Christian Fellowship

	Comparative	Income	Statement			
	To the end o	f March	2017			
TOTAL REVENUE	Actual		Budget		Last Year	
	35,484.85		31,662.00		35,353.45	
Administration Total	1,840.54	5.2%	2,556.23	8.1%	2,425.18	6.9%
Facility Total	7,023.99	19.8%	7,522.00	23.8%	6,279.00	17.8%
Mission & Outreach Total	3,116.41	8.8%	4,942.00	15.6%	4,748.40	13.4%
Staff Costs Total	18,618.35	52.5%	17,768.00	56.1%	21,987.93	62.2%
TOTAL EXPENSE	30,599.29	86.2%	32,788.23	103.6%	35,440.51	100.2%
	4,885.56	13.8%	-1,126.23	-3.6%	-87.06	-0.2%

MEN: Coffee/Breakfast Fellowship
Popsey's Restaurant is the place, Tuesdays at 9 am

Grassroots Kind Hearts Meal Service

April 23, 2017

If you would like to be a part of this outreach call Karen Melanson at **250-923-6404** to learn more.

Trust in His Timing

Wait for His Answers

Rely on His Promises

Rejoice in His Goodness

Our Young at Heart group has been truly blessed so far in 2017. Along with new people joining us, drinking lots of coffee and celebrating birthdays, we've had the distinct pleasure of hearing some amazing testimonies. Learning how God moved in Deb W., Archie, Theresa, Geri, and Gerry has been incredibly faith building and encouraging and built us together as a community.

Al and Theresa did another terrific job of leading us in games, ranging from senior Olympics to Pictionary to bingo. Some of it was a *little* stretching for some of us but the prizes (almost) made it worthwhile - although Shirley seemed to be in the winner's line more frequently than most. We anticipate a lot more laughter and fun for our annual treasure hunt this May; this year the hunt has some very intriguing challenges

Along with our souls and spirits, our brains were also stretched as Deb C. taught us about the power of seniors praying and we signed up as prayer partners for our children and youth. Doe & Leigh led us in a seminar that opened our eyes to the countless doors God places before us every day. From Cathy, our resident RN, we learned about the nutritional needs peculiar to our age group. That will complement our final seminar about maintaining strength and flexibility when we revisit how to have a rigorous workout from a chair. It may sound simple – it is and at the same time, it's a challenge.

We're planning a rousing finish with an amazing continental breakfast and a top secret event that will have all of us celebrating our Lord, our age, and our community.



PRAYER WORKSHOP

Feel like your life is lacking spiritual power? Could your prayer life use a little boost? Hungering for more of the Lord?



Come and see how the Lord will motivate you at this practical **prayer workshop...**.

Saturday, May 13th.

CR VINEYARD Coffee & Muffins 9:15 - Lunch provided Finish time 3:30 p.m. (ish!)

TEACHING...WORSHIP... TESTIMONIES...HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES.. PRAYER EXERCISES

A time to EQUIP, EXCITE, ENCOURAGE., AND ENGAGE YOU IN PRAYER

Youth

In the youth group we have seen some great growth in individuals. Our leaders have been able to grow closer to the youth which has given the youth and leaders opportunities to grow spiritually. We also have gotten a new youth leader,

Leigh Bishop, who brings great excitement for caring for the youth and lots of experience. We are going to be doing more events and get together for the leaders to foster a positive culture and team atmosphere. One struggle for youth ministry has been the attendance being low. We are praying for increased youth to attend so more youth can learn about the love of Jesus and impact eternity

COMMUNITY GROUPS

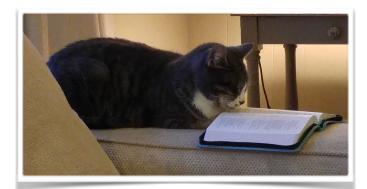
The **Thursday** 'group' enjoys the weekly time together getting to know God and each other better. Conversations are lively and thought provoking thanks to the terrific ideas from the previous Sunday service that kindles our discussions. We often are guided by questions from a bible study program Bobby supplies to us too. Love and laughter and learning are cornerstones to our friendly discussions and we encourage anyone so inclined to come out and join us.

The Thursday group meets at the church. Contact *Doe or Leigh*

Stratford Drive Tuesday Group It has been an eventful time for our home group. Many life changes and difficult situations have arisen for the people in our group. This has provided us opportunities to come alongside, encourage, and pray for one another to persevere and grow closer in relationship and likeness to Jesus. Contact *Bobby*.



The **Tuesday** group (also known as The Grove) has grown steadily - so much so that we have had to put an extra board in the Scott's dining table! We usually discuss ideas from the previous Sunday's sermon and spend time praying and sharing. Discussion leaders vary every two weeks One of our projects is to do a prayer walk around our Church neighbourhood on the first Sunday of the month. We hope to include congregation members in this endeavour, dividing the Campbelltown area into sections which can be "adopted" for ongoing prayer coverage. (As you can see below, everyone at the Grove is really into studying the Word.) Contact Gloria, Deb or Tim





A special day - the dedication of two of our newest and very special members. Anorah Rau and Evelyn Barry.

Do you love to arrange flowers?

Enjoy decorating?

We have a room full of materials just waiting for the right, interested, gifted person to step up and offer to keep the church looking beautiful through the seasons..

Newcomer's Meal

June 4th 5:00 PM

New at the CR Vineyard? We are so glad to see so many new faces at our church. We want to make you feel welcome. So come out to a Barbeque to get connected. Location and more details TBD.

BAPTISMS

Sunday July 9th - after the service

Keep this special event in your prayers.

Prayer in the Portable

Listening for the Voice of God

Fridays 11-noon



VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION EVENT

June 16th 6:00 PM

We have some amazing volunteers at the CR Vineyard. We want to say thank you for all the hard work you have done and are doing to help us "know and make known the unsurpassable love of Christ." This is an event for everyone who serves in any way at the church to come out, relax, and have fun.

WATCH FOR DETAILS!

Church Picnic June 25th 12:00 PM At the Sportsplex

connecting - relaxing - food -fun games for the kids (whatever age!!)

Hot Dogs and Hamburgers provided. Bring a side dish to share if you can, If not, bring yourself! See you there.