

SPOTLIGHT

Summer Meditative Prayer

Oh Lord of the Sabbath, teach me how to truly rest from my labours. Help me to cease striving. There seem to be too many things to do and I am overwhelmed. There are too many choices, but one thing is needful – let me rest at your feet and worship you in my stillness.

In you Father, there is peace and there is quietness for my soul. I long to be still enough to hear the quiet Spirit as you whispers to me of gentleness.

Restore my soul, made weary from the week. Refresh my spirit with the kindness of your Word. Help me to be a refuge for others from their struggles.

I surrender to you all of my worries and work. I sacrifice to you my need for control and ask you to take over this day and lead me beside still waters.

I praise you and I love you, God of Rest, for in you alone I am justified and not by the works of my own hand. Bring your peace to the world, and come soon to restore your kingdom forever. *Amen*

Scripture Text: James 1:19-27 (New Living Translation)

19 Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. 20 Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires. 21 So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls. 22 But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. 23 For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. 24 You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. 25 But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it. 26 If you claim to be religious but don't control your tongue, you are fooling yourself, and your religion is worthless. 27 Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you.

The Week at a Glance

Monday	Day Camp – 9:00 AM
Tuesday	Day Camp – 9:00 AM
Wednesday	Day Camp – 9:00 AM Praise & Prayer – 7:30 PM Jr. High & YG – 7:00 PM
Thursday	Day Camp – 9:00 AM
Friday	Day Camp – 9:00 AM
Saturday	
Sunday	Too Hot to Handle / Christianity 101 – 9:00 AM Worship Service – 10:30 AM

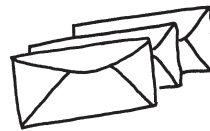


Financial update to end of May, 2009

General fund offerings July 1 – May 31, 09	\$221,937
Budget	\$254,650
Other income (rentals, Day Camp)	\$76,747
Total Income July 1 – May 31	\$298,684
Total expenses July 1 – May 31	(\$293,332)
Amount income exceeds expenses at end of Apr. \$5,352.00	

General fund offerings for June

Our monthly budget requirement for 2008 /2009	\$23,150
Offerings to June 28, 2009	\$17,674



Pastoral Team: Barb Constable - Minister of Music (barb@gsccl.ca), Rob Dean - Associate Pastor (rob@gsccl.ca), John McAuley - Minister at Large, Carol Smith - Children's Pastor (carol@gsccl.ca), Sharon Tam - Lead Pastor (sharon@gsccl.ca), Melissa Weigel - Church Administrator (office@gsccl.ca)

Elders: Robyn Allin, Margaret Barker, Sharon Fiennes-Clinton, Joan Howell, Murray Lahn, Brian McConnell - Co-Chair, Dave McCready, Natalie Nash - Co-Chair, Peter Oulton, Rej Proulx

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Sunday, July 5, 2009

*Welcome & Greeting - *Brian McConnell*

Prayer of Approach and Confession - *Chris Platteel*

*Songs of Praise

The Presentation of Gifts

Offertory

Children's Ministry - *Sarah Schuchardt*

Life and Ministry of the Church: - *Sharon Tam*

A Word from Andrea & Matthew Vaughan

Scripture: James 1:19-27 (New Living Translation)
- *Henny Platteel*

Message:

"Aren't all religions the same?" - *Craig S.*
Theme: "When Skeptics Ask"

The Sacrament of Holy Communion - *Sharon Tam*

Communion Praise

Commissioning Summer Student Interns and
Summer Adventure Day Camp Leaders

Blessing & Commissioning

*Late arrivals will be seated at marked sections of the service.

Those wishing to receive prayer ministry are welcome to come to the couches at the back of the sanctuary after receiving communion.

Encountering Christ and Thoughtfully Following Him

Life and Ministry of the Church

Welcome!

A warm welcome to those visiting or here for the very first time. Whether a long-time follower of Jesus Christ or exploring for the first time, you are welcome here. Please fill out a Welcome card and drop it in the offering plate to let us know of your visit. If there is any way we can assist you, do not hesitate to contact one of the pastoral team.

Summer at KidsLand

Kids Land will be spending SUMMER ON THE WATER. As often as weather permits, we will be outside learning about stories from the Bible that involve water and having fun with water. Please dress your children for active and WET play (clothes and footwear). Please protect your children with sunhats and sunscreen.

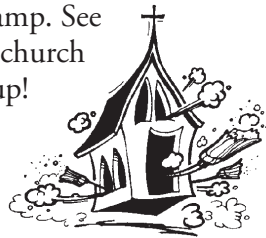


Day Camp – July 6-10 & July 13-17

Day Camp 2009 starts this week! Please submit your completed registrations to Melissa in the church office and remember to keep Day Camp in your prayers.

Day Camp Clean Up Day – Saturday, July 18TH

We will be having a GSCC Clean Up Day on Saturday, July 18TH from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Please join us in doing some cleaning around the church in the aftermath of Day Camp. See Julie McConnell in the foyer after church over the next two weeks and sign up!

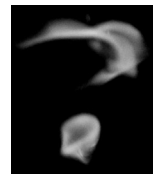


Staff Notes

- Carol Smith will be on holiday from July 2–14. She and Pam Farquhar will be touring in Switzerland with the Ontario Presbyterian Choir, of which they are both members. Please keep them and the choir in your prayers as they travel and minister
- Barb Constable will be on vacation from June 29–July 21. Please pray she will enjoy a restful time at the cottage.

Questions Too Hot to Handle – Sundays at 9 AM

This class explores questions left unanswered from the sermon series “When Skeptics Ask.” Each week we’ll discuss the previous Sunday’s theme and any new questions arising from the sermon topics. This week’s question is “*Truth on trial.*” Come discover more about who God is and how he desires to interact with us in the world. No question is Too Hot to Handle!



Christianity 101 – Sundays at 9 AM

Christianity 101 is a 10-week exploration of the basics of the Christian journey, the importance of the sacraments and how they relate to our faith. An opportunity will be given in early September for those who wish to be baptized.

Summer Book Club – twice monthly on Tuesdays

We are reading “*Following Jesus in a Culture of Fear*” by Scott Bader-Saye, meeting at 7:30 PM on the following Tuesdays: July 14, 28; August 11, 25. Copies of the book are available at the Reading Post and the reading schedule will be on the Welcome Table.



Prayer

- ♦ **MONDAY: Bob Bell**, one of our beloved members who is unable to attend regularly due to health issues. Pray for patience, peace and comfort in knowing God’s presence.
- ♦ **TUESDAY: Prison Fellowship Canada**, as they seek to reach out and connect with the families of prisoners. Pray for their Sycamore Tree program, that it will further reduce the return-to-prison rate.
- ♦ **WEDNESDAY: Tini Sit’s cousin, Made Rana**, who was in a motorcycle accident and has a head injury. He is still unconscious after having two surgeries this week. Please pray he will return to consciousness and for healing. Also pray for Tini and Andrew as they travel to Bali to visit her cousin and family, that they will be a source of strength and comfort to them.
- ♦ **THURSDAY: Carol Smith and Pam Farquhar** as they tour Switzerland to sing with the Ontario Presbyterian Choir. Pray for safe travel, endurance of the rigorous schedule and that this will be an inspirational and life-changing experience for the whole choir.
- ♦ **FRIDAY: Called to Care ministry.** Pray for Chris Platteel and the Called to Come Alongside group. Pray that they can effectively care for our shut-ins and those who are sick in our church.
- ♦ **SATURDAY: Reading Post ministry.** Pray that people can find books to read this summer that will be instrumental and inspirational in their walks with God. Pray that the books would speak to who God is, bring about an attitude of reflection, and be life-giving.
- ♦ **SUNDAY: Praise God, for Jesus is our peace** and by the Holy Spirit, He comes to us. We pray that we would feel the wonders of your presence deep in our hearts.

Please notify the church office (office@gsc.ca) if you have a prayer request.



Our Families in Prayer This Week

Winnie Chung
Eduardo, Christina, Ava & Eddie Cisternas
Jane Clarke