

SPOTLIGHT

Ministry in Focus: Core Visioning Committee

The core visioning community met in June and did some “looking back / looking forward” exercises. A little over a week ago the CVC joined together for a BBQ which provided an opportunity to further build up relationships and to share a meal with one another. The team will be meeting with members outside of the CVC community in the summer months to ask questions



about what is in people’s hearts for GSCC as we move forward in discerning God’s vision. If you are interested in sharing your insights about Good Shepherd and in what God has in store for us as a congregation, ask an elder or pastoral team member to direct you to a member of the CVC.

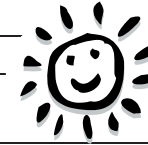
Eye on Outreach:

Recollections from David and Carol Stevens

Our earliest memory of Good Shepherd was being invited to share in a school gymnasium in 1983 before we first moved to Nepal. Our daughter Laura was about 5 months old at the time and she is now 26 years! She is teaching in a Christian high school in Alberta, and will be with us for a month this summer to be involved in Nepali teacher training. Ben (23 yrs.) is working as a project manager in the oil and gas industry. Over the past 25 years, we have seen many changes in Nepal. When we first arrived it was illegal to change one’s religion – and now the church is half a million strong. We thank God for the privilege of seeing His hand at work in many lives as we continue our involvement in the local church as well as in health and development. Throughout the years, we have always felt warmly welcomed and supported by the Good Shepherd community. A big thank you to all for your friendship, prayers and financial support over the years.

The Week at a Glance

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



Financial update to end of June, 2009

General fund offerings July 1 – June 30, 2009	\$239,184
Budget	\$277,800
Other income (rentals, Day Camp)	\$84,223
Total Income July 1 – Jun 30	\$323,407
Total expenses July 1 – Jun 30	(\$324,624)
Amount expenses exceeds income at end of June	\$1,217

General fund offerings for July

Our monthly budget requirement for 2009 /2010	\$25,000
Offerings to July 12, 2009	\$11,516

Contact information

Pastoral Team:		Email Announcements	Announcements@GSCC.ca
Sharon Tam	Sharon@GSCC.ca x25	Pastors	PastoralTeam@GSCC.ca
Rob Dean	Rob@GSCC.ca x23	Elders	Elders@GSCC.ca
Carol Smith	Carol@GSCC.ca x 27	Condominium concerns	CondoBoard@GSCC.ca
Barb Constable	Barb@GSCC.ca x 24	Directors	Directors@GSCC.ca
Melissa Weigel	Office@GSCC.ca x 22	A/V concerns	AVTeam@GSCC.ca
		Executive	Executive@gscC.ca
General Inquiries	Office@GSCC.ca	Youth leaders	Youth@gscC.ca x 26
Public Prayer Requests	Prayer@GSCC.ca	Alpha inquiries	Alpha@GSCC.ca
Private Prayer List	PrivatePrayer@GSCC.ca	The Marriage Course inquiries	Marriage@GSCC.ca

Pastoral Team: Barb Constable - Minister of Music, Rob Dean - Associate Pastor, John McAuley - Minister at Large, Carol Smith - Children’s Pastor, Sharon Tam - Lead Pastor, Melissa Weigel - Church Administrator

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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Good Shepherd Community Church

Sunday, July 19, 2009

*Welcome & Greeting - *Natalie Nash*

Opening Prayer - *Carol Smith*

Scripture: Psalm 104:1-5, 24-35 - *Henry Tam*

*Songs of Praise

*The Presentation of Gifts

Offertory

Doxology

Children’s Ministry - *Carol Smith*

Life and Ministry of the Church

Scripture: Gen 1:1-2; 26-28; Psalm 8 - *Sharon Clinton*

Message: “An odd Couple: Science and Faith
– Can these Two Partners ever get along?”

- *Sharon Tam*

Theme: “When Skeptics Ask”

Prayers of the People - *Jane Clarke*

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

- *David Schuchardt*

Communion Praise

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.

The Great Reclamation Project

Over time people using our facilities have left many items behind, both in the coat room and the kitchen. Next Sunday, July 26th, these items will be out on a table in the foyer. Please stop at the table and claim any items you recognize.

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. Next Sunday’s question will be, “*How Can a Thoughtful Person Believe in The Bible?*” 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 28; August 11, 25. Copies of the book are available at the Reading Post and the reading schedule will be on the Welcome Table.

Upcoming Events – Please mark your calendars

Sixth Annual Community BBQ – Saturday,

September 12TH, 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM
(setup starts at 8:30 AM)

Alpha Kick-off Banquet – Tuesday,

September 22ND, 6:30 PM

Ordination Service – Sunday, September 27TH, 7:00 PM



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.

Coffee Makers and Kettles

If you have a working drip coffee maker or kettle you are no longer using, we would be happy to take it off your hands sometime before the fall. Our current ones have run out of steam and we’re looking for a few to replace them – but just a few. If you can help us in this small way, we would be very grateful.

Staff Notes

- Sharon Tam will be on vacation from July 20–Aug 2. Please pray for a refreshing and relaxing time away. Pray also that Sharon would have the opportunity to share the Gospel with some of her relatives that she and Henry will be visiting
- Barb Constable returns from vacation July 21.
- Melissa Weigel will return from vacation July 22. Jean Miller will cover the office during this time.

Visit the Good Shepherd Web site at www.gsc.ca to listen to past messages and services or to sign up for any of our e-mails lists (announcements, prayer requests, or CVC updates).

Prayer

- ♦ **MONDAY: Sophie Shugart**, who has broken her leg. We are grateful that she is not in much pain. Please pray that the break heals quickly and properly. Pray for patience for Sophie and her family as they deal with this situation.
- ♦ **TUESDAY: Summer Student Interns** (Julie, John, Tim, Jordan, Deborah) as they continue in leading the youth after a full hectic two weeks leading Day Camp. Pray for other Good Shepherd leaders Melissa Dean and Sarah Schuchardt, who also played a huge part in making Day Camp a success.
- ♦ **WEDNESDAY: Margaret Rowe and the Outreach Committee**, as they care for our missionaries and plan the fall outreach activities.
- ♦ **THURSDAY: Camp Medeba**, as they are in full swing summer camp and leadership training sessions. Pray that they would live out their mission of changing young people’s lives through adventure experiences with a Christian perspective.
- ♦ **FRIDAY: Jessie Geddes**, one of our beloved members, who is unable to attend regularly due to health issues. Thank the Lord for the blessed promise to be with us through difficult times and that thousands of saints stand as proof that he will never leave you or forsake you.
- ♦ **SATURDAY: True Light**, the church that meets in our sanctuary each Sunday. Pray for continual blessing from the Lord in reaching out to the Chinese community and discernment on the role their church plays in this community.
- ♦ **SUNDAY: Praise Teams**. Pray that God would use each team to draw the congregation into deeper worship. Pray that we may enter God’s dwelling with thanksgiving and praise.

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



Our Families in Prayer This Week

Barbara Constable

Cathy Cooke, James and Mic Earnshaw

Ruth Currie