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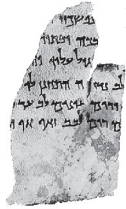
Eye on Outreach: Reg Reimer

Reg has just returned from presiding over a week-long consultation on Vietnam, held in a neighboring country as communist Vietnam is a "restricted-access nation." With some 80 people (including 12 leaders from Vietnam) representing 51 organizations, all sharing about what God is doing in Vietnam, they learned that He is not much bothered by the "restricted-access" designation! They gained synergy and traction in the areas of Church Planting Movements, Business as Mission and work among the ethnic Hmong. Some 300,000 Hmong have come to faith in the last two decades, and are in urgent need of theological training. Reg sends many thanks for your prayers and support.



Ministry in Focus: College & Career at the ROM

On October 17TH the College & Career group welcomed Dr. Rebecca Idestrom to lead a discussion to set the scene for our trip to see the Dead Sea Scrolls. On October 24TH the group went down to the ROM to view the scrolls about which we had learned so much from Rebecca.



It was awe-inspiring to see such significant historical documents. Dinosaurs and lunch at Boston Pizza rounded out a great time of fellowship.

Pastoral Notes

Rob Dean will be on study leave from Friday, November 6 to Thursday, November 12. During this time he will be attending the American Academy of Religion annual meeting in Montreal.

The Week at a Glance

Monday	Prayer & Praise – 7:30 PM
Tuesday	Ladies' Bible Study – 9:30 AM Alpha I / Alpha II – 6:30 PM
Wednesday	Club House – 6:45 PM Jr Highs & Sr Highs – 7:30 PM
Thursday	Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 PM
Friday	
Saturday	College & Career – 7:30 PM
Sunday	Convergence – 9:00 AM Worship Service – 10:30 AM



Financial update to end of October

General fund offerings July 1 – Oct 31, 09	\$82,089
Budget	\$100,000
Other income (Rentals, Day Camp)	\$79,141
Total Income July 1 – Oct 31, 09	\$161,230
Total expenses July 1 – Oct 31, 09	(\$156,637)
Amount income exceeds expenses at end of October	\$4,593

General fund offerings for November

Our monthly budget requirement for 2009 /2010	\$25,000
Offerings to November 1, 2009	\$4,170

Contact information

Pastoral Team:		Email Announcements	Announcements@GSCC.ca
Sharon Tam	Sharon@GSCC.ca x 25	Private Prayer List	PrivatePrayer@GSCC.ca
Rob Dean	Rob@GSCC.ca x 23	Pastors	PastoralTeam@GSCC.ca
Carol Smith	Carol@GSCC.ca x 32	Elders	Elders@GSCC.ca
Barb Constable	Barb@GSCC.ca x 24	Condominium concerns	CondoBoard@GSCC.ca
Nigel Chang	Nigel@GSCC.ca x 26	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	Alpha inquiries	Alpha@GSCC.ca
Public Prayer Requests	Prayer@GSCC.ca	The Marriage Course inquiries	Marriage@GSCC.ca

Pastoral Team: Nigel Chang - Youth Pastor, 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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Encountering Christ and Thoughtfully Following Him

Sunday, November 8, 2009

Welcome & Greeting - Sharon Tam

Laying a Wreath of Remembrance
- Les Howell, Gord & Kay MacGilchrist

Prayer

Hymn: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (#52)

Scripture Litany - Henry Tam

Offering our Gifts and Praise

Children's Ministry - Carol Smith

Life and Ministry of the Church

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
- Sharon Fiennes-Clinton

Message:

**"Church on Fire: So Heavenly Minded
- You Are of No Earthly Use!"**
- John McAuley

Taize: "Jesus, Remember Me"

The Sacrament of Holy Communion - Sharon Tam

Communion Praise

Commissioning and Blessing

** Following communion, a prayer team will be present at the back of the sanctuary for those who wish to receive the ministry of prayer.*



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.

TONIGHT – International Dinner & Annual Meeting

Join us for the International Dinner starting at 5:30 PM, followed by the Annual Meeting at 7:00 PM. All are welcome!



Sale Today at the Reading Post

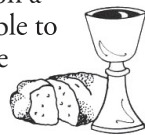
Today and next Sunday the Reading Post will be having a special sale! Buy one book and get the other book half price. Come see what is available after worship service today.

Interested in Baptism or Membership?

Baptizo – “to dip or to plunge.” Have you ever wanted to plunge deeper in your experience with God? Do you have a yearning to dive completely into the love and grace of your Heavenly Father? If you are interested in finding out more about baptism and/or membership, one of the pastors would love to talk with you. Please see their contact information on the back page of the bulletin.

Communion Visitation – November 15 – 21

During the week of November 15-21, the pastoral visitors of our Called to Come Alongside ministry will be visiting and sharing Holy Communion with members of our congregation who are unable to be with us in Sunday worship on a regular basis. If you know of anyone who is not able to regularly join us for worship and would appreciate such a visit, please contact Chris Platteel or the church office.



Parenting Group – November 18

Everyone is invited on Wednesday, November 18, from 7-8 PM in the Board Room, when we will consider the issue of keeping our children safe on the Internet. We begin with dessert and coffee followed by this month's guest speaker, Chris Schryer. Like the world, the Internet is a place filled with many wonderful things for our children, and also many dangers. With over a decade of experience in web development, Chris brings a wealth of knowledge regarding safe use of a variety of web-based applications, from social networking (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) to community games (WebKinz, World of Warcraft, etc.) to safe browsing of the World Wide Web. Chris is married, and the proud father of Ben (15 months old).

Ministry Fair – November 22

On Sunday, November 22ND, you are invited to attend a Ministry Fair after our worship time. Many of the different ministries here at Good Shepherd will have displays to introduce you to their work and to how you might make a contribution. A light snack will be available to munch on while you visit. Mark your calendars and plan on joining us in Fellowship Hall for an interesting time together.

Christmas Kaleidoscope – December 4

Glen Soderholm and friends will present *A Moveable Feast Christmas* here at Good Shepherd on Friday December 4TH at 8:00 PM. Plan now to attend and to bring friends and family. If you would like to bring someone but cannot underwrite the cost yourself, please talk with Barb Constable about a “scholarship ticket.” Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door, and \$40 per household.

Hand Sanitizer

Please take note that we now have four hand sanitizer dispenser stations located on walls throughout the church. They are located in the front entrance vestibule, outside the main sanctuary doors, in the Fellowship Hall and in the kitchen. We ask that as you enter the church, you take advantage of them to prevent the spread of germs.



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:** Praise God that **Margaret Rowe's dad**, who had a badly infected wound, is now on antibiotics and recovering well and **Crystal Rowe, Margaret's sister-in-law** who was suffering from migraines, was treated and is doing fine.
- ♦ **TUESDAY:** **Rob Dean and Peter Oulton**, who are travelling to Montreal this week for the American Academy of Religion annual meeting. Pray that they have a safe trip and a fruitful time of learning and connecting with other scholars.
- ♦ **WEDNESDAY:** **Andrea & Matthew Vaughan**. Pray that Andrea can deepen relationships with the youth with whom she is working at the church.
- ♦ **THURSDAY:** **Al and Jane Yuill**, as Al is currently in hospital awaiting placement in a long-term care facility. Pray that the Lord would surround both Al and Jane with His love and make smooth a challenging time of transition.
- ♦ **FRIDAY:** **Alpha Retreat**. Pray for the participants to have their hearts open to a personal relationship with Christ, for the Holy Spirit to come into their lives, and for God to work in the lives of all those attending.
- ♦ **SATURDAY:** **College & Career**. Pray that as they grow in their relationships they would be able to encourage each other to be people with integrity, mercy and humility. Pray God would grant them the grace to be such people and would continue to develop character and hope in each of their lives.
- ♦ **SUNDAY:** **Convergence classes (Christianity 101; Romans: God's Gospel of Grace; The Scandal of Evangelical Politics)**. Pray that God would fill the leaders and participants with His spirit as they take part in discussions.

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



Our Families in Prayer This Week

Jessie Lovatt

Rob, Rebecca, Joshua & Kaylib Lovering Spencer

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