



# Welcome!

## Sunday, January 22, 2012

### Jim Houston

will bring us the message on  
"Contending For The Faith "

"<sup>3</sup> Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt compelled to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to God's holy people.

~ Jude 3

Worship Planner: Brenda Clairo

Thank you Lord, for the faith that has been entrusted to us.  
Grant us love and wisdom in this work.

### Ministry Highlights:

- ~ Pray for the leadership team and church council as they meet at Gull Lake this weekend. For God's direction and blessing.
- ~ Pray for Mat Eapen as he prepares for his Sabbatical and for Brad Olorenshaw as he prepares to serve as Interim Youth Pastor.

### Special Needs:

- ~ Continue to pray for Joe Bamlett in the Rosedale Hospice.
- ~ We praise God that Brigitta Vucsics is now home from the hospital.

### Families of the Week:

- ~ Murray & Hazel Lytle
- ~ John, Chris, Nicola, Mairead & Elaina Mabey
- ~ Murray, Denise, Katherine, Alexandra & Benny MacKay

### Mat's Sabbatical Celebration & Pot Luck

As you know, Mat will be leaving on his Sabbatical at the end of the month and we wanted to have a grand send-off for him. We are planning this on Sunday **January 29th** at 4:30 (dinner promptly at 5:00 pm in the East Wing). People with Surnames

A-M please bring a main dish, Surnames N-Z— please bring a salad. Dessert will be provided. If anyone has a "tribute" to

Mat that they would like to share, please contact Nikki Hoepfner at 403-275-6928. Thanks.



### LOST & FOUND

Please check the front foyer of the church for any of your lost items that have been found in the church. The items will all be donated to Goodwill next week. Thanks.

### Happy Birthday to:

James Dykstra, Kevin Johnson, Jared Dembicki, Dulcie Hebbes, Evan Buzan, Tobias Loewen, Allison Fuller, Erin Lalande, Jill Clairo & Rashelle Martens



Thank you for your donations last week. You can also donate to Varsity Bible Church online by going to [CanadaHelps.org](http://CanadaHelps.org) or clicking the link on our website. Please note that they take a 3.9% fee to process any donations. Thanks.

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# What's Happening At VBC

- Jan 25—**Youth Special Speaker night**—Denise and Caleb from the Pregnancy Care Centre are coming to talk to the kids about relationships and sex. They are Christians who speak to schools all over Calgary! **Parents need to RSVP asap to Lynn in the office or Mat** . More info: Pastor Mat meapen@vbchurch.ca
- Jan 28—**Christian Dance Fellowship**—God With Us—A Time to Dance with Karen Sudds. Suggested offering—\$15 (\$10 non members) For more info, contact cdfccalgary@gmail.com or Amay Dufault at dufamay@live.ca
- Jan 29—12-2pm—DR meeting in the East Wing
- Jan 29—5:00pm—**Mat's Sabbatical Send-Off**—See details on the front page.
- Jan 31—Mat's last day before he starts his Sabbatical ...
- Feb 3—Youth **Valentine's Day Babysitting**—a special night for you and your partner to go out and celebrate without the kids. Call Lynn at 288-1121 or email at lmuise@vbchurch.ca to book your children in.
- Feb 4—8:30am—10am—**Praying for One Another**. Everyone Welcome. Meet in the Prayer Room.
- Feb 9—19—**Dominican Republic Mission Trip**
- Feb 17—**YOUTH GROSS-OUT Olympics**—save the date—details TBA
- March 3—5:00pm—**Youth Fundraiser night**—The Theme this year is "Gilligan's Island" Starts at 5:00pm. Dinner served at 5:30pm with the program to follow. There IS free childcare. We will be having a silent auction—if you have anything to donate—please contact Lynn in the office. Tickets available soon. \$15 per person
- Mar 10—9am—12:00—**Breakfast & Prayer Workshop**—see details below.
- March 24—31—**Youth Group Mission Trip to Pender Island**

## YOU'RE INVITED TO .....**BREAKFAST AND A PRAYER WORKSHOP**

Saturday March 10th - 9 - noon in the East Wing

Guest speaker, Michelle Newsham, (you may know her from her 6 years working at Kingsfold) will present: **"PRAYER: TRY IT AGAIN, FOR THE FIRST TIME"**. Most of us pray more than we think. Have you ever thought about that? Generally we think about prayer as the words we say between **"Dear God"** and **"Amen."** But what if it's a whole lot more? Is it words? actions? attitude? spaciousness? presence? desire? Could I be praying and not really know it? Join us for this half-day of reflection on prayer and discover ways you might be praying that you don't even realize! Remember to bring your note book, your Bible, your desire, your questions, your expectation... and explore with us the mystery and joy of prayer. You may find yourself trying it again, for the first time! For more info, contact Carol Prowse at cprowse@shaw.ca



### **HOT DOG HELPERS NEEDED**

Can you help out for a couple of hours on Thursday mornings? VBC hosts a Hot Dog Day for the 2 local junior High Schools and we need prep help in the kitchen. If you can help, or have any questions, please contact Pastor Mat at meapen@vbchurch.ca

### **Volunteer Homework Helpers needed**

to help children with their homework in the Homework Club, meeting every Thursday from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at the church. If you are interested, contact Kevin Johnson for details at wendykev@telusplanet.net



Hoping to volunteer at the Seed once or twice? **GREAT!** Call CarolJoy at 286-6300 for info



## **Servant's Section**



	January 22	January 29	February 5	February 12
<b>Coffee</b>	Tom & Bev McLaughlin	Dianne & Dave Brown	Robyn & David Peat	Darlene Scott
<b>Prayer</b>	Amay Dufault & Carol Prowse	Lorne & Janelle Thompson	Dave & Judi Morris	Marj Koop and ...
<b>Nursery</b>	Selins & Loewens	Jenny Gowing & Marie Gaschnitz	Lynn & Jodie Masikewich	Maddii Felker & Melissa Hagg
<b>Tellers</b>	Kevin Legge & Ken Hoepfner	Bettie Tamkei & Pat Fuller	John Prowse & Graydon Tranquilla	Marie McNaughton & Judy Shelstad