

Our LPD: "By God's grace, we are committed to encourage and resource our growing family of churches to reflect Jesus Christ."

October 11, 2015

Good Friday morning friends, Thanks for joining me for five minutes to update you on items of prayer and praise for our Lower Pacific District family.

What's God Up To In Our LPD Family?

This Thanksgiving Weekend, I look forward to joining with three churches in three different celebrations.

On Saturday evening, we will join **New Westminster EFC**, as they celebrate their **75th Anniversary Dinner**. Planted in 1940, during WWII, this church was instrumental in the birth of **Port Coquitlam EFC**, and was **Langley EFC**. This church was birthed by those willing to step out in faith, and we pray for that same spirit as they look to the future.



Sunday morning and evening, we will join with **Vancouver Chinese EFC**, as they celebrate their **40th anniversary**. Planted by immigrants from Hong Kong, this church purchased Bethel EFC in Vancouver (a church that had originally been composed largely of Norwegian - Canadians). Over their forty years, VCEFC has given birth to **Richmond Chinese EFC**, **Burnaby Chinese EFC** and **Coquitlam Chinese EFC**. They have also extended their ministry to both English and Mandarin, and have constructed a beautiful church at Broadway and Rupert in Vancouver.

Sunday afternoon, I look forward to joining **Grace Evangelical Free Church** in Richmond, for their thanksgiving lunch and installation of **Pastor Stephen and Pastor Bruce and Hannah** as their first pastoral team. This church was planted four years ago, and until now, **Pastor Stephen and Pastor Bruce have been LPD Church Planting Missionaries**, a status we are glad to provide to church planters as they being a church. As the church grows and organizes, our hope is that they will being to govern themselves and call the church planters to be their own pastors. We are thankful for this step of faith for Grace EFC, and for the fruit of new and growing disciples through this work.

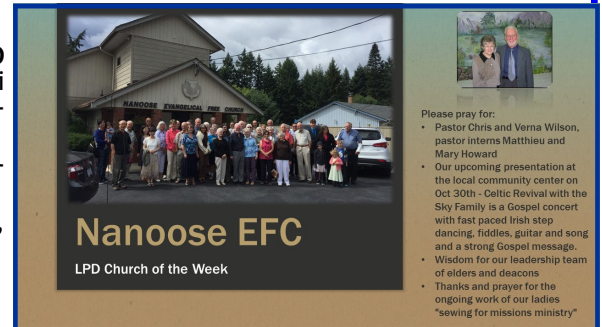
Each of these works represents steps of faith by pioneers in our past and current history. As the Apostle Paul writes,

What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. (1 Cor. 3:6,7).

Please join us in praying for Nanoose EFC, this week's LPD Church of the Week.

Please also pray for:

- Praise God that Grace EFC Congregation unanimously called LPD Church Planting Missionaries, Stephen Leung and Bruce (Hannah) Li as their pastors. They began ministry as Grace EFC pastors on October 1, and will be installed on Thanksgiving Sunday.
- Pastor Ian and Connie Lawson of Lethbridge EFC, as Connie battles cancer.
- For Pastor Nathan (Amber) Kinsey of Quadra Island Bible Church, as he prepares for an upcoming mission to India. (Please see the email to which this is attached for details.)



Please pray for:

- Pastor Chris and Verna Wilson, pastor interns Matthieu and Mary Howard
- Our upcoming presentation at the local community center on Oct 30th - Celtic Revival with the Sky Family is a Gospel concert with fast paced Irish step dancing, fiddles, guitar and song and a strong Gospel message.
- Wisdom for our leadership team of elders and deacons
- Thanks and prayer for the ongoing work of our ladies "sewing for missions ministry"

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- **LPD Pastors and Staff Cruise - Wednesday, October 28.**
- **LPD/EFCC Pastor Orientation, Monday November 2 at the EFCC Office - a requirement for all seeking credentialing with the EFCC. (see attachment with info)**
- **Holy Sexuality Conference - November 7 at Fort Langley EFC.** Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for this timely conference on biblically ministering in our times. **Here is the link to the online brochure: <http://www.flefc.org/events/holy-sexuality-conference-with-dr-christopher-yuan>**

Please note that the early registration deadline is Sunday, October 11, and register early at \$25.00.

We appreciate the gifts of many district churches and also of individuals, through both cheques and also through our website. See the new LPD website at <http://www.lpd-efcc.ca/> for more info. Gifts can now be received via PayPal. These enable us to partner with churches and church planters who are stepping forward in faith. Thank you!

May God bless and keep you through this weekend!

In Jesus,
Rob and Karen

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