

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

December 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 is the time of year that I miss pastoring a local church most of all!

- I miss preaching at the Candlelight Service, and preaching an Advent Series - telling the Good News in creative ways.
- I miss really belonging to a local church. Yes, we are members, but I am away a lot, and as I say, "I am welcome everywhere, but don't really belong anywhere."
- I miss the Christmas church gatherings, and inviting my neighbours to come to church - I may not be there to look out for them.

At the same time, I am also very thankful!

- I am so thankful that district churches are proclaiming the message of Christmas in various means. From Sardis to Sointula, there are outreaches, dinners, Christmas productions, living nativity scenes, Candlelight services - **Fort Langley EFC** - living nativity on Saturday, in "Christmas in the Community." **Candlelight services** at many of our churches. **Church Christmas programs** that family and friends will attend.
- I am thankful for our district Board, for their commitment to our Lord, to our Mission, and to serving you in His Name.
- I am thankful for colleagues in the EFCC, other districts and like-purposed churches and denominations and our mutual encouragement and service.
- I am thankful for you, and for the opportunity to be a part of encouraging and resourcing you and your pastor.
- I am thankful for my family, for my wife Karen and that my children and grandchildren centre their lives and Christmas on Christ.
- I am thankful for the opportunities that I have to share my faith that are "non-professional" - i.e. not part of vocational ministry, and that the Gospel is such Good News.
- This weekend, we look forward to joining New West EFC for their Christmas potluck and to North Delta for their annual Christmas program. We also hope to get out to the Living Nativity in Fort Langley.
- In addition, I am "camping out" with five of our grandchildren on Friday night - a highlight!

Please join us in praying for Quadra Island Bible Church, our LPD Church of the Week - We are thankful that Pastor Nathan is safely back from a short-term mission to India

Please also pray for:

- **Langley EFC** has called **Cornel and Mannie Dobrin** to come and serve as their Youth Pastor. Welcome aboard, Cornel and Maddie!
- **Pastor James and Gloria Koo**, as Gloria's cancer has returned. Pastor Koo will be visiting Korea next week, in search of medical counsel and assistance. Pray for them as they serve the Lord and trust Him for their future.
- Pray for upcoming **Advent and Christmas ministries** in LPD and other churches. May the truly Good News be shared in both word and deed through our churches and people.
- **Pastor Ian and Connie Lawson of Lethbridge EFC**, as her chemotherapy has ended and they trust the Lord in her battle with cancer. This week's update includes a very special and joyous gathering of the family

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- **LPD Annual Conference** - March 4,5, 2016 on the theme, "Mentoring and Coaching" at **White Rock Community Church**.

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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Quadra Island Bible Church
LPD Church of the Week

Please pray for:

- Love and unity among the congregation
- Numerous health challenges and other hardships within the congregation
- Clarity in purpose and effective planning for 2016 and Quadra Island Bible Church
- Indian potluck hosted by our church so that Pastor Nathan can share the experience of his recent trip to India
- Christmas Eve service
- Third season of **2:30 SPORTS** (an after school program run at Quadra Elementary)

Praise God for:

- The support of our congregation in looking after family during illness while Pastor Nathan was away in India
- Seeing people confess Jesus as their Saviour in India

