

St. Simon's Church, NV September 2010

Homecoming: Back To God's Family

Dear St. Simon's NV family,

What a privilege to serve you. Each fall we look forward to the new energy and momentum that comes with the launch of a new school year. Everything in our culture tends to restart in this fall season. We hope that you have had a great summer, and look forward to reconnect with you. The church is God's family, God's temple, God's home. We the church are made up not of bricks and mortar but are living stones unto the Lord.

One of the favorite verses which I learned when I met Jesus in 1972 was Hebrews 10:25 "*Forsake not the assembling together as brothers and sisters, as is the habit of many.*" Regular church attendance is foundational for all the other spiritual disciplines that we take part in. I would encourage you this fall to make it a priority to put God's family first in your life, to put Sunday worship first in your life. You and your children will benefit if you model for them that Jesus is more important than anything else, even sleeping in, Sunday shopping, or Sunday sports. Will you join me this fall, inviting others to come back to God's family?

I sense that God is going to surprise us this fall with his goodness and breakthroughs, in ways beyond what we expect.

Yours in God's forever family,

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SHOWERS OF BLESSING

"I will bless them and the places surrounding my hill. I will send down showers in season; there will be showers of blessing." (Ezekiel 34:26)

This verse was a wonderful promise from God to the people of Israel. God was promising to bring them home to showers of blessing. When we are willing to allow the Lord to be our shepherd and guide us, we too will be showered with blessings. What does it mean to be God's blessed people?

Jesus begins to explain this to his listeners in the Sermon on the Mount. He outlines eight attitudes that bring about blessings from God. We here at St. Simon's yearn to be called God's blessed people and to that end in September we are joining together as a body of Christ to explore *THE BEATITUDES* towards Becoming God's Blessed People.

The Salt and Light Series 3 commences the week beginning September 12th. A small home group is a wonderful setting to read in depth what the Lord is saying to us personally. If you have never experienced the joy of a home group and would like to try, we are always ready to help you find the right one or perhaps the Lord is asking you to step out in faith to open your home or lead a group.



Questions? Contact Alex and Jo Yule at 604 985 4028 or by e-mail at alexanderyule@shaw.ca

MONDAY

10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon - Men and women's Bible Study in the home of Alex & Jo Yule. For more info call 604-985-4028. Address: #101-120 East 2nd St., North Vancouver.

Alpha for Young Adults. For more info on times and location, please contact Jill at 604-928-7795 or Mark at 778-388-1811.

TUESDAY

7:00 a.m. at the Pantry Restaurant (Holiday Inn). Men and women are welcome. Call Elsbeth Turner at 604-929-4224 for more information.

10:00 a.m. at the home of Maria Waller, a women's fellowship group. Call 604-980-9469 for more info. Address is #315-1150 East 29th St., North Vancouver.

7:30 p.m. at Sid and Marina Ireland's home. Study on "Prophecy in Context." Call 604-929-6570; address is 697 Plymouth Drive, North Vancouver.

THURSDAY

10:00 a.m. at the home of Joan Rodgers with Rev. Ed. For more info call 604-929-5019. Address: 915 Broadview Drive., North Vancouver.

10:30 a.m.-12:00 noon - Christian Women's Club at Banff Court. For more information call Megan Allsopp at 604-929-1496.

7:00 p.m. at the home of Val and Bill Hall; call 604-980-0861 or Hilary King at 604-929-1837. Address is 429 East 18th Street, North Vancouver.

FRIDAY

3:30-5:00 pm - Youth Fellowship with Jill & Eric from 6:45-8:45 p.m. For more info, contact Jill at 604-928-7795.

SATURDAY

7:30 a.m. at the Pantry Restaurant (Holiday Inn). Men's breakfast; 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month. For more information call Rev. Ron Gibbs at 1-604-896-1618.

Choir Practice under the direction of Janice Hird is held Tuesday evenings at 6:45 pm at the home of Sid and Marina Ireland. Call 604-929-6570 for more info. New members are always welcome. Janice can give any volunteers a tape of the music to listen to.



There comes a time near the end of August or beginning of September when something in the air changes and you just know that autumn is beginning. I've noticed this is often after a spell of hot weather. When it breaks, you just sense that you are not in the same season any more. I am at such a new season's beginning.

Since May, I have spent nearly 3 months out of Sweden. I visited my family in Canada, spending a lot of time with my 90 year old mom. I also attended a network meeting in Toronto for an unreached people group my work is involved with (for security reasons I can't state more). In June I went to England to meet with a number of people connected with the unreached people network (UKHF) that I'm the point person for. I saw quite a bit of central and southern England, and was very blessed both personally and ministry-wise.

What was to be a 2 -3 week trip to England was extended as I sensed the Lord wanted me to do some active scouting for a place to move to in England, a desire I've had all my life. I believe that I have now found the area, if not yet, the specific

PREPARATIONS FOR HARVEST

place. More importantly, I now have a number of contacts in the area. The move is not as imminent as I had hoped, but it is still on the front burner awaiting God's "Go!". I will be in England again for several weeks near the end of October for our UKHF network conference.

While in England I was prompted to finally step out into something I've been considering and praying about for 7 years. It is now official. I am a strategy coordinator (SC) for the unreached people group I have been focusing on all these years (I can't write their name for security reasons). I am hoping to attend a 12-day SC training course in the U.S. in February, but first, I hope to spend about 1½ months with my field team in Asia. It is great to finally focus all my energies in one direction, the area of my calling.

Thank you, St Simon's, for your continuing interest in, and support of, the work God has called me to.

Jane Holloway
St. Simon's Church NV Member
Missionary with YWAM

IN THE SPOTLIGHT ARCHBISHOP JOHN CHEW



Archbishop Chew, who resides in Singapore, was elected in March 2010 to a second term as Primate of the Anglican Province of Southeast Asia. He holds a Doctorate in Old Testament Studies from Sheffield University (1982) and was principal of Trinity Theological College (Singapore) from 1991 until he was elected Bishop of Singapore in 2000.

In April of this year, he succeeded Archbishop Peter Akinola (Nigeria) as chairman of the Global South Primates Steering Committee - a group that represents the vast majority of active committed Anglicans worldwide.

SAFE REFUGE



Dear Friends and Family in St. Simon's

Thirteen years ago at this time a number of friends from St. Simon's were busily painting, flooring, fixing, and preparing a house on Pandora Street in Vancouver that became our first "House of Hope." At that time it was one floor of a house that had been a "crack shack" and there was plenty of fixing to be done. I can still see Maureen Harrison standing on a stool in the kitchen painting kitchen cabinets. Don't know why that picture sticks because there were so many others who gave endless hours but there you have it. She's the "poster girl" for that effort.

One of the areas that's foundational to Partners in Hope is providing a safe refuge for people, a real welcome, a place that they can call home. We started with one floor of a house, added the second floor and then began taking over entire houses. We've moved locations. God graciously provided the resources 8 years ago so we could buy the residence we have now on East 21st Avenue. Regardless of the location, our desire has always been to disciple people to follow Jesus by accompanying them in their day-to-day living.

Jesus came to make us people who would go out to love and serve others as we've been loved and served; so a critical component of who we are has also always been the outreach connected to the house so we can widen the circle of those who belong, who have a place at the table. That's why the meal we serve after church on Sundays has always been served in the house (even though we are crowded beyond what would normally be a gathering for the size of this place). We've always had guests come — we have several pull-out couches and temporary beds and they often get used. We're actually in a bit of stretch here where it feels like "revolving couch" as folks come and go in the den. When women in the house cook dinner meals they always know that they are not just cooking for the 7 of us who live here. It's for 10 or 12 because we always have guests.

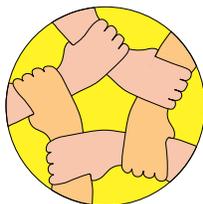
Ultimately we want people to make their home in God and to focus all of our efforts on that goal. We've hosted many Bible studies, support group meetings, prayer meetings, fellowship gatherings in the house, in the back yard, in the den. The house gets filled with joy as people come to know life in God. We keep a ready supply of tissue upstairs and down because healing often comes with tears and laughter. Who are Partners in Hope? I pray that we will simply be an extension of God's family who gather in others and heal them up so they can establish a home wherever they go and welcome others to God there.

My mom, Rose, lives here in the house with me now. She's been the model all the way through for what we do and how we invite folks, make space for them in both the house and our hearts. In our family home nothing gave her more joy than when the kids came home from wherever they had been. Recently Christopher came back from a 6-month youth program across Canada and so he's the young one on the premises at the moment. Great fun to hear his stories and see how he's growing to be a man seeking to know and serve God. Evelyn Leeburn has come to live and minister with us. Kelly's moving out to her own place this week. Someone else is slated to move in from prison in a few weeks. They come and they go but while they are here we live in the blessing as we share our lives together and allow God to gather us to his heart.

Thank you for being home builders with us in so many ways — through prayer, through giving, through visiting, through sharing your joy, our joy, your sorrow, our sorrow. God is calling all of us to be at home together in His love and I look forward to how God shapes that in the coming weeks and months.

Love to all the family

Elsie, for all of us at Partners in Hope
www.partnersinhope.ca



ROOTLESSNESS

In most situations spitting in someone's eye will lead to a fist fight. When Jesus spits in your eye it leads to healing. For example, in Mark Chapter 8 Jesus spits on a blind man's eyes and restored his sight. This healing, though, is widely known as one of the only spots in the Gospels where Jesus heals in two stages. After spitting in the man's eyes and laying his hands on him the first time, the man's sight was only partly restored. He looked up and said, *"I see men, but they look like trees, walking."*

What an odd detail. I'm not sure it's the sort of thing Mark intentionally included in his Gospel for some grand theological purpose, but it brings to mind a particular modern malady: rootlessness. Many people move around like rootless trees - in their cars, in their relationships, in their jobs, and even in their churches. Nowadays it's hard to find a person who lives, works, and worships all within their neighbourhood, or a person who has lived, worked, or worshipped in the same place for most of their life. For example, while pastoring at St. Simon's I lived in East Vancouver, studied at Regent, worked in North Van, and was a citizen of the US. Where were my roots?!

We describe The Table as a pomegranate (one church with many clusters), but it might as well be an aspen grove (one root system with many trees). We want to be firmly planted in our local communities, our local neighbourhoods, and

we want our common root to be Christ Himself. Hopefully we will be as the blessed man in Psalm 1:3 who *"is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers."*

Home is where your roots are.

Please pray that as we look toward our launch that God will firmly root us in Christ and in our community, and that rooted we will grow in depth, width, and grace. Pray that the seeds of the Gospel will take root, grow, and give people new identity and a new community - a new home with God and His people - that they may have no reason to rootlessly wander around like *"trees, walking."*

Now that's nothing to spit at.

Planted in Christ,

Rev. Josh Wilton
Lead Church Planter
The Table

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The Table in Victoria B.C., with Rev Josh Wilton and Rev Andy Withrow, is planning its public launch on September 12th. There are currently 50-60 people attending five home groups. Please pray for the home group leaders; for needed financial support; and for wisdom and faithfulness for the church planting team.



If you know of someone who is ill and in the hospital, please let Rev. Ed know as clergy no longer receive this information from Lions Gate Hospital.

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, call both Dianne Andrews (604-324-4779) and Megan Allsopp (604-929-1496) and your request will be passed on to the prayer chain members. Please also phone the prayer chain to give thanks for healings and other answers to prayer.



Healing Rooms

1675 Kingsway, Sunshine Plaza
in Vancouver.

Trained teams of Christians are available to pray for the sick and injured; no appointment needed. For more info, call 604-434-8328. Maureen Harrison at St. Simon's NV is one of the prayer team members.

Visit their web site at:

<http://www.healingrooms.com>

*St. Simon's Church NV
Congregational Dinner*

RSVP to Candace at 604-929-7429

Lawyer, Keith Cameron will be on hand.

Some discussion will be on several topics such as:

- new legislation*
- tax considerations*

For all ages adults.

Free workbook for each guest.



**St. Simon's Church NV
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Estate & Will Planning
Workshop**

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 1ST
7-9:30PM
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"This is unlike any such session I have attended...really practical" - guest

**WITH
ROSE-MARIE GOODWIN
REGENT COLLEGE**

OUR BISHOP'S BLOG

<http://bishopsilas.blogspot.com>

We are coming up to almost 400 days of daily prayer-blogging with our Bishop Silas Ng. It has been really helpful to deepen our daily devotions, looking at one chapter of the bible every day. If you have not joined us, please do so today. You will not regret it. Only 10% of Christians have daily devotions. We need to turn this one around.



“Divine Appointments” seemed to be the overall theme for our recent trip to Rwanda. God enabled us to achieve more than we had hoped for in the many projects that we were working on in the Kigeme Diocese.

This is a short overview of how God continues to bless those on the team who go to Rwanda so that they can be a blessing to others.

The beginning of the trip was spent in the Shyira Diocese in the north where we attended the International Evangelism Convention. The theme was based on Micah 6:8: *“He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”*

Hearing great preachers, Archbishop Moses Tay; Pastor Tim Lundy; Evangelist Lon Allison and Bishop John Rucyahana, preach on this theme was a real spiritual refreshing. In addition the inspiring music and dancing set me up well for the work to be done in Kigeme.

Even before we arrived at Kigeme, the Lord had connected me with key leaders who could advise me on the next steps in the Healthy Mums Project.

The Healthy Mums Project has expanded and is thriving in every way. It was so thrilling to visit the Health Centre and see a room full of women waiting to see our nurse and being taught at the clinic by volunteers. The next steps will be to expand to other health centres in the district and seek some government funding. Letters of support from local leaders in church and government and Archbishop Kolini, were willingly given to us to include in our proposals.

Having Elizabeth on the team to translate enabled me to have really good facilitated sessions with the coordinating committee of the projects and to solicit rich feedback.

Andrew was able to film many hours of the projects activities that will be used in the final short film which we hope to show at the end of October.

Hannah was able to connect with the staff at the hospital and to run a training session for the nurses. She also conducted many individual counseling sessions with members of the Orphans’ Group and some members of the Mothers Union. Money was given to the Orphans’ Group to assist them in business ventures, e.g., sewing machines for making school uniforms.

Pauline’s special interest in HIV/AIDS led her to work with the local association there and to provide some direction on how best we can help the mothers in the project who have HIV/AIDS.

There were special celebrations held in the two new chapels that Harry has helped to build and now we are working on another five chapels to be completed in the next year.

Now the work in Canada begins as we continue to raise awareness and funds. Part of this will involve selling the baskets we returned with. Stay tuned, there will be several events planned in the next few months.

Thank you for your support and especially for your prayers. God’s work is very evident in Kigeme and lives are being changed. You are all helping to make this happen.

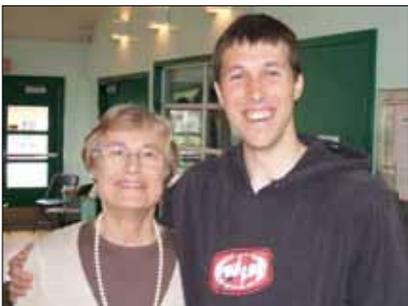
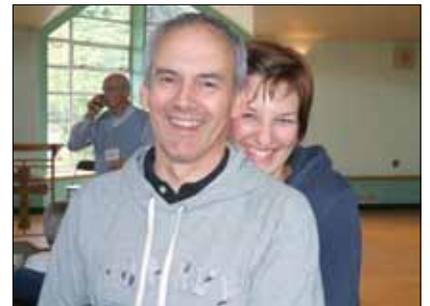
Blessings, Hilary



JOINT SERVICE - ST. SIMON'S AND ST. TIMOTHY'S CHURCHES

On August 8th there was a joint service with St. Simon's Church and St. Timothy's Church and was held in the Lynn Valley Recreation Centre, followed by a picnic in Princess Park.

Here are some pictures from the Combined Service at St. Timothy's.



PICNIC IN THE PARK: ST. SIMON'S AND ST. TIMOTHY'S CHURCHES

And some pictures from the picnic at Princess Park.



NO PLACE LIKE HOME

There is no place like home! An old cliché but one we all use especially when we have been away for awhile. After spending a week in Vernon with my sister who is in a nursing home having suffered a massive stroke just over 2 years ago, I was happy to return to my 'normal' home. Though she can only say a few words she communicates her needs, her desires and most of all her joy which she spreads to the other resident's. At one time she herself was an Intermediate Care Supervisor! I have to admire how she has adjusted to her new home! We attended a Bible study together in the home. She smiled the whole way through it. I believe God is doing a new thing in her heart.



A new couple has joined us at Gateway. They have left their home in the U.K., their 4 adult children, and have come for Bible and missionary training to fulfill God's commitment on their lives. God called them through WEC camps in England about 11 years ago. They have sold their home, pulled up stakes and are expecting to join WEC after their training here. Paul & Kim Hutchinson are a lovely addition to our community and to making Gateway 'no place like home'.



With all the joys of coming home to the warm fellowship of Gateway, I still feel a sort of emptiness inside. That's because no matter how much I enjoy the comforts of my earthly home and the joys of my earthly family, I am convinced that the joy of the Lord is my strength and my true home is in Jesus, and my true family is His family!

Margie Knapp
Gateway MTC

M2/W2 RESTORATIVE CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES MUTUALLY RESTORING RELATIONSHIPS ONE AT A TIME PRISON VISITATION

For many years now several women at St Simons have been involved as volunteers in the prison visitation to women at the Allouette Correctional Centre for Women (ACCW). Maybe this is something you might consider as your ministry! Prison visitation is the core of M2/W2. Since 1966, M2/W2 has responded to Jesus' call to visit the prisoner in a simple offer of support and friendship.

In conjunction with various professionals working with the prisoner, and eventually upon her release, the volunteer helps orient the prisoner towards successful reintegration into the community.

You, as a volunteer, need to make a very real commitment in terms of personal concern, time and involvement. Many people in prison have no one else on the outside who cares and so the volunteer may be the only friend (or the only 'straight friend') that the prisoner has from the community.

Training and orientation is provided and we travel together to ACCW every other Monday evening.

I think this letter to a W2 volunteer from a recently released prisoner sums up the difference that you can make in the lives of the women at ACCW.

"Sometimes it's hard for me to say what I feel, yet when I meet a kind and pure person like you, the words want to flow. It has been a long stay in ACCW but I always knew I had a special person coming to see me every second Monday. With never having a woman to trust in my life it was an awesome experience having you. I met you when I was 19 and seeing you again brought hope and happiness into my stay at Maple Ridge. You are someone whom I will never forget. I spoke of you before and will continue to from now on. This is just a little note to remind you of yet another life you have touched. Thanking you for just being you. You were the only person I talked to honestly and openly. Thank you. Love your friend..."

For more information please contact Hilary King or check out their website: <http://www.m2w2.com>

HOMEcoming – HERE AND THERE

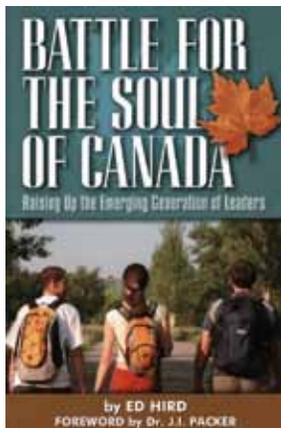
“Where is home?” is a question I always find difficult to answer as I have moved around a lot. For some, ‘home’ is where their family is. But I have family in many different places. Wherever it may be, to me ‘home’ is a place where I feel secure and content, where I belong.

This past year, I have enjoyed being ‘home’ after so many years in Burkina Faso. It has been wonderful to reconnect with Canada and renew that sense of belonging. At the beginning of next year, I will go ‘home’ to Burkina Faso. However, I have at least one other ‘place’ that is home. A number of years ago, I was feeling very uprooted and unsettled by frequent moves and a feeling that I didn’t belong where I was. At that point, the Lord reminded me that He and his Father have made their ‘home’ with me (John 14:23). So, wherever I am, I’m home. This coming year will be full of transitions—changes of place and changes of roles—so I will need to hold onto that more than ever.

‘Coming home’ means that, for a time, there has been a distance from that place of rest. It may have been a journey taken for pleasure, or it may have been a race, or some other assignment. In this sense, the year ahead will be full of homecomings. I expect to finish my thesis, the last requirement for my Masters degree, and the Buamu team expects to complete and typeset the New Testament. Please pray that we will be able to finish well.

Thank you for being a part of this journey!

Sharyn Thomson
Wycliffe Bible Translators
Burkina Faso



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Rev. Ed Hird
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Kiwanis Communion Service

4th Wednesday of each month at 1:30 pm. Join Ed Hird+ and Ron Gibbs+ as they reach out to the seniors at the Kiwanis Care Centre.



Offertory Envelopes

We are pleased with the solid number of St. Simon’s Church NV members now using offertory envelopes. The use of offertory envelopes has been proven to be very helpful in one’s personal growth in the discipline of regular giving to the Lord Jesus. If you don’t have offertory envelopes yet, we would encourage you to fill out the back of your Sunday leaflet and just put it in the collection plate, or you may contact Adele Easto by e-mail: aeasto@telus.net or by phone at 604-929-0542 to receive offertory envelopes.

YOUTH GROUP HOMECOMING



By Jill Cardwell and Andrew Hird

We are now officially at the end of summer, the time when people are finding themselves returning, either returning to work, to school, or to home. In Youth Ministry, we are always hopeful to see the youth return who have been involved in the previous school year. One of the most important things in 'homecoming' is getting the home ready: making the home safe, welcoming and enjoyable to be in.

This past school year we have focused a lot on building community and enjoying what God has given us, as well as the time that we have together. This school year we want to build on that foundation, developing a more welcoming 'home' for our youth. This fall we are planning on continuing with our youth bible studies, social activities and outreach events. We will also be continuing to meet every Sunday after the 10:30am worship music. Every Friday we will also be meeting around 6:45pm at differing locations. We have been pleased to co-operate in this past school year with the St. Timothy's Youth Group, led by Eric Park. Eric's energy and heart for youth has been a blessing to all of us.

This summer we were involved in several exciting events such as the 3,000-strong History Maker conference, the BC Christian Ashram retreat, and the Rock the River Youth Concert led by Franklin Graham. Each event was a great opportunity to strengthen our faith and come together with other Christians to celebrate Jesus.

Thank you, St. Simon's, for investing in us. It's been very much appreciated. Now in this time of 'homecoming', we would value your further prayers and support. We pray that God would continue to use the St. Simon's NV Youth Group to reach the next generation for Jesus. Please also pray that our youth group would be a good 'home' for youth.

Jill Cardwell, Youth Pastor

www.john3sixteen.ca/home/youth.html

SEPTEMBER TO OCTOBER ST. SIMON'S SERMON SCHEDULE:

September 12th - Joint Service 10am	- Matthew 5:3-4	- "When Your Life Becomes Unmanageable"
September 19th	- Matthew 5:5-6	- "Lasting Fulfillment"
September 26th	- Matthew 5:7-8	- "Cleaning House, Starting Afresh"
October 3rd	- Matthew 5:9-10	- "remembering Whom You Really Are"
October 10th - Joint Service 10am	- Jeremiah 29:1-14	- "Hope & A Future On Our 65th Anniversary"
October 17th	- Luke 18:1-8	- "The Incalculable Value of Persistence"
October 24th	- Luke 18:9-14	- "The Fragrance Of Humility"
October 31st	- Luke 19:1-10	- "Out On A Limb For Jesus"



RETURNING TO GOD



I have been advised that the theme for the September Newsletter is “Homecoming” and so I did a bit of googling and was drawn to 2 Chronicles 30 verses 8 and 9 which is about returning to God and reads in part as follows:

8 “... come to his sanctuary, which he has consecrated forever, and serve the LORD your God, that his fierce anger may turn away from you. 9 For if you return to the LORD, your brothers and your children will find compassion with their captors and return to this land. For the LORD your God is gracious and merciful and will not turn away his face from you if you return to him.” [ESV]

We can be so easily distracted. We can be pulled away from Christ by the glitter of the world or pulled away from Him by the trials we suffer. Temptation can cause us to walk away from God. Suffering can cause us to doubt God’s love, care, and compassion. In our heart and life, we must return to God. In our life so full of activity not of God, we must commit all of our being to live for Christ. We find God’s favor only as we love and worship Him. We find God’s compassion as we draw near to Him. We find God is with us when we return to Him. As we return to God and humbly seek to do His will, His face will shine upon us. When we return to Him, no matter what might befall us, we will rise to meet His hand.

Blessings and welcome back,

Ron+



Please pray for Rev Barclay and Mary Mayo as they pioneer Mountain Valley Mission, a new ACiC church plant in Squamish.

Their new ALPHA Course begins on Tuesday, September 21, 7-9pm at Mountain Valley Mission, 37739 2nd Avenue.

<http://www.mountainvalleymission.ca/>



<http://www.acicanada.ca>

Check out the new Anglican Coalition in Canada website, with webmaster Kent Morgan.



UPCOMING CONFERENCES



The Anglican Coalition in Canada is the Canadian wing of the Anglican Mission in the Americas which we joined on January 2004, almost seven years ago. We wanted to call ourselves the Anglican Mission in Canada, but the Federal Government already had licensed another organization with the acronym AMiA. The term "coalition" means to coalesce, to grow together, which is a fitting term of what we are seeking to do in Canada as faithful Anglican Christians.

Bishop Chuck Murphy and a team from the Anglican Mission will be leading the first Anglican Coalition in Canada Regional Conference at Richmond Emmanuel Church on Oct 15th to 17th 2010. The theme is 'Following Jesus!' Andy Piercy the gifted Anglican Mission music leader (originally from Holy Trinity Brompton/Alpha) will be there leading worship and workshops.

Website: <http://www.theamia.org>



January 28-30th, 2011 at Canada Place

The conference is going ahead at its usual location after some concerns raised by Canada Place. The "sails are coming down" as part of the renovation of the sight and it was possible that it would not be finished in time. However, after much prayer and consultation we are back on track and with a few re-arrangements will be back at our favourite location for the 2011 conference. The title *"What Does the Lord Require of You?"*

Check out the web site www.missionsfestvancouver.ca for updates, the list of speakers and a complete schedule of the planning meetings leading up to the conference. The next planning meeting is at 7pm on September 16th and we would really welcome anyone else who would be interested attending.

Call for information: Jenny Monks at 604-929-3772

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 11th & 12th
10am to 5pm Saturday
Sunday Afternoon to 5pm
All Saints Summer Festival

There will be an annual outreach event for the community of the Semiahmoo Peninsula with all the fun and experiences of a free outdoor festival. All Saints is our sister ACiC congregation led by Rev. Peter Klenner.

September 12th Sunday
Joint 10am Service

Homecoming - Back To Church Sunday

The kickoff of the four week sermon-series and home groups focusing on Salt & Light 3: Becoming God's Blessed People. This service will be followed by a complimentary barbeque at the back of the school.

September 13th Monday
Alpha For Young Adults

Led by Jill Cardwell and the home of Chas and Steph King. The focus will be on young adults and college-age students.

September 18th Saturday
Church of the Good Shepherd
Archbishop John Chew

Celebration in mission service at 2:30 pm. All are welcome. Fellowship banquet at 5:30 pm. All are welcome. Tickets can be purchased for \$15.00 online at:

www.onlineregistrations.ca/ardfcDinner

(See more on Archbishop Chew on page 3 of this newsletter.)

September 26th Sunday
9am and 10:30am Services
Missions Homecoming Sunday

Jenny Monks is co-ordinating a special focus on our St. Simon's NV Missionaries.

October 1st Friday 7pm
Congregational Dinner

Lions Den - 936 Bowron Court
North Vancouver

See page 6 in this newsletter for more details.

October 11th Sunday
Joint 10am Service

St. Simon's Church NV 65th Anniversary
Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday

Please bring your gifts of canned goods, fruits and vegetables to decorate the worship service. The items will then be given to the Harvest Project on the North Shore.

November 14th Sunday
9am and 10:30am Services

24th Annual St. Simon's Church NV Pledge Sunday

Our Stewardship Education time will be led by Wilf Fawcett and the Rev. Ron Gibbs.

November 28th Sunday
Joint 10 am Service

6th Anniversary St. Simon's NV
Celebration Service & ACW Luncheon/Holly Tea
at Kenneth Gordon Maplewood School

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2011 Missions Fest
January 28th-30th, 2011
at Canada Place

11th Annual Anglican Mission Winter Conference
February 9th-12th, 2011
Greensboro, North Carolina

Greater Vancouver Renewal Mission 2011
Friday March 25th to Sunday March 27th
with keynote speakers Rev. David MacFarlane of the Billy Graham Association of Canada and Giulio Gabeli of Westwood Church, Coquitlam BC.

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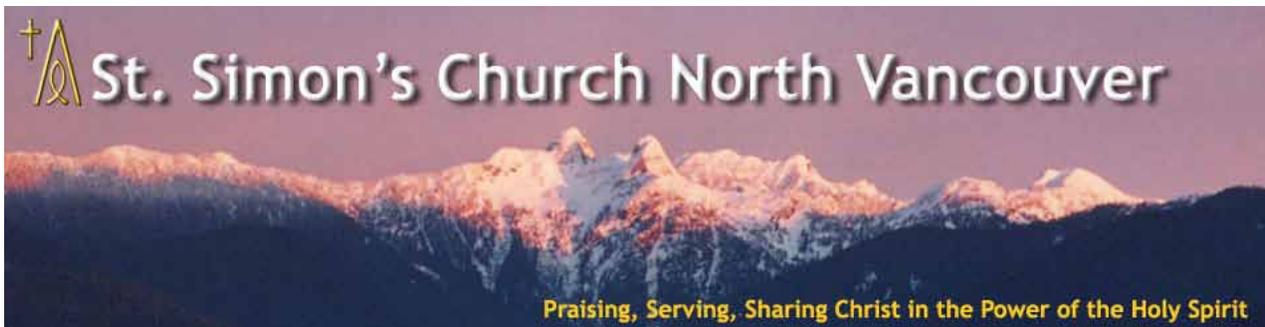
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You may continue to review Rev. Ed's articles listed in Deep Cove Crier and North Shore News going to the link listed below.

http://www3.telus.net/st_simons/

