

Speaker : Pastor Joseph Yu

Worship Leader : Dylan Lum

Scripture Reader : Cathy Wang

Call to Worship		Dylan Lum
Worship in Song		Dylan Lum
Grade 1-6 dismissed to Children’s Worship		Dylan Lum
Scripture reading	Acts 1:1-11	Cathy Wang
Pastoral Prayer		Joseph Yu
Sermon	Powered to Witness	Joseph Yu
Communion		Joseph Yu
Response Song		Dylan Lum
Offering and Prayer		Geoffrey Chum
Doxology		Dylan Lum
Community Time and Announcement		Geoffrey Chum
Benediction		Joseph Yu

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than
all that we ask or think, according to
the power at work within us,
to him be glory in the church and
in Christ Jesus throughout all
generations, forever and ever.
-Amen.

Announcement

1. **Welcome!** If you're new to our worship service, welcome to our church! You are invited to stay for snacks and refreshment at the Fellowship Hall after today's service. If you like us to connect with you, please email us at hello@vcefc.org so that someone from the care team can reach out to you.
2. **Mission Connect Night:** Short Term Missions Sharing by Pastor Joseph and a guest team member about their trip in Israel / Palestine and information on future missions opportunities. September 15th, 7:30 in the Fellowship Hall.
3. **Alpha Course:** Tuesday nights 6:30pm-8:30pm (Dinner provided), from October 20 to December 1st. Alpha is for anyone who's curious about faith. The talks are designed to encourage conversation and explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. Please invite your friends. Email hello@VCEFC.org for more information or to register.
4. **Bible Study Fellowship:** The BSF Vancouver Young Adults class warmly welcomes young adults to join the upcoming Romans study of Bible Study Fellowship at our new location, right here at VCEFC. Young adults ages 18-35 can email BSFVanYA@gmail.com to join this BSF Vancouver Adults class which will resume meeting Monday evenings at 7:10 p.m. When the BSF year begins on September 14th, you'll learn more about Bible Study Fellowship and also meet your fellow discussion group members and begin exploring God's Word together, hear teaching on Romans, and connect with the class at an All-Class Social to kick off the year.

5. **Sunday School:** Fall Semester 6 – December 6

End Times by Pastor Joseph Yu

This course explores the study of "last things," including death, judgment, the afterlife, and the end of the world. By the end of class, you will understand how ideas about the future shape human hope, belief and daily life today.

Introduction to the Bible by Hansel and Andrew

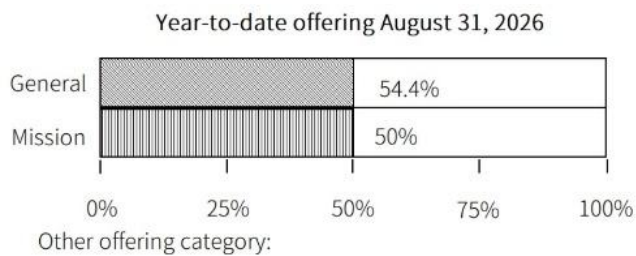
The Bible and How Not to Read It" is the first course in reading the Bible for understanding. It consists of two parts. The first part examines the nature of the Bible (the Old and the New Testaments)—addressing the role of the Bible in believers' lives, its origins, and its transmission. The second part explains how the Bible should be read correctly (2Ti 2:15). As the Bible is an ancient work of literature written over two thousand years ago under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, modern readers must approach it with humility, deference, and care.

Philippians by YC Ip

Paul's Epistle to the Philippians is one of the most personal and theologically concentrated of Paul's letters. It is a relatively short (less than 2100 words with 104 verses) letter, but it provides answers to such important questions as: Christian identity, Christ's humility and exaltation, the Church community, Christian joy and prayers and the ultimate Christian hope.

6. The Church Board would like to invite all church members to a **Family Meeting** on Sunday, September 20, from 12:45 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Fellowship Hall. During the meeting, members will have an opportunity to meet a candidate for the ESC Assistant Pastor position for Youth and Student Ministry. A light lunch will be available for purchase at \$10 per person. Tickets will be on sale today outside the Sanctuary following the worship services.
(After all lunch-related expenses have been covered, any remaining proceeds will be transferred to the Church General Fund as a donation.)
7. **Awana Registration** is open
Awana will begin Saturday Sept 26 4:15pm to 5:45pm
Registration forms will be at the Sunday School Sign-in table and Front Desk. Please return forms to the reception desk or to Darren Lau!
For more information email darrenjlau@gmail.com

Weekly Offering:



Year-to-date Building Fund offering \$14,562

Year-to-date Benevolent Fund offering \$15,517.45

As of July 31, the total General Fund expense is 44% of the annual budget.

The revenue received is 49% of the annual budget.

To find more about actual offering figures, please ask admin office.

Sermon Notes: “Powered to Witness”

Acts 1:1–11

Big Idea: Jesus has called His church to continue His mission—to be His witnesses and make disciples—until He returns.

1. We Are Chosen for His Mission

The disciples were not chosen by accident. Jesus called them to carry His message to the world. As followers of Christ, we have also been called to participate in His mission.

2. We Are Empowered by the Holy Spirit

Jesus told His disciples, “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses...” (Acts 1:8). We cannot accomplish God’s mission through our own strength. We need the Spirit’s power.

3. We Must Be Ready for His Return

Jesus promised that He would return. We do not know the day or hour, so we are called to **watch, prepare, and remain** faithful. Readiness is not simply waiting—it is actively living on mission.

Our Response

If the gospel has **saved, changed, and rescued** us, why would we keep it to ourselves?

Ask yourself:

- Am I living with a sense of urgency about Christ’s mission?
- Who needs to hear the good news through me?
- Am I relying on the Holy Spirit rather than my own strength?

“You will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth.”
— Acts 1:8

Sunday Worship Service / Sunday School

English Service	09:30am – 10:45am
Children's Worship	09:30am – 10:45am
Sunday School Schedule	11:30am – 12:30pm
Wed Prayer Meeting	07:30pm – 8:30pm (Zoom)
Sunday Prayer Meeting	8:45 am – 9:25 am (in person @Chapel)
1 st Sunday each month	

Fellowship / Small Group

KG to Grade 6: AWANA	Saturdays 4:15 – 5:45 pm	Fellowship Hall
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Teens: Timothy Fellowship	Saturdays 7:00 – 9:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
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College Age: Daniel Fellowship	Fridays 7:30 – 9:30 pm	Fellowship Hall
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Young Adults: Journey Fellowship	The 2 nd and 4 th Fridays from 7:30pm – 9:30pm
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Age 60 and up: Cornelius Fellowship	The 2 nd and 4 th Sundays from 1:30 – 3:30pm
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Career and post-career: Small Groups Young Families	Throughout the week
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ESC Gathering	3 rd Sunday of the month	Fellowship Hall
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VCEFC exists to glorify God and extend His blessings in the neighbourhood and beyond by building up a faithful and joyful community of Christ followers through the Spirit-led pursuit of deeper life, closer community and further missions.

2026

Build & Be Built

Living a community life
of mutual edification

From him the whole body, joined and held together
by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself
up in love, as each part does its work.

Ephesians 4:16

Reverend Joseph Yu
Pastor Danny Wu
Reverend Job Chan
Pastor Janie Chan
Pastor Cheryl Hung
Pastor Brian Wong

(English Congregation Pastor)
(English Youth and Student Ministry)
(Cantonese Congregation Pastor)
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